

Welcome to

2024 April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!

Prelude – *Preparing our Souls through silence, reading and reflection*

*Procession of the Cross - Hymn #449 “Because He Lives” - Chorus

Announcements and Prayer Concerns– *Sharing our life together.*

Congregational Prayer

Invocation and Confession – *Entering into the Presence of the Lord*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28:19) **C: Amen**

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5) **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:42-43) **C: Amen**

Announcements and Schedule

Studies this Week:

Wednesday -10:30am Bible Study – 1517 Thomas Jefferson Rd

7:00pm – Women’s Group – 169 Buxton Dr.

7:00pm – Men's Group – 169 Buxton Dr.

Thursday – 7:00pm– Bible Study– 19 George St.

We have prayer cards for you to mail to anyone you lifted up at the Altar during Communion. Feel free to bless others with these.

Today we are blessed to have Jon and Trisha Williams lead the Service. David Harker, from the Gideon’s, will be preaching today. David has served his country, community and Lord for many years. Praying for all of you!

Please keep in prayer Pastor Tom, Rev.’s Al Hill and Andy Behnke, Deacon Jen Reynolds and many others traveling back from the Annual Synod of the IOCC Pastor Tom with be preaching at St. Michael’s Cathedral today. Please keep him in prayer that the Gospel will be faithfully preached.

Lector – Dave Gardner

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Call to Worship – Psalm 150

*Hymn # 98 “Come, Thou Fount”

First Lesson – Acts 8.26-40

Call to Prayer # 81 “He Leadeth Me”

Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)

Second Lesson – I John 4.1-21

Offertory (Please place your offering in one of the plates)

*Doxology – #668

*Gospel – John 15.1-8 **“Praise be to thee, O Christ”**

Sermon– “The Whole Armor of God” David Harker

*The Apostles’ Creed

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Unending Hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the Highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

The Mystery of Faith:

Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ

*Hymn - #506 “In Christ Alone”

*Benediction with Choral Response- “Alleluia, Amen”

*Dismissal and Recessional

Prayer List

Tom Langford, Bill Warman, Carolyn Ashwell, Glen Harvey, Liz Griffin, Betty Mann, Katie Epley, Yvette Clark, Darby Atkins, Chris Griffin, Jean Moriety, Heather Wright, Starke Camden, Robert Wright, Cyndy Williams, Nikki Vogt, Wayne Williams, Jim and Sue Henry, Gwen Miller, Bea Gardner, Lora Drinkard, Marion Mantz, Mamie Wetzel & those persecuted around the world.

Let us pray for all our elected Officials and our Country.

The situation and people in Israel
The people of Ukraine and Moldova, esp. Dimitri, Stella Lorina,
The people of Turkey and Syria
The people of East Palestine, Ohio

Robert Wright
Patty Miller
Barbara Smith, Tonni's mom
Winston Brill, Tony's dad
Debbie Morse
Agnes Lowry Campbell, recovering from surgery
Robert Wright
Megan, high risk pregnancy, friend of Sarah Dietrich's
Gretchen Wright
Barbara Hackett
Amanda Crosswhite, Guillain Barre Syndrome
Tammie Blade, recovering from hand surgery..
Kent David Campbell, open heart surgery on April 9th
Paul Balderson, recovering from surgery.
Bob Bertotski, cancer, friend of Larry Shepley
John and Ann Hall's baby
Trevor, friend of the Griffins
Tiffany Reynolds and Hank Adams, cancer
Helen Kinzer, Dave and Judy's daughter in law
Ruth and Glen Harvey
Dick Kihnley, Sue Rossiter's brother-in-law, great improvement from surgery
Jenifer Mahanes
Jessie Doss
Shawn Butler, cancer
April Stephens' mom, Cindi Mason, stage 3 colon cancer
David Baker, cousin of Judy Kinzer, needs a kidney.
Anise Maddox, mom of a friend of Web's, with cancer
Mary Kessler, friend of the Dietrich's
Margaret Kihnley, sister of Sue Rossiter
Justice Ashwell, Carolyn's grandson
Laura Cash, friend of Web's
Debbie Reeves, cancer
Kevin Thomas Mele, on dialysis
Nancy Turner, treatment for cancer, friend of Martha's
Betty Shepherd, friend of Martha Mahanes

The Bible is full of stories of God's healing presence in peoples' lives. When Jesus traveled and preached the gospel, it was often in association with healing of the body, mind and the spirit. In Luke 4:40 we read "At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them."

Later in the New Testament, James calls us to pray for those who are sick. He writes "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

In light of the above and other Scriptures, the Well Church has decided to offer a Service of Prayer and Healing. This Service will be in addition to the Sunday morning worship. It will be a liturgy of prayer, music, exhortation, and Communion to experience the healing power of God in our congregation and beyond.

If you or anyone you know would like to participate, or if you just want to pray for others who are suffering, you will be gladly welcome. There will be ministers available for prayer and anointing if desired.

We plan to have this service monthly on a Sunday evening beginning in May.

For further information, contact the Rev. Andy Behnke or Pastor Tom. Please keep this ministry in prayer.

