

IF IT IS
possible
AS FAR AS IT
depends on you
L I V E A T
P E A C E
with
everyone
ROMANS 12:18

Service for the Lord's Day

May 19, 2019

Gathering Around the Word

Gathering Music

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather
Quoting Hymn 311

Michael Burkhardt

Opening Sentences: *(Congregational response in bold)*

The Lord sets the prisoner free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the stranger,

God upholds the widow and the fatherless.

Put not your trust in princes, in whom there is no help.

Happy is the one whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord God.

Psalm 146

Opening Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Call to Confession

As we approach God, revealed in God's Word, we begin to see that we are unworthy. Confession opens the door to divine forgiveness, so we can be ready to meet God in the Scriptures.

We pray that God will illumine and enlighten our reading and hearing of the Bible.

Psalm 146 celebrates God's care for the needy. Their lives are contrasted with the lives of the wicked.

Paul's instruction for the church.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (Unison)

Holy God, even when you call us to be humble, we are driven to flatter ourselves, and to seek pleasure and reward. We are more determined to gain advantage than we are to do service. You see us seeking gain, even when such gain is at another's expense. Forgive us, we pray for our lack of humility. Help us to rediscover the benefits of giving and sharing. Let us rediscover the great kingdom values of Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose giving knows no ending. Amen.

A period of silence is observed for personal confession

Declaration of Good News

Response Hymn *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

*God, whose giving knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store,
nature's wond-er, Jesus' wis-dom, costly cross, grave's sha-ttered door:
gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-fering up our-selves in praise;
thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, grac-ious don-or of our days.*

Passing the Peace of Christ

We greet the Lord by greeting one another in his name.

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination

The Psalter

Psalm 146

A Hymn Praising God for Help

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul : **while I live I will praise the Lord;**

While I have any being : **I will sing praises to my God.**

Put not your trust in princes : **nor in the sons of men, who cannot save.**

For when their breath goes from them, they return again to the earth : **and on that day all their thoughts perish.**

Blessed is the man whose help is the God of Jacob : **whose hope is in the Lord his God,**

The God who made heaven and earth : **the sea, and all that is in them,**

Who keeps faith for ever : **who deals justice to those that are oppressed.**

The Lord gives food to the hungry : **and sets the captives free.**

The Lord gives sight to the blind : **the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down.**

The Lord loves the righteous : **the Lord cares for the stranger in the land.**

He upholds the widow and the fatherless : **as for the way of the wicked, he turns it upside down.**

The Lord shall be king for ever : **your God, O Zion, shall reign through all generations. Praise the Lord.**

Anthem

Sing a New Song
Sam Tuggle, conductor

Praetorius/arr. Mark Schweizer

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

Epistle Reading

Romans 12:9-18

The Christian's Duty to Love

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Sermon

Let Love Be Genuine

Larry Gildersleeve

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 399

God Welcomes All
Sing Through Three Times

THEMBA AMEN

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose 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. 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.

All Sit

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

All Sit

Offertory

I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness
Jason Fox, baritone

Anton Dvorak

All Stand

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.

Buck in a Basket for May will build a fund for our Evangelism and Outreach Committee to do direct mailings to our community to invite participation and possibly new members.

Prayer of Dedication

Bearing the Word into the Created World

All Stand

Closing Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
First and Third Verses Only

CWM RHONDDA

Benediction

Postlude

Scherzetto

Eric Thiman

WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the Right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

If you have a fussy baby or are coughing, etc., the worship service may be viewed from the parlor via television (across the hall from the Sanctuary). Loving childcare is available in our children's center

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Announcements

USHERS: The Kernohan and Hudson families

LAY READER: Jim Johnson

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Barbara Solberg-Hale and Matt Hunt

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Alisia Mosley and Kimberly Watkins

LIBRARIAN: Arnie Petrus, arfranpe@msn.com

CHILDREN'S MUSIC: Ellie Osborne

LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY, May 26: Acts 16:9–15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5; John 14:23–29 or John 5:1–9.

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Debbie Morse. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME to the Taco Bar fundraiser for the Youth last Sunday. The youth group has raised \$512.75 for future youth group trips. Your support is greatly appreciated!

TODAY:

OUR REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE continues through June 30. Our children's classes may combine during June, but adults will continue their study. Summer All-Together will run July and August and September 1st. We like to share breakfast fellowship in the summer - sign up here to bring something once or twice over the summer. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-breakfast1> Since we sometime have friends visit, we want our hospitality to be abundant.

WHAT ARE OUR CHILDREN LEARNING? Daniel had courageous friends, as our preschool learned this morning from Daniel 3:1-30. Godly Play learned about Paul's journey in Acts 9:1-19; Acts 13, 15, 18 and Acts 22:3. Mary and Martha in Luke 10:38-42 was the story our Growing in Grace and Gratitude group (4th-5th graders) heard. Please read the story with your child, and wonder together what God is leading you to learn.

COMING UP:

TONIGHT IS OUR END OF YEAR YOUTH AND FAMILY NIGHT we are planning to go to Jump Zone and then to dinner afterwards; bring along your youth and join us for some fun and fellowship and also a chance to plan summer events. For more information speak to David Clarke.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is June 2-5. Registration for children is available (must be 3 by July 31 through rising 5th grade). Visit <https://bgpres.org/vacation-bible-school> to find the links to register children AND volunteers! You will also see what agencies will be part of our efforts this year and how you can support this effort, even if you don't have children or youth to participate or can't volunteer!

FOR YOUTH – Our Vacation Bible School is from June 2nd-5th and we will be working together with Christ Episcopal Church. We would love to have youth members come along and help out. Sign up is available on the website.

CITY SIGHTS CITY LIGHTS Our Middle school mission trip will be taking place July 9-11 and registration is now available. If you have any youth (rising 6th through rising 9th grade) interested speak to David Clarke and get more information.

PLAN TO JOIN US! Sunday June 9 is PENTECOST! Wear your red (or orange). We will have our annual Butterfly Release in the courtyard following worship and then gather in Fellowship Hall for a **Pentecost Potluck Luncheon!** Bring a side dish or a salad (dessert is provided).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS should plan on coming to Christ Episcopal Church on Saturday June 1, 10:00am for our time of reviewing important information and setting up for our event. All adults must attend and complete training for child/youth protection. Questions? See Leslee Kirkconnell.

Calendar

Sunday, May 19

8:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:00 a.m. Children's Music
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
2:00 p.m. PLC Event
5:30 p.m. Youth Group party

Monday, May 20

5:00 p.m. Round Table Pulpit

Tuesday, May 21

11:00 a.m. Special Care
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:15 p.m. Chairs of Session
7:00 p.m. Session

Wednesday, May 22

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Would you like to assist in building? Could you (and a friend) prepare sack lunches for 30 workers? Our next build date is June 8. Time: 7:45 AM to 3 PM / Address: 1123 Regis O'Connor BLVD (GPS: 517 West 12th Avenue and turn left, the house is the first on the left on that street.) If you'd like to volunteer, please contact church office or Susan Thomison (susan.thomison1@gmail.com).

OTHER NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEEDS:

200TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS Celebrate our congregation in style by purchasing a custom T-shirt, available in a variety of sizes and styles for youth and adults. Stop by the 10th Street entrance before Sunday School or after church to fill out an order form. Payment will be due when the order is delivered in late May/early June. Questions? Contact Margaret Stein at 270-779-2579 or margaret_f_stein@hotmail.com.

VBS NEEDS ITEMS FOR CRAFTS! 16 oz empty water bottles (no lids); fleece scraps (bigger pieces especially); old tee shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, gallon ziploc bags, small/medium width ribbon (any color/pattern - fabric only), old tennis balls. There is a basket outside the office for your donations.

OUR FOOD PANTRY is much needed and much used and we are grateful for your support in keeping items in stock. If you plan to bring us donations, please help by noting the following: canned goods (fruit, vegetables, soups, spaghetti sauce) are always needed, and generally always in short supply. Peanut Butter: PLEASE buy ONLY smaller sizes (18 oz). We try to give every visitor Peanut Butter, but containers bigger than 18 ounces are too heavy to carry. Dry beans, lentils, white rice also needed (we will have a bagging party soon). Tuna fish (in water), canned meats, saltines, dry milk, pasta, are also good items for us to have in stock. MANY MANY THANKS for all your support as we seek to help ease food insecurity and hunger in our local community.