

Order of Worship

April 29, 2018 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Please stand ... in body or in spirit, as you are comfortable.

Bold words are spoken in unison

Bold Italics are words sung in unison

I think, therefore I am? Nonsense! I love, therefore I am.

~ William Sloane Coffin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

Come Down, O Love Divine

Arnatt

Jason Aquila, Organist

ENTRANCE OF LIGHT OF CHRIST, a symbol of Jesus' presence

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Remain here. Remain here with me.

All: Remain in this soil. Remain in this earth.

One: Remain among these branches. Remain watered in this love.

All: Remain where we can grow. Remain here where God loves you. Remain here with us.

*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 4

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

*WE PRAY TOGETHER

Let us pray together:

Lord, one true Vine, in you we live and move and have our being. We are your branches, spindly, fragile, and slight. The prayer of the branches is one with the prayer of the branch. God listens to the beseeching of the branch. May we have love enough to pray not only for ourselves, but for our neighbors. Amen.

Please Keep the Following People in Your Prayers

The Taylor Family (friends of Jane Huml)

Cathy Tomsu

David Greenwell (brother of Donna Greenwell)

Lois Schultz

Lyda Dacek (friend of Marcia Powles)

Mary Kanzeg

Paula Deal

The family of Pearl Wood

Bob Ebert (friend of many)

Anita Spaeta (cousin of Diane and Dave Kvasnicka)

Marisol Stokes (one of our cleaning persons)

John Derrick (cousin of the Mealys)

Konnie Wenneman

Pamela Bloomingdale (niece of Konnie Wenneman)

Bob Patzwahl

Carol Adams

Marge Hall

Nola Branch

Chuck Hughes

Chuck Zaugg

Jim Gartner (son of Ruth Gartner)

Gail Rattray and son Brian (relatives of Sandy Evans)

Andy Bischof

Steve Kneale (son of Jane Huml)

Katie Gartner (granddaughter of Ruth Gartner)

Joyce Droescher

Jane Huml

Duncan Simpson (grandson of Carole Adams)

Julie Simpson (daughter of Carole Adams)

Megan Moran

Jeremy Steinbrick (grandson of Andy & Jan Bischof)

Jon Fields (friend of Chuck & Carol Mealy)

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Today, April 29

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Girl Scouts 2-4 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 30

Yoga, 11:15 a.m.

Tuesday, May 1

Quilters 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 2

Carillon Bell Choir, 7 p.m.
Chancel Choir, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

Sharon Signers, 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 6

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Peace Sunday
Congregational Meeting

SPECIAL THANKS THIS MORNING:

Liturgist: Alex Tomoff

Flowers and Bulletins: Today's altar flowers are sponsored by the Reitz family, in memory of the Reitz-Beganyi families.

SAVE THE DATE! The Chancel Choir's spring concert, *Feelin' the Love*, takes place May 20 at 3 p.m. The concert will feature such favorites as *What the World Needs Now is Love*, *It Had to be You*, *Where is Love*, *The Nearness of You*, and many more selections!

SHARON SIGNERS RETURN SATURDAY, MAY 5, 6 P.M.! Please support the Sharon Signers, under the direction of our very own Cory Svette, in their concert featuring music from *Beauty and the Beast*.

ADOPT A PLOT Consider adopting a small plot of landscaping during spring and summer. See Bonnie Hawver with questions.

YOGA CLASS Yoga classes meet Mondays at 11:15 a.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MAY 6 right after worship to vote on the Constitution and Bylaws.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES — Sign up on the bulletin board:

Thursday, May 3, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Senior Living Tour and Lunch at **Concorde Reserve/Lutheran Home**. A great opportunity to learn about options at Concorde Reserve.

Thursday, May 24, 2018, 12-1 p.m., *Brain Fit! Get Those Neurons Firing*. Box lunches and beverages provided. Sign up by May 16.

*WE SING PRAISE TO GOD

***Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three in One; as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE LISTEN FOR OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Pastor Brooke

(Following these moments, our children recess to their Sunday Morning Program. Our nursery is available for infants, and there is a lounge opposite the sanctuary where the service may be heard. You may wish to join in blessing the children as they go by singing:)

Go now in peace; go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you

ev'-ry-where, ev'-ry-where you ... may ... go.

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHANCEL CHOIR

His Grace Will Lead Us Through

McDonald

Carol Peddie, Director

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

The seeds of grace, hope, joy, and love are planted deep within us, so they can bear fruit in our lives. When we resist staying connected to the Vine, thinking we can flourish on our own, we call that sin. Let us confess our sins, so we can once more feel God abiding deep within us, by praying together, saying:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Compassion: called to be one body, we fragment ourselves into a million selfish pieces; your children of love, we insist on the right to despise our sisters and brothers; though your Perfect Love was broken for us, we are afraid to give of ourselves to the world.

Abide in us, Vine Grower. Forgive us of our sins, so we may live boldly, and love fearlessly. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Do you feel it — there, deep down in your hearts?
God's love is alive, beating, breathing — in you!

**Many: Because God abides in us, we can live for others,
allowing God's love to bear fruit in us. Thanks be to
God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

MESSAGE FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

Acts 8:26-40 (NRSV, p. 1000)
1 John 4:7-21 (NRSV [mostly], p.1112)

Our God is still speaking:
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOSPEL

John 15:1-8 (The Inclusive Language Bible)

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Living Like God Loves Us
Pastor R. Brooke Baker

WE RESPOND TO OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD

*WE SING TOGETHER No. 498
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

THE PASTOR'S PRAYER

WE PRAY TOGETHER THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

**Our Father (God), 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.**

WE OFFER OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN GRATITUDE TO GOD

Invitation and Offering

All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given
us life, and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we
offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another, even as
Jesus so taught and lived. Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
Praetorius
Jason Aquila, Organist

*WE SING OUR SONG OF PRAISE No. 780

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.***

*WE DEDICATE OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

Let us pray together:

**O God, let these gifts grow to reach the whole world with
love. Remain in these gifts, O God, so that future
generations might know that we love them as much as we
love you. Amen.**

*WE SING TOGETHER No. 294

There's a Spirit in the Air
(vs. 1,2,4,5,6)

THE PASTOR OFFERS FINAL WORDS AND A BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

Joysong
Hayes
Jason Aquila, Organist

DEPART TO BE THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE WORLD

*Call to Worship and Prayer of Dedication from UCC Worship Ways; Prayer of Invocation
adapted from The Sunday Website at Saint Louis University; Call to Confession, Prayer of
Confession, and Words of Assurance adapted from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com.*

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