

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

Fifth Sunday in Easter

May 15, 2022

REFLECTION: "Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above earth and heaven." – Psalm 148:13

PRELUDE: 1. "Andante" – Cesar Franck
2. "Prelude on "Dix" – Walter Pelz

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Jesus reminded the disciples

People: Love one another as I have loved you.

Leader: Jesus taught and witnessed to God's love

People: Love one another as I have loved you.

Leader: Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness, compassion, and hope.

People: Let us love one another as Christ loved us.

***OPENING HYMN: "For the Beauty of the Earth" #92**

***OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together this day, drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light. May our spirits rejoice at the good news you have for us today. Open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this in Christ's Name. Amen.

***ACT OF PRAISE: #63**

Blessed be the Name! Blessed Be the Name!

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CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18
*Gospel Alleluia: #2043
*Gospel Lesson: John 13:31-35

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM: "The Voice of God Is Calling" – William Lloyd

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Grand Jeu" – Jean Adam Guilain

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY #94**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:** Generous and giving God, we offer gifts this day as those who have received so much more. You gave yourself to us and asked only for devotion, yet we got distracted by the world. You offered all of creation to meet our needs for food and shelter, yet we decided we wanted more. You offered your love to all, yet we decided some were more worthy and valuable than others. So, you gave us "the repentance that leads to life," and all our giving pales by comparison. Dedicate us, we pray, in Christ's holy name. Amen.

MESSAGE: "A New Commandment" Rev. Matthew Wissell

***CLOSING HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #384**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Psalm 19" – Benedetto Marcelo

CHURCH PRAYER LIST: Linda Phillips, Tuckerman Ferris, Bob Gabrielski, Kris Haboran, Barbara Henning, Kim Henning, Marge McClelland, Norman St. Hilaire, Beth Daley, Linda Kulju, Virginia Pickett, Tracy Bell, Elaine O'Neill and family, Susan Hess, Amy Briggs Kemeza, Tracey Johnson (Richard and Nancy Higgins' daughter), Anne and Gary Bennett, Sarah MacQuarrie, Sarah Pena, family of Maude Perry.

JOYS AND CONCERNS for prayer time can be emailed to Pastor Matt at mjwissell@gmail.com or texted to 978-430-2749 (please leave your name as well as your request).

PIZZA LUNCH: Today! – Sponsored by the Leadership Team. Pizza will be available after worship. It can be enjoyed inside fellowship hall or outside. Please join us for some good food and great fellowship.

PASTORAL VISITATION: Rev. Wissell is comfortable with in person visits. If you would like a visit from Pastor Matt, please notify him at mjwissell@gmail.com or call his cell phone at 978-430-2749. You can also contact the church office at htumchurch@gmail.com or 978-777-7408.

THE GATHERING is a committed group of spiritual women who meet to study and for support. We will end our meeting for the summer on June 13 and will start up again in the fall in person at the church. Please contact Gail Noyes for more information.

CHOIR REHEARSAL on Thursday evenings.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets on Saturday evenings at 7:30pm.

NORTH SHORE MINISTRY: Always looking for socks, blankets, t-shirts, toilet paper, blankets, sleeping bags, gas cards for folks getting to work. Need help with weekly lunches food such as soda cans, microwave popcorn, microwave mac and cheese, cereal such as Frosted Mini-Wheats, Raisin Bran, coffee. Many people lost everything in the Hancock Street fire in Salem. See Tracy Bell or Barbara the organist if you want to help the people affected. Also looking for food and transportation for the Memorial Day picnic in Salem.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 22 – Children’s Sunday. The Christian Education Team and the Church School will be leading worship and sharing with us. We are grateful for all the work they have done this year to make our program possible.

June 5 – Confirmation Sunday. This will be a recognition of those graduating High School this spring. I would invite you to come and welcome our newest members and congratulate our graduates.

Coming this Summer: WooSox Game
Mission Trip to Maine (August 14-20th)

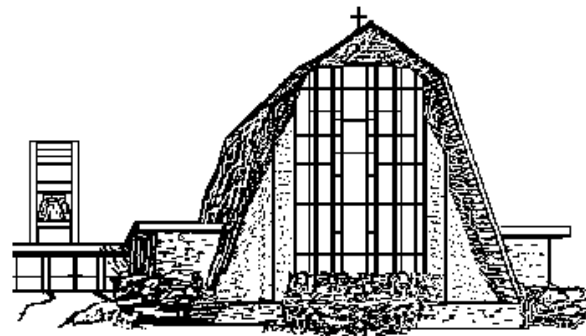
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