



**May 15, 2022**  
**4th Week after The Resurrection**  
**Mental Health Awareness Sunday**  
 Monthly Youth Service Sunday & Noisy Offering

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Adult Bible Group @ 9:15 AM  
 Updates in the Life & Work of the Church @ 10:30 AM  
 Worship Service @ 10:30 AM  
 Sunday School: Children Dismissed from Worship  
 Post Worship: Fellowship Hour

**Our accessible/family friendly restroom (equipped with changing table) is located at the back of the Fellowship Hall to the right of the kitchen.**

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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

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**Something to Think and Pray About:**

"The undiluted message of Jesus is, and always has been, a straightforward invitation to follow him, and to learn to be like him." and "We must become people who remove barriers to God, instead of people who are busy installing new ones." **–Benjamin L. Corey**

"The radical inclusivity of the Christ is usually a threat to any power structure and any form of arrogant thinking." **–Fr. Richard Rohr**

"The world knows about our Jesus. They know about His poverty and love of the underdog. They know He told His followers to care for the poor and to share. They've heard about His radical economic theories and revolutionary redistribution concepts. They might not understand the nuances of His divinity or the various shades of His theology, but they know He was a friend of the oppressed." **–Jen Hatmaker**

**GATHERING OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY**

+ **Designates all who are able please stand.**

10:30 am - Ringing of the Church Bell

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*In our desire to extend the welcome and love of Christ we want to call each other by name.  
Please help us do so and take this time to fill out our "Registration of Attendance."*

Prelude **"Beautiful Savior"** Dale Wood

+ Opening Hymn #670 [vs. 1,2] **"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"**

*Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken Formed thee from His own abode.  
On the Rock of ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal Love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river Ever flows their thirst t' assuage?  
Grace while, like the Lord, the Giver, Never fails from age to age!*

+ **Call To Worship & Prayer of Confession** (with Assurance of Pardon) (responsive)

[based on Revelation 21:1-6]

**Leader:** YOU give us visions, O GOD. YOU call us to dream of a New Heaven and a New Earth.

**PEOPLE:** Help us to understand that the first heaven and the first earth are passing away. Give us insight into a world where there is no longer any sea to separate YOUR peoples.

**Leader:** May YOUR Holy City come down among us. Allow us to see her beautifully prepared like a bride dressed for her husband.

**PEOPLE:** Help us to hear YOUR Voice coming from The Throne. May we hold onto YOUR statements that "Now GOD's home is with people. The LORD will live with them. They will be GOD's people. The LORD will be with them and will be their God -wiping away every tear from their eyes."

**Leader:** Let there be no more death, sadness, crying, or pain. Wipe away all the old ways, we pray, Holy and Gracious One.

**PEOPLE:** And forgive us, we humbly ask, when we fail to trust in YOUR words that YOU are making everything new. Empower us to record and pass-on the truth of what YOU speak to us.

**Leader:** With and in YOU, everything is completed, finished.

**ALL:** *YOU are the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and Ending; and we are so grateful that YOU freely offer water from the Springs of Life to anyone who is thirsty; AMEN!*

+ Sung Response #9 “**Glory Be to the Father**” (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, Amen.*

**Monthly “Noisy Offering” Renovations & Mission Offering**

*\*(This month, our collection is dedicated toward our Capital Improvements/Facilities Renovation)\**

**GATHERING AROUND THE RESURRECTING WORD OF GOD**

**The Christian Scriptures** (New Testament)

The Book of The Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18

Children’s Message

*(Children up to grade 6 are dismissed for Sunday School. Confirmation age children and above are to stay in worship, unless they are requested to help in Sunday school.)*

**Message:**

**“No Barriers (to Christ’s Love)”**

+ Hymn of Response [vs. 1-4] “**They’ll Know We Are Christians**”

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.*

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.*

*And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.*

*And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.*

*Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand and hand.*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand and hand.*

*And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land.*

*And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.*

*Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side.*

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side.*

*And we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride.*

*And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.*

*Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

*All praise to the Father; from whom all things come.*

*And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.*

*And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.*

*And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.*

*Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

# Sharing and Responding to Our Stories-Of and Needs-for Resurrection

Prayers of The People <sup>(Joys and Concerns)</sup> and The Lord's Prayer

*(using "sins" and "those who sin against us")*

Prayer Response #455 [vs. 6] **"Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"**

*Take my love - my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself - and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee. Ever, only, all for Thee.*

## Bringing our Gifts and Thanksgiving Before The LORD

Call to Offering

Offertory **"His Eye is on the Sparrow"** Charles H. Gabriel, arr. by Victor Labenske

+ Offertory Response #7 **"Doxology"**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication** <sup>[based on John 13:31-35]</sup> *(responsive)*

**Leader:** In the Name of the Son of Man, we give our gifts to bring him glory.

**PEOPLE:** And in Christ's glory, YOU, LORD, receive glory. So take what we share as expressions of praise for both of you.

**Leader:** Jesus was only on the earth for a short time, and when he returned to Heaven, we couldn't follow right away. We don't see his human body, but he did leave us his New Command.

**ALL:** *We are told to love one another just the way he did. So we lift-up our tithes to obey him. May all people know that we are YOUR followers -Jesus' disciples because of how we love; AMEN!*

## Proclaiming the Hope of Resurrection to the World

Charge and Benediction <sup>(Challenge & Blessing)</sup>

Sending Hymn #678 [vs. 1-4] **"In Christ There Is No East or West"**

*In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North;  
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Him shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord Close binding all mankind.*

*Join hands then, brothers of the faith, Whatever your race may be;  
Who serves my Father as a son Is surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both East and West; In Him meet South and North.  
All Christly souls are one in Him Throughout the whole wide earth.*

Postlude **"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"** African American Spiritual, arr. by Tom Fettke

### COMING NEXT WEEK:

5th Week after The Resurrection  
Rural Life Sunday

Theme/Message: **"(Un)Conditional"**

Focus Text: Acts 11:1-18 (with Revelation 21:1-6 & John 13:31-35)