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Growing, Serving, Celebrating



7th Sunday of Easter

Music Sunday

June 1, 2025

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!**

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE: "Praise to the Lord, Almighty"

Nathan Barnes, trumpet

Setting by Wayne L. Wold

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT: "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing"

Gordon Young

Chancel Choir

Now let us all praise God and sing Our great Redeemer' praise; That we may all with one accord Our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia! All ye servants of the Lord, Praise Him forever, Sing Jehovah's mighty poser, Praise Him forever, Sing of His righteousness, Praise Him forever.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

Let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let everyone who hears say, "Come."

Let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

Let everyone who is thirsty come.

Come to the tree of life, the Alpha and Omega.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*HYMN No. 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

Congregation & All Church Orchestra

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of grace, you call us to your everlasting springs to be washed and reformed, but we fail to heed you. We do not turn with love to our neighbors, to ourselves, or to you. Forgive us for our failings, shield us from our due, and guide us into unity with all for the sake of the whole world. Amen. (moment of silent confession)

MUSIC RESPONSE: "Seek Ye First"

Bells in Unity

Arr. by Lynne Hollander

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MUSIC RESPONSE: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Bells in Harmony

Arr. by Judy Endean

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

The peace of our Lord

Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sacrament of Baptism

INTRODUCTION

Brothers and sisters in Christ, through the sacrament of Baptism we share in the death and resurrection of Christ and are incorporated into Christ's holy church. Baptism proclaims the faith of the church. By the sign of water God cleanses from sin, renews life, and prefigures the reconciliation of all things promised in Christ.

PRESENTATION

RENUNCIATIONS

PROFESSION (*Minister/All*)

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER (*Minister/All*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe, ruler of heaven and earth.

You are the source of light and life for all creation. In your goodness you give us the sign of water.

Glory to you forever and ever.

In the waters of the river Jordan Jesus was baptized by John and

anointed by the Holy Spirit. He is the never-failing spring who has promised that all who thirst can come to the living water.

Blessed be God forever and ever.

By the baptism of his own death and resurrection he set us free from bondage to sin and death and opened to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life. As he suffered for us, the piercing of his side brought forth water and blood.

Glory to you forever and ever.

Therefore, saving God, we bless you for the water with which you bless us. We pray that Alyssa Nicole Ludwig, who comes to the waters of life, will live in your grace, sharing in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this water, that all who are gathered under this sign may be one in Christ.

Blessed be God forever and ever.

We give you praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Glory to you forever and ever. Amen.

THE BAPTISM

...I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The congregation may respond:

**This is the fountain of life, water made holy by the suffering of Christ,
washing all the world.**

MUSIC MOMENT: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
Youth Handbell Choir

Arr. by Cathy Moglebust

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

Pew Bible (NT) p. 128

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 97:1-12

Pew Bible (OT) p. 521

¹The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

²**Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

³Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.

⁴**His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

⁵The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶**The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.**

⁷All worshippers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgements, O God.**

⁹For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰**The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

¹¹Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

¹²**Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!**

SECOND READING: John 17:20-26

Pew Bible (NT) p. 105

SERMON: "Slaves to Whom?"

ANTHEM: "Lord, We Bring Our Gift of Music"

Glenn L. Rudolph

Chancel Choir, Karen D'Angelo, solo & Congregation

When the morning stars together Their Creator's glory sang. And the angel host all shouted 'Till with joy the heaven rang. Then Your wisdom and Your greatness Their exultant music told. All the beauty and the splendor which Your mighty works unfold.

Refrain: *Lord, we bring our gift of music; Touch our lips and fire our hearts. Teach our minds and train our sense, Fit us for these sacred arts. Then with skill and consecration We should serve You, Lord, and give All our powers to glorify You. And in serving fully live.*

When in synagogue and temple Voices raise the psalmists' songs, Offering the adoration Which alone to You belongs, When the singers and the cymbals With the trumpet made accord, Glory filled the house of worship, And all knew You presence, Lord.

Refrain

Voice and instrument in union Through the ages spoke Your praise. Plainsong, tuneful hymns, and anthems Told Your faithful, gracious ways. Choir and orchestra and organ Each a sacred offering brought. While, inspired by Your own Spirit, Poet and composer wrought.

(congregation, please join the choir for singing after a short organ interlude)

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OFFERING

MUSIC MOMENT: "Brandenburg Concerto, No. 4, 1st Movement"

J. S. Bach

Small Ensemble

Jonathan Hwang, principal violin

Alex Hamilton & Mitsuaki Shimojo, flutes

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

Hymn No. 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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(Grape juice is used in place of wine. Gluten free wafers/bread used at all times.)

COMMUNION HYMN: No. 557 "Christ Has Died" & No. 595 "Holy, Holy, Holy"
Congregation

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: No. 17 "Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!"**
(vs.1 and 4 only)

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

John Rutter

Chancel Choir & Karen D'Angelo, solo

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of hymn love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, together we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to us all so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven: Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise. This our joyful hymn of praise.

POSTLUDE: "Allegro from Flute Sonata in E Major, BWV 1035"

J. S. Bach

Alex Hamilton, flute



A sincere thank you goes to all the musicians for their effort and dedication to our music ministry. Thank you for the hours you've spent making music to praise God.

CALENDAR
FOR THE COMING WEEK

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| <u>Sunday, June 1st</u> | 7th Sunday of Easter/Music Sunday |
| 8 am | Music Rehearsal –Sanctuary & LFH |
| 10 am | Worship/Communion —Sanctuary & Online Alyssa Nicole Ludwig Baptism –Sanctuary Nursery—Upper Hall Christian Education Wing |
| 11 am | Reception |
| 11:30 am | Iona interest Meeting –Youth Room |
| <u>Monday, June 2nd</u> | |
| 9 am—2:30 pm | Nursery School/UPK- Upper South End, Ed Wing |
| 9 am—2 pm | Clarence Food Pantry—Bodine Room |
| 6 pm | Gordon Highlanders Rehearsal—UFH/Parking Lot |
| <u>Tuesday, June 3rd</u> | |
| 9 am—2:30 pm | Nursery School/UPK- Upper South End, Ed Wing |
| <u>Wednesday, June 4th</u> | |
| 9 am—2:30 pm | Nursery School/UPK- Upper South End, Ed Wing |
| 9 am | Loose Screws Social Club—Various |
| <u>Thursday, June 5th</u> | |
| 9 am—2:30 pm | Nursery School/UPK- Upper South End, Ed Wing |
| <u>Friday, June 6th</u> | |
| 9 am—2:30 pm | Nursery School/UPK- Upper South End, Ed Wing |
| <u>Sunday, June 8th</u> | Pentecost/Picnic in the Park |
| 10 am | Worship –Sanctuary |
| 11 am | Worship in the Park, followed by the Picnic in the Park |

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| Minister: | Rev. Dr. Jason Cashing |
| Director of Music Ministry: | Kotoe Shimojo |
| Sunday School Superintendent: | Jenna Abel |
| Bell Ringer: | Andolina Family |
| Lay Reader: | Brody Swain |
| Greeters: | Emerson Cannon & Gavin Gawron |
| Ushers: | Ian & Samantha Gawron |
| Nursery: | Katie Wills & Debbie Swain |
| Counters: | Ken Burke, Karen Cummins, & Paul Hornbuckle |
| Live Streaming Tech | Zach Thompson |
| Communion Servers: | John Baudanza, Carolyn Burke, MaryAnn Deb, Pat Fisher, Wendy Hamilton, Paul Hornbuckle, Jon Hickey, Niles Kin, & James Wadon |
| Christ Candle: | In honor of my daughter Debbie, on her birthday, with love from Sue Mason |

Worship in the Park with Picnic! On Sunday, June 8 at 11:00 am we will meet at the Town Park Pavilion next to the Clarence Town Hall, 5400 Goodrich Rd, Clarence. The picnic will follow with hamburgers and hotdogs being provided as well as plates, utensils, drinks, etc. Please bring a salad or dessert to pass. Sign up is in the Narthex on the kiosk or contact the office. Let us know how many are coming, what you are bringing to share and whether you can help with set-up, clean up and/or grilling. Rain or shine! **Note:** We will still have an abbreviated 10 am service in the church building so live stream will be available

UPDATE: Theology on Tap will be meeting on Monday, JUNE 2, 6:30 pm at The Angry Buffalo . The article being discussed is on Forgiveness, and can be found on the kiosk in the narthex or emailed from the church office.

Take Dad Out To The Ball Game

If you have signed up for tickets, please pay Julie Furminger by check.

The Ride For Roswell

The Clarence Christian Crusaders is a team sponsored by our church to do fundraising for cancer research . They are also included in a program called "Kids Just Want To Have Fun" which supports research for pediatric cancer. Please consider donating to Roswell for research. Remember to make your check out to the Ride for Roswell and use either a pew envelope or mail it to Julie Furminger.

Help Serve the church by Volunteering this Summer as a Junior Church teacher. Commitment is to 2

Sundays over the summer, starting June 15th through August 24th during the 10 am service. If interested or for more details, please contact Jenna Abel by email at jenna.zografos@gmail.com

Dates we will not be having Junior Church are Sunday July 6th and August 30th! Junior Church is for children 4 years through 1st grade!

Per Capita - It's not too late to make an offering toward our Annual Per Capita payment! If you are able to do so, Per Capita for 2025 is \$36 per Active Member, and can be made out to the church. If you have any questions, please see Jason Cashing or Jim Owen.

Upcoming Youth Meetings - *Today, following our reception, any youth and parents interested in going to Iona in 2026 are asked to come to an interest & information meeting in the 3rd Floor Youth Room. Participants must be between the ages of 14-17 in August 2026.

***There will be a**

Youth Events Planning Meeting on Sunday, June 22, following worship. Jr/Sr High Youth and parents are asked to attend as we plan out our calendar of events for the next year (2025-2026).

Pantry needs this week are: Sugar, Cooking Spray, and Regular Coffee. Thanks!