

SAINT PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

112 West Peters Street
May 2, 2021

Owensville, Missouri 65066
9am and Livestream

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO TURNING TOWARDS GOD

One: As we gather, may we open our hearts to receive newness of life.

All: We come with hope for renewal.

One: In our time of worship, may we be inspired by God's wisdom.

All: We come seeking to learn and to draw closer to God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE (Smile and wave to those around you.)

*HYMN: "In the Garden" NCH #237

1 I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses; And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

Refrain: And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

3 I'd stay in the garden with him, thought the night around me be falling; But he bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.

Refrain

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: O God, giver of life, we confess the times when we fail to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. God, forgive us when we ignore, or we fail to see our neighbors in need. Abiding God, also forgive us when we reject love from others, and shut down completely. As we confess the times when we did not tend to our own needs and denied ourselves of your forgiveness and grace. In our failures, we have refused your invitation to grow closer to you.

All: In our confession, O God, we pray your abiding love be shown through the ways we love more fully. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 8:26-40
John 15:1-8

SERMON

Living as Vines

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Musical Response

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND SELVES

- Trust in God and share what you can.
- Consider giving to Strengthen the Church
- The offerings will be laid on the altar as we sing: *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong", and the poor say, "I am rich", because of what the Lord has done for us!

Give thanks, Give thanks.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we offer you the fruits of our time, talents and resources in celebration of all that we have been given. Loving God, we give you thanks for all that we have and ask a special blessing on the fruits we have given back to help meet the needs of your beloved community. May the gifts nourish and strengthen the community to grow spiritually, emotionally, and physically. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DIALOGUE

One Christ is Risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed!**

One Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

SANCTUS

**All: Holy is Jesus, God Incarnate, the Risen Christ,
whose mercy gathers us together in community,
whose grace meets us in our brokenness,
and whose loving faithfulness gives us renewed hope.**

STORY OF THE MEAL

Pastor will tell the story of the meal then say:

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

All: We remember Christ's life of love, and friendship, and teaching. We remember Christ's dying, and rising to life again.

PRAYER TO THE SPIRIT

Presider may lift both the bread and the cup

Bless this bread and this cup,
the wheat and the grape,
the farmer and the harvest,
the seed and the sower.

These simple elements are shared in community,
so that we may taste and see your goodness
and become one body in Christ.

**All: For it is through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
that all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forevermore. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION: BREAKING THE BREAD, POURING THE CUP

One: The body of Christ,

All: the bread of life.

One: The lifeblood of Christ,

All: the cup of blessing.

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

- When Pastor Stephanie says take and eat. We will take our communion together
- When Pastor Stephanie says take and drink. We will drink together
- Please dispose of your cup and wrapper in a trash can as you leave worship today.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray:

O Christ, we thank you for this feast of life. Fed by your love, and strengthened by your life; we humbly accept your call to go into this world to live with hope, and to share your joy.

**All: You commission us to feed as we have been fed,
forgive as we have been forgiven,
and love as we have been loved.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

HYMN: "Christ Arose" Worship and Rejoice #294

1 Low in the grave he lay' Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day- Jesus my Lord!

Refrain: Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign. he arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

3 Death cannot keep his prey- Jesus my Savior,
he tore the bars away- Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

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*BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES AND POSTLUDE

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