**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*\* Indicates, please stand if able.*

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 15, 2022. 9 am.

Liturgist: Daniel Brauner

WELCOME, PASSSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\***CALL TO WORSHIP

L: When the new day of the Lord is established, what a joyful day that will be!

**P: God shall wipe away every tear!**

L: Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more.

**P: For God will bring new life and hope to all on the day of God’s coming.**

L: God will give water to the thirsting soul.

**P: God will pour His abundant blessings on all the people. AMEN.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious and loving God, you meet us where we are. We gather together from many walks of life, but we are unified as one heart in the body of Christ. In our time of worship, open our ears to hear your voice; open our eyes to see your glory; open our minds to receive your word; open our hearts to perceive your presence. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

**\***OPENING HYMN ***I Sing the Almighty Power of God*** #152

CHILDREN’S TIME Stephanie Bantell

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Patient God, sometimes we are just too busy for our own good. We pledge ourselves to hectic schedules, demands on time, energy, and resources that erode all too quickly. We seem to be rushing through life. The cries of those in need often go unheeded in our blur of activities which sap our energy, our resources, our spirits. Slow us down a bit, Lord. Remind us again that we are responsible for the care of this world, for reaching out and offering your healing love. Help us to hear the words of patient love that you have for us. Remind us again of Jesus’ words to his disciples when he told them that they should love one another as he loved them. May we take time to bear witness to that love in all that we do. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Wherever you are, Christ is with you. You are beloved of God and God’s care will always surround you. Be at peace and rejoice! AMEN.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Shon

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(In Unison)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

God has given us the gift of faith. Through this gift we see all people as God’s children. Respond to God’s generous love, that we may love one another as God has loved us. Let us share this love as we bring our tithes and offerings.

**\***DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* #95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Shon

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 4:11-18

HYMN OF PRAISE ***Bind Us Together*** #2226

MESSAGE **“Live in God”** Rev. Shon

BAPTISM Katelyn and Connor Nosbisch

\*CLOSING HYMN ***Together We Serve*** #2175

**\***BENEDICTION Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE

Kathleen Peterson

**Today’s Verse: 1 John 4:16**

*“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.*

*Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.”*

**SCRIPTURE: 1 John 4:11-18** (NIV)

11Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. 13This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. 14And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. 16And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 17This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. 18There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PRAYER FAMILIES:** Pray for all those who need healing, or have health issues. Specifically, pray for Nancy Iuliano and Edward Brauner. Also continue to pray for those in Ukraine and other areas of the world who are suffering.

**SCRIP CARDS:** When you are thinking of ideas for gift giving or personal use, consider Scrip

cards**.** Stop at the gathering area on Sundays or call Marcia at 715-284-3346 and see if we can

help.

**MBTI WORKSHOP:** A workshop on MBTI Personality Types will be held June 2, at 6:00-8:00pm Bring your friends. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please register by May 29.

**DISCIPLESHIP CLASS 101:** Will be held on Sunday(s) June 5, 12 and 19th at 10:30am. If you wish to become a disciple or become a new member this class is for you. Please register by May 31.

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY COORDINATOR:** The SPRC is seeking a motivated and enthusiastic person for the Children’s Ministry Coordinator position. Interested individuals should contact Carol Hornby at 715-896-7684 or [chornby@centurytel.net](mailto:chornby@centurytel.net).

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Pat & Diane Moe

**THIS WEEK AT THE CHURCH: Wednesday:** Prayer Meeting 10:00 am

Wednesday Connections 4:30 pm

The Youth 6:00 pm

Confirmation Class 7:00 pm

**Thursday:** Joyful Noise Choir 5:30 pm

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