

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer"

Hear our prayer, O Lord. hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us thy peace.

SERMON Rev. David A. Jones

OUR OFFERING AND OFFERTORY "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
Helen Lemmel

* THE DOXOLOGY
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* LORD'S PRAYER (sung) (using debts and debtors)

* BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

* HYMN #424 (Green Hymnal) "The Servant Song"

* SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE "Glorify Thy Name" Donna Adkins

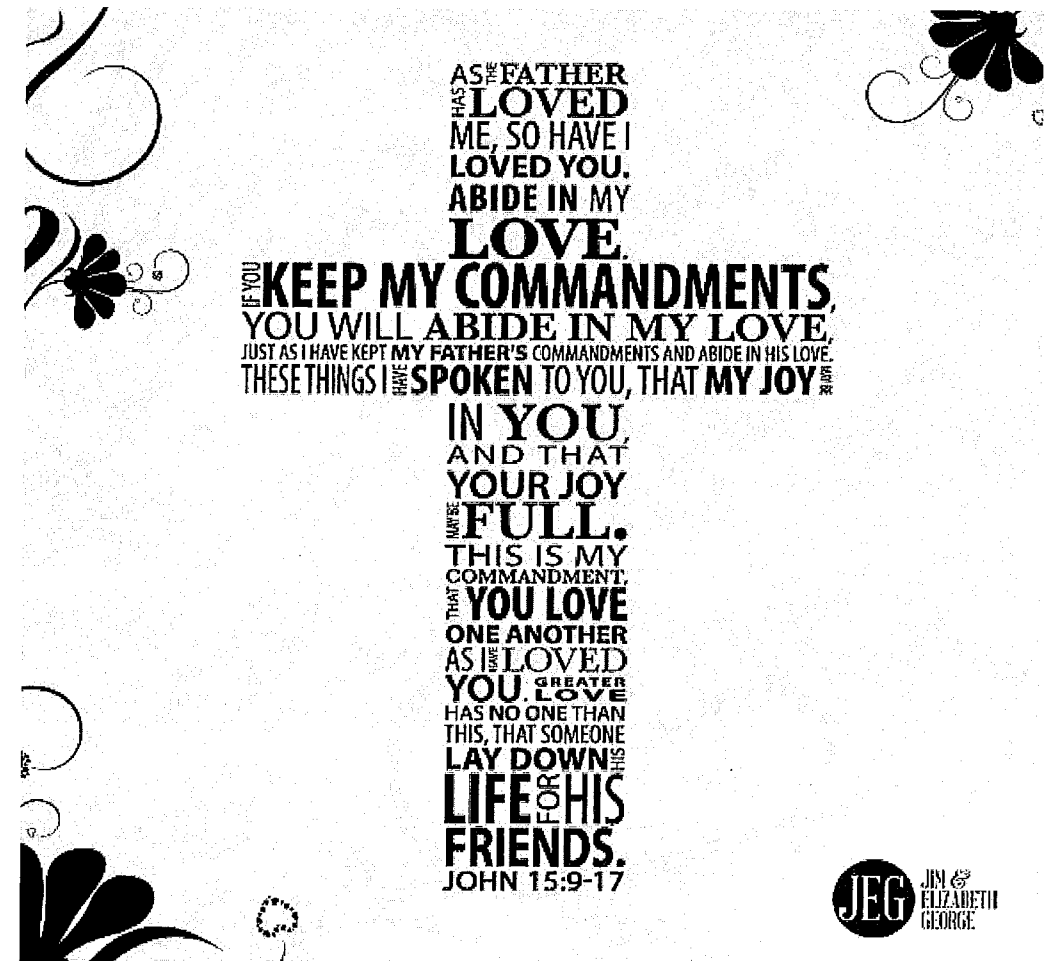
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AS THE FATHER
HAS LOVED
ME, SO HAVE I
LOVED YOU.
ABIDE IN MY
LOVE.

IF YOU
KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS,
YOU WILL ABIDE IN MY LOVE,
JUST AS I HAVE KEPT MY FATHER'S COMMANDMENTS AND ABIDE IN HIS LOVE.
THESE THINGS I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU, THAT MY JOY
MAY BE
IN YOU,
AND THAT
YOUR JOY
MAY BE
FULL.
THIS IS MY
COMMANDMENT,
THAT
YOU LOVE
ONE ANOTHER
AS I HAVE LOVED
YOU. GREAT
ER LOVE
HAS NO ONE THAN
THIS, THAT SOMEONE
LAY DOWN HIS
LIFE FOR HIS
FRIENDS.
JOHN 15:9-17



May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reader: Bob Eby

God is Still Speaking ...

"If the world is to be healed through human efforts, I am convinced it will be by ordinary people, people whose love for this life is even greater than their fear."

- Joanna Macy

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Reflection on 'Bradbury'" William Bradbury

* SOLEMN DECLARATION AND SUNG AMEN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, you who are children of God. Abide in the love revealed in Jesus Christ.

People: We come in response to the one who calls us friends.

Pastor: Remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord. Let our work reflect a serving Savior.

Pastor: Obey God's commandments which are not burdensome.

People: We live by faith that conquers the world.

* HYMN #435 (Green Hymnal) "God of Grace and God of Glory"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-present God, we confess to you our unloving thoughts and deeds. We live by standards that we bend and break in our own favor, while ignoring the commandments you have given. We find it hard to love everyone, for so many act in unloving ways. It is easier to treat people as things than to listen to their needs. We withhold ourselves rather than offer our lives, even for our friends. We hoard the gifts you entrust to us instead of letting them bear fruit for you. Cleanse us from these destructive ways and free us to love others as you have loved us...

Silent confession...

* KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Even now, God is giving us victory over the limitations we impose on ourselves. When we trust God's love, we can emerge from the shell of self-protection to celebrate the joy of friendship in Christ.

We can dare to show love that is not dependent on others' responses and we can serve without the need for recognition.

Praise be to God! Amen!

SPECIAL MUSIC "We Have Seen the Risen Lord"

Stan Pethel

Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SCRIPTURES (insert)

New Testament Acts 10: 44 - 48

*Gospel John 15: 9 - 17

* THE GLORIA PATRI

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 without end. Amen.

* PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH – THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Acts 10: 44 – 48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

John 15: 9 – 17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

Andy Shearer
Deb Weise
Ken and Charlotte Wengert
Lynn Balmer
David Ansalvish (Cindy Johnson's Brother)
Rod Nissley (Deb Ellis' son)
David Minnich (Friend of Deb Ellis)
Heather Whorley
Stephanie Wagner (Faye Fox's niece)
Jeffrey Clouser
Trudy Berkheimer
John Blanda (Lynn Balmer's brother-in-law)
Ed Olden
Shirley Shaak
Marie DiFava
John Schieber
Trudy Carmany (Becky Colban's cousin)
Cindy Johnson
Eva Miller
Andrew Scholl (Becky Colban's nephew)
Linda Brandt
Regine Halsall (Friend of Deb Ellis)
Meg Nagel
Billy Knight (Holly Brandt's cousin)
Members from our church family who are shut-in or
home bound
The People of Ukraine
The Victims of War in Israel and Palestine

ST. MARK'S CALENDAR
For the Week of May 5, 2024

Sunday Choir Practice – 8:30 AM
Koffee Klatsch – 9:30-10 AM and 11-11:15 AM
Worship Service – 10:00
Adult Sunday School – 11:15 AM
Kid's Painting Party – Fellowship Hall
Building Committee Meeting-11:15 AM
(Community Room – Lower Level)

Monday Evangelism and Mission Meeting – 6:30 PM

Tuesday Bell Rehearsal – 7:30 PM

Wednesday Bible Study – 10 AM

Thursday Spiritual Council – 6:30 PM (Conference Room)
Consistory Meeting – 7 PM (Fellowship Hall)



ST. MARK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the Communion Table are presented by Robert Trautman in memory of Anna and Ernest Trautman.

The red rose on the Communion Table is for Noah Dallas Vogel, Diane Vogel's great-grandson, who was born on May 1, 2024.

The bulletins are presented to the Glory of God.

Flowers and Bulletins – Dates available for flowers are: June 2, 23 and 30. Dates available for bulletins are: May 19, June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Please contact the office if interested in sponsoring any flowers or bulletins.

Congregational Meeting – There will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday, May 12, 2024, immediately after our church service. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce a proposed change in the number of members to our consistory. A second meeting to vote on this proposal will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2024, after our morning service. Both of these meetings should be brief and all members are encouraged to attend.

Cram-A-Cruiser – We will be collecting non-perishable food items and personal care products on May 12th to support Lebanon County Christian Ministries. This project is sponsored by The James Biever Police Community Alliance.

May 19, 2024 – Pentecost and Confirmation Service – Christian Ed Committee will be hosting a luncheon after the worship service in Fellowship Hall. This luncheon will be catered by Angelo's. Menu includes: salad, baked ziti, sandwiches, a cake honoring the confirmands, and gluten-free pasta and dessert option. Please sign up in the narthex or call the office. We need to know a count because of having it catered. Please let us know by May 12th if you will be attending the luncheon.

Sno Cone Day – will be on June 6, 2024. Snack donations of chips, pretzels or popcorn would be appreciated. Thank you.

Graduates – Any members who have children or grandchildren that are graduating from High School or College, please give their information to the office.

Address Changes for Members:

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Middletown, DE 19709
Heather Whorley – 8231 Elizabethtown Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022
Phone – 717-525-2305

Save the Dates:

May 19 Confirmation Service and Luncheon
May 31-June 2 – Youth Spring Retreat
June 2 Worship and Communion Service – 10 AM
June 6 Sno-cone Day
June 2 – 16 – Sale of Dinunzio Sub Coupons
June 22 Women's Painting Party – 9 AM – 12 PM
(Includes Breakfast)
July 15-18 Kid's Kamp at Pine Acres

Conference Call information:

Dial (215) 383-1625 Enter conference code: 569284
Press* when asked for your attendee pin

