



Jarvis Memorial UMC Order of Worship

May 15, 2022 Fifth Sunday of Easter

***Our Mission:** At Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church, as faithful followers of our Savior Jesus Christ, we gather to worship and learn; and we go forth to witness and serve. We strive for all members to: “Know Jesus as Lord; Grow in faith; and Go serve others.”*

Gathering as the Body of Christ

Gathering Music JC Carraway, Guest Organist

Welcome Rev. Don Mitchell

Announcements Lennie Furlough, Dir. of Communications and Connections

Moment of Appreciation Retirement of Mr. Bobby Deloatch, Property Manager

Chiming of the Hour

Organ Prelude *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* arr. Victor Johnson

Choral Call to Worship “O Church of God, United” UMH 547

1. O church of God, united to serve one common Lord, proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord. Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.

2. From every land and nation the ordered ranks appear; to serve one valiant leader they come from far and near. They chant their one confession, they praise one living Lord, and place their sure dependence upon his saving word.

3. Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of thee; and in thy loving spirit we shall one people be. Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim proclaim to all the power of thy redeeming name.

4. May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one, close bound, by love united in thee, God’s blessed Son: to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright, that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.

***Call to Worship**

Minister: Surprising and Gracious God, long ago You called your church to love one another as You have loved us. You gave us the gift of your Holy Spirit to open hearts to enact such love. Again, this very morning, renew us with that same Spirit to discern your path for us; dream new dreams; reconcile what’s fractured; reach the lost; and heal a broken world.

All: We ask this in the name of Jesus, as we offer our worship, praise, and thanksgiving. Amen.

Offering Our Prayers and Praise

*Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

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

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

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.

Call to Confession

Minister: Let us bow before our God; confess; repent; and turn from our transgressions:

Prayer of Confession

Minister: Creating God, out of abundant love and boundless power, You moved over the waters of chaos and separated sea from dry land. However, we still cling tightly to rigid boundaries of our own making. You claimed us in the waters of baptism; and declared us dead to sin and alive in Jesus Christ our risen Savior. But too often, we deny that identity. Instead, we conform to the whims of the culture and bow to the idols of popularity. Yet, through your gift of grace, your Holy Spirit still flows through your church and the world, ever-pointing to the way of peace and abundant life. Help us turn in your direction and stay the course. Soften the unyielding edges of our hearts. Loosen our grip on having our own way, and prepare us for the joy and contentment of living according to "your way."

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Minister: Now let us pause in silent confession:

Assurance of Pardon

(based on Psalm 103)

Minister: Always believe that God is trustworthy, merciful, and true. Our compassionate Heavenly Father pardons us, removing our transgressions as far as the east is from the west. Therefore, when we confess and turn in a new direction, we are assured of His steadfast love and bountiful forgiveness through Christ our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Choral Prayer *Lord, Have Mercy, Christ, Have Mercy, Lord, Have Mercy*
Kyrie Eleison, Ukrainian Traditional

Pastoral Prayer

Minister: God of love and new beginnings, raise us to new life in Christ. Enlarge and empower our faithful witness to grow the church family, here and the world over...so that all may find salvation and a place of worship to live and grow in your love. We also pray for all who suffer from illness, loss, or grief. May they feel the comfort of your presence granting strength for another day and bright hope for tomorrow. Now, as we name those most in need this morning, Lord, grant us the wisdom, actions, and words to best care for them in your holy name:

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers:

(Sharing today's prayer list and congregational concerns.)

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory - forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Prayer *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* No. 402

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

2. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

3. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Sharing Our Blessings

*Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Leader: Generous God, may our giving provide food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, hope for the lost, and grace to those who've forgotten what grace feels like. We return these tithes and offerings in celebration and thanksgiving for your many blessings to us.

All: In Jesus' name, we dedicate the gifts of our labor, life, and love. Amen.

*Doxology

(Please stand if able.)
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.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: O God of Promise and Deliverance, by the power of your Holy Spirit, may your Word rise up in us this day, like a gift from the spring of the water of life.

All: Refresh our thirsty souls...and write your commands upon our hearts that we may hear and do. Amen.

New Testament Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

Pew Bible page 130

Anthem

I Choose Love

Mark A. Miller

In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain, I await the sun again, I choose love. In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score, I will seek the good once more, I choose peace. When my world is falling down, explanations can't be found, I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.

*Gospel Lesson

John 13:31-35

Pew Bible page 108

Minister: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Recognition”

Rev. Don Mitchell

Week Three of the Spring Series: The Nearness of God

Called to Go Forth and Witness in the World

*Closing Hymn

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

FWS 2158

1. I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
2. Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
3. When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

*Sending Forth

*Choral Benediction

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Peter C. Lutkin

*Chimes of The Trinity

*Postlude

Crown Him Lord of All

arr. Mary McDonald

New Testament Lesson (Acts 11:1-18)

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So, when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying: “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?”

Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance, I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely, I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ”

But I replied: ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ Then a second time the voice answered from heaven: ‘What God has made clean; you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

At that very moment, three men sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying: ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’

As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us [the disciples] at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’

If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?”

When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying: “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Leader: This ends the first New Testament lesson.

***Gospel Lesson (John 13:31-35)**

[After the Last Supper was over] and when Judas had gone out, Jesus said to the remaining disciples: “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.”

He added: “Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews...so now I say to you: ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ”

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. *By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*”

Minister: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

(The congregation may be seated.)

Prayers For God's People – May 15, 2022



Those with May birthdays:

Mary Brown (5-16), Carlynn Knott (5-16), Lisa Boyd (5-17), Jason Gray (5-17), Linda Ireland (5-17), Joshua Justice (5-17), Elizabeth McDonald (5-17), Ben Parrott Jr. (5-18), Ele Haynes (5-19), Kelly Heritage (5-19), Carmen Nichols (5-19), Cynthia Beaudoin (5-20), Joe Goodson (5-20), Charlie Blizzard (5-21), Loraine Cagle (5-21), Christian Clark (5-21), Maci Fagundus (5-21), Lee Hathaway (5-22), Nadia Ikram (5-22), Heidi McMillan (5-22)

Homebound or in nursing homes:

Jennie Brooks, Melva Burke, Gayle Cobb, David Duncan, Pat Earnhardt, Dot Ellen, Barbara Neville, Anne Parkinson, Dave Simmons, Cecil Turner, Elizabeth Waters, Carol West

Members of the congregation (ten families per week):

Jha'Quel Rouse, Octavia Rouse, Sandra Rowe, Eric Rulifson, Mr. and Mrs. Roger and Gayle Rulifson, Eva Russell, Amanda Santana, Hannah Sartelle, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne and Melissa Sasser, Joyce Satterfield

Health or other concerns, upcoming operations or hospitalizations:

Building Study Committee: Dr. Jim Carter (Chair), Alyson Faulconer, Lee Potter, Ross Woodall, Robert Griffin

John and Lisa Britt, Monty Clark, Vickie Clement, Matt Davis, Martha Ferrell, Jennifer C. Hopper, Roger and Barbara Lamothe, Johnnie Mayo, Patsy Moore, Jimmy Munn, Rebecca (Noreen Stiso's daughter), Sandra Nabors, Lyman and Holly Ormond, Margaret Rives (Christy Twiddy's mother), Jerrie Rogers, Dorothee Taylor, Etta Taylor, Stephen Tyndall

Families who have recently lost loved ones:

Vi McMillan and family upon the death of her sister, Rose Saurenman (5-9)

Laurie & Wayne Godwin upon the death of her mother, Joanne Brooks (4-28)

Mike Tice & Ashley Roseno upon the death of their father, Tommy Tice (4-16)

Cindy Ballenger upon the death of her mother, Ann Ballenger (4-5)

Denis (Biff) and Madeline McGillicuddy upon the death of his brother, Dr. James Eusebius McGillicuddy II (3-15)

2022 Confirmands:

Rianna Nicole Alston, Jha'Quel Arnez Rouse, Joel Banks Vaughn, Jett Bentley Vaughn, Dannie Mae Everett, Emma Rose White, Maria Alexis Hudson, Clayton Samuel Vinson, Macon Mills Sutton

New Members:

Debi Robertson, Tom and Martha Cameron, Richard and Nancy Winn, Ed and Genny Kelly, Grace Kriner, Michael and Catherine McKee, Dixie Wilson, Terrell Alston, Andrew and Brie Denton, Rev. Bob Tilley, Shakira Brewington, Tracy Ferguson, Rev. Connie Belmore, Robert Welch, Bobby and Nancy Day, Ben and Haley Gawron, Dr. Robert and Jane Capps, Jason and Jessica Trahan, Wes and Blair Ward, Carol Humphreys, Cathy Critchfield