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Growing, Serving, Celebrating



6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

10:00 am



**Friends, at this stop on your life's pilgrimage
we bid you welcome
with the hope that here you will find the
love of God, which He offers
to all who seek to serve and follow Him!**

Welcome and thank you for worshipping with us today!

Some things you should know:

- Please silence mobile devices when entering the sanctuary.
- Please stand as you are able when *asterisk appears.
- Nursery care is available in the education wing for children from birth to 36 months during the 10 am worship service.
- Children Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School in the Christian Education wing following the Children's Sermon at the 10 am service.
- Youth 6th—12th graders leave for Sunday School on the 3rd floor following the Children's Sermon at the 10 am service, except for the first Sunday of each month when they participate in worship.
- Communion is served at the pews or by intinction (alternating months) during the 10 am service on the first Sunday of the month. Communion is served each Sunday by intinction at the 8:30 am service. Gluten free bread/wafer is used at all times.
- We live stream the service each Sunday and as well as special services throughout the year.

Additional assistance available from the ushers:

- Large print Hymnals, Bibles & Bulletins.
- Printed copies of today's sermon available prior to the services; available online on most Mondays.
- Location of the Elevator, Hearing Devices, Recorded Services.

**Please join us after the Worship Service for in the
Upper Fellowship Hall as we package 10,000 Meals!**

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE: "Fantasy in G Major"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

TIME FOR STILLNESS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

*HYMN: #645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. (moment of silent confession)

RESPONSE: "Kyrie eleison"

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son (4x)

Chri-ste e-le-i-son (4x)

Hymn #578

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: "We Are Forgiven"

Hymn #447

***We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.***

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please greet those near you with words such as "The Peace of Christ be with you.")

CHILDREN'S SERMON (Children PreK—5th Gr. leave for Sunday School.)

ANTHEM: "Because You Are God's Chosen Ones"

G. Alan Smith
(Adapted from Col. 3:12-17)

Chancel Choir

Because you are God's chosen ones, because you are kept in his care: Clothe yourself with mercy and kindness, humility, meekness and prayer. Bear with one another, forgive one another, forgive as the Lord forgives you. Over all these put on garments of love which will make your life over anew.

Christ's peace must reign in you; Christ's word ordain in you; Christ's love remain in your hearts. Thanks be to God, and to Him give all praises; Pledge all to Him, who to new life upraises.

By wisdom made perfect, instruct one another; Sing hymns to the Lord from your hearts. In all speech and action give thanks unto God, who to you all his blessings imparts.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON: Acts 10:44-48

Pew Bible p. 122

PSALM: Psalm 98:1-9

Pew Bible p. 521

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory.

² **The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

⁴ **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

⁸ **Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy**

⁹ at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

*RESPONSE: "Gloria Patri"

Hymn #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with out end. Amen.

SERMON: "Spirit Unbound"

HYMN: #340 "This Is My Song"

FINDANDIA

CALL TO THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY: "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old"

Greek Folk Song/Setting by Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

*DOXOLOGY: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymn #609

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS: HYMN #552 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Land of Rest

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of
power and might, heaven and earth are
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest, hosanna in the highest.***

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Hymn #555

***O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.***

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(Communion will be served by Intinction. Please approach via the center aisle and return to your seat via the side aisles. Grape juice is used in place of wine and gluten free bread/wafers are used.)

COMMUNION ANTHEM: "Eat This Bread"

Taizé

Chancel Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

*HYMN: #526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

LINSTEAD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Recessional MARCHE ROMAINE"

Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

Minister: Rev. Dr. Jason Cashing
Director of Music Ministry: Kotoe Shimojo
Sunday School Superintendent: Jenna Abel
Bell Ringer: Marranca Family
Acolyte: Emma Chidester
Lay Readers: Katie Johnson, Caroline Johnson
Nursery Caregivers: Margie & Steve Dale
Greeters: Gavin Gawron, Dylan Wolfley
Ushers: Ian Gawron, Samantha Gawron
Counters: Dave Gardiner, Gene Koszarek, John Story
Communion Servers: Betty Behr, Christine Deahn, Jon Hickey, Mike Johnson, Carrie Raimy
Christ Candle: The flame of the Christ candle is in thanksgiving for our 63rd wedding anniversary from Barb and John Moscati.
Flowers: In honor of our anniversary from John and Kim Story.

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today

8:30 am **Worship/Communion**—Sanctuary
Adult Ed—Lower South End Education Wing
Confirmation Class—Upper Fellowship Hall
9:15 am Coffee Fellowship—Narthex
9:20 am Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
10:00 am **Worship/Communion**—Sanctuary/Live Stream
Nursery—Upper Hall Christian Education Wing
10:15 am Sunday School—Various
11:00 am 10,000 Meals Event—Upper Fellowship Hall
Children's Choir Rehearsal—Bodine Room
12:30 pm All Church Lunch—Upper Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 6th

9 am—noon CCNS—Upper South End Christian Ed Wing
9 am—2 pm Clarence Food Pantry—Bodine Room
11:30 am CCNS & UPK Tae Kwan Do—UFH
6:00 pm Gordon Highlanders Rhrl—UFH

Tuesday, May 7th

9 am—noon CCNS—Upper South End Christian Ed Wing
9:30 am Wellspring for Women—Lower Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 8th

9 am—noon CCNS—Upper South End Christian Ed Wing
9:00 am Loose Screws Social Club
11 am—12 pm CCNS & UPK Lunch Bunch—UFH

Thursday, May 9th

9 am—noon CCNS—Upper South End Christian Ed Wing
10 am CCNS Mother's Day Tea—Upper Fellowship Hall
7:15—8:45 pm Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, May 10th

9 am—noon CCNS—Upper South End Christian Ed Wing
10 am CCNS Mother's Day Tea—Upper Fellowship Hall
5:30—7 pm Music Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Saturday, May 11th

6:00 pm Corvettes of Buffalo Meeting—UFH

Sunday, May 12th—Music Sunday

8:00 am Music Rehearsal—Sanctuary

9:15 am Coffee Fellowship—Narthex

10:00 am **Worship/Music Sunday**—Sanctuary/Live Stream

Nursery—Upper Hall Christian Education Wing

10:15 am Sunday School—Various

11:00 am Coffee Fellowship/Reception—Upper Fellowship Hall

Today is our 13th Annual Mission Matters Sunday, May 5! The whole church is invited to participate in this “hands on” mission project following 10 am worship. We will once again support [Rise Against Hunger](#). We hope to package 10,000 meals in less than two hours. Lunch will be provided after we finish the project.

Next Sunday, May 12 is Music Sunday! Join us for a special service on Sunday, May 12 centered on music. There will be an all church orchestra, handbell choir, string ensemble, and children's choir in addition to the chancel choir. There will be no 8:30 am service that day.

Attention: Youth 6th-12th Grades! Our youth have been invited to help facilitate the GiGi's Fitness Acceptance Challenge on Saturday, May 18, 9 am to 12:30 pm. Volunteers will help with variety of tasks related to the event like registration and coordination, or by creating a team of their own to compete. This year's challenge features a sports circuit with different competitions for you to master. Push your limits, compete with friends, and most importantly, support the Down syndrome community in Western New York! Please email Allyson Siegel if you are able to help aksiegel@hotmail.com. Chaperones are needed for this event as well. Look for the signup link in *Staying Connected*.

The Clarence Christian Crusaders are excited to plan for the 2024 event to support cancer research. You may donate to the Ride for Roswell and support our church team, the Clarence Christian Crusaders by donating online (link in *Staying Connected*), using envelopes in the pew racks or giving your donation directly to Julie Fuminger. Please make your check out to “Ride for Roswell” and note the name of the person your are donating in honor/memory of. We hope to receive all donations by the end of June. Thank you for your support.

Wellspring meets on Tuesday morning, May 7, 9:30-11am for the final meeting of this session.

Women 'n Wisdom, the newly formed women's evening group, will have its monthly meeting on Monday, May 13. Please gather in the Narthex at 6:30 pm. As decided, our discussion will be based on the previous day's sermon. Copies of the sermon will be available via the link in Thursday's *Staying Connected* and on our website under Resources/Sermon Archives. You may also pick up a hard copy from the rack by the south entrance of the Narthex next Sunday. Other material will be available to consider for inspiration and reflection. Come ready to share your own thoughts and listen to other women as we grow in our lived experience of faith and grow in wisdom!

Pantry needs this week are pancake syrup, chicken broth, and canola oil. Thanks!



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