



*Welcome to worship! No matter where you are, where you have been, or where you are on your faith journey, our prayer is that you will find a place to belong in worship and mission with us.*

May 14, 2023

8:30 am

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Preparation for Worship

Living love becomes a more realistic possibility when we realize that the Advocate is amongst us and with us. –Mary J. Scifres

Focus Scripture

Psalm 66:8

Prelude

*Setting on "How Firm a Foundation"*

Martin

\*Call to Worship

From the north and south, from the east and west...

**all are welcome here.**

With hands raised high or hearts quietly pondering...

**we come to worship God.**

Bringing our love, opening our minds...

**we draw near to God, near to each other, and near to Christ, the Word of God.**

\*Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

No. 384

Special Music

*Hallelu, Hallelu*

Kids Choir

Common Prayer (Let us pray together...)

**God of all nations, for creating us in all our diversity, yet calling us together in our common humanity, we offer you our thanks and praise. Speak to us with your Spirit of Truth. Reveal to us your loving presence, and guide us to display your loving Spirit in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen.**

Scripture

John 14:15-21

Kid's Time

Special Music

*A Mighty Fortress Medley*

Kathy Brown

Message

\*Hymn

*Spirit of the Living God*

No. 393

Recognition of Our Graduates

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Offertory

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

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Doxology

No. 94

Prayer of Dedication

**As followers of God, we are doers of the word. We keep God's commandments through our love for others. Let us take time now to express our love for God's world: in our gifts, our tithes, our offerings and in our very lives given in love. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*There's Within My Heart a Melody*

No. 380

Announcements

Benediction

Live your life in love.  
Love the life God gives.  
For in love, God is known. **Amen.**

Postlude

*Hymn to Joy*

Beethoven

Staff and Worship Assistants:

Pastor: Kathy Bueker Sweet

Director of Music: Kathy Brown

Director of Family Ministries: Melanie Burger

Director of Youth Ministries: Will Pontious

Organists: Gloria Cardoni & Mary Ellen Dean

Director of Bell Choir: Barb Ozier

Tech Support: Jamie Hannah

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Office Hours--Monday-Thursday 9 am - 12 noon

Live Radio Broadcast 8:30 am WCZQ 105.5 FM

Worship: 8:30 am in person and Facebook Live

10:45 am in person

2023 Graduates

**Monticello High School**

Jack Brown  
Rose Talbert  
Caden Waller

**College**

Lily Brown–United States Naval Academy  
Jonathan Koon–University of Illinois  
Liam McFarlin–Purdue University  
Noelle Neef– University of Illinois  
Betsy Ruckman–College of Saint Benedict, Saint John’s University  
J.C. Wilkin–Southern Illinois University  
Nicholas Wilkin–University of Kentucky

**Masters**

Mitchell Carr–Illinois State University  
Susan Ruff Houston–Eastern Illinois University

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If you are visiting, we welcome you and invite you to Fellowship with coffee and conversation at Café 2020. We also have a Sunday School Hour from 9:45-10:30 am. We offer adult classes, our Orchard Children’s Ministry classes for Preschool-5th grade, and our bi-weekly Orchard 567 class for our 5th-7th graders on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Please join us as we dig into God’s Word.

During today’s service, please know that individual wireless receivers are available from the ushers. Rocking Chairs are located at the back for parents with babies, and our Kids’ Corner is stocked with things to educate and entertain your children as well.

**The Altar flowers are given by Max and Marilyn Olson in honor of Max’s 96th birthday, May 16th.**

**Food Pantry Requests:** popcorn, tissue, crackers (all kinds), pasta/spaghetti sauce, canned tuna and chicken

## Calendar

### Today

- 8:30 am      Worship, in-person, online and  
radio
- 9:45 am      Sunday School classes  
                  (Adult, The Orchard, and  
                  Orchard 567)
- 10:45 am     Worship, in-person

### Monday, May 15

- 4:00 pm      T.O.P.S (Take Off Pounds  
Sensibly)
- 6:15 pm      P.E.O.
- 6:30 pm      Youth Mission Trip  
Information Meeting**
- 7:00 pm      Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, May 16

- 8:30 am      Just Walking
- 7:00 pm      Church Council Meeting**

### Wednesday, May 17

- 1:00 pm      Bible Study

### Thursday, May 18

- Midwest Missions - All day-meet at 7:15 am**
- 8:30 am      Just Walking

### Sunday, May 21

- 8:30 am      Worship, in-person, online and  
radio
- 9:45 am      Sunday School classes  
(Adult and The Orchard)
- 10:45 am     Worship, in-person
- 3:00 pm      4-H Cloverbuds

### **Looking Ahead:**

- May 29      OFFICE CLOSED**
- June 8 -10   Annual Conference in Peoria
- June 11      Reverend Kathy's last Sunday
- June 13      Staff Parish
- June 16      Tri-M Wiener Roast
- June 18-22   Youth Mission Trip
- June 19      OFFICE CLOSED**

Thank you to all who helped with our Mortgage Burning service last week. So many people made it possible—and you are all appreciated!