

Sunday, April 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### Prelude:

## Welcome to Worship and Announcements

## \*Thanksgiving for Baptism

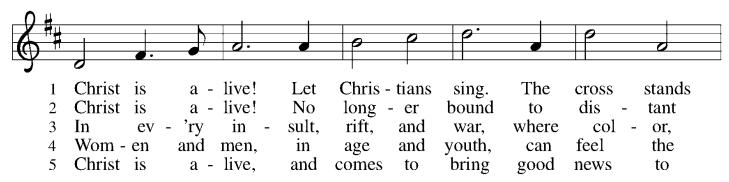
- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
- C Amen.
- P Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
- P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

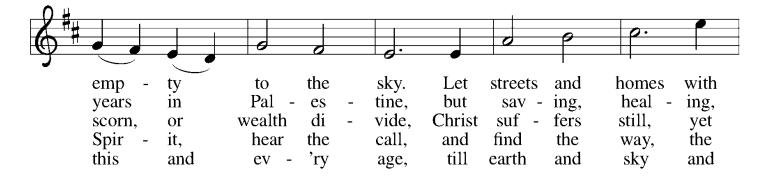
#### C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

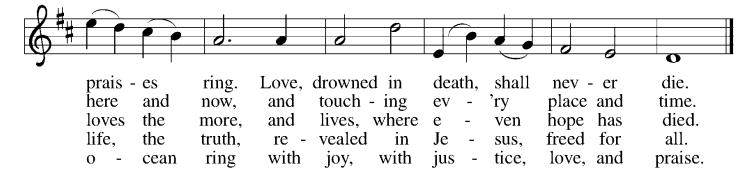
- P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

## \*Gathering Hymn "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" ELW 389

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Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

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## \*Greeting:

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## C And also with you.

## \*The Prayer of the Day

P O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as you are able.

Kids Word: Pastor Jerry O'Neal

#### Our first reading is from Acts 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,

and like a lamb silent before its shearer,

so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L Word of God. Word of life. C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:25-31: (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation.)

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

#### <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

# <sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

#### Our second reading is from 1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

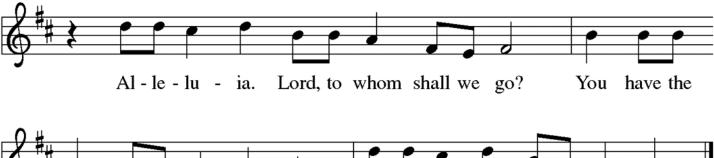
<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

L Word of God. Word of life. C Thanks be to God.

## \*Gospel Acclamation (setting 3 in the ELW)





#### \*Gospel: John 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

- P The holy gospel according to John beginning with the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁶My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon - Pastor Jerry O'Neal



Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

#### \*Apostles' Creed:

P&C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.

**\*Prayers:** (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "God of grace," in your mercy," and your response is, "**receive our prayer**."

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

## A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,

#### receive our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering, especially those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

For our volunteers, especially those who are going on the Back Bay Mission Trip. Watch over them and keep them safe as they travel and work with the mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,

#### receive our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

#### Amen.

#### \*Sharing the Peace:

- P The peace of our Risen Savior be with you always.
- C And also with you.

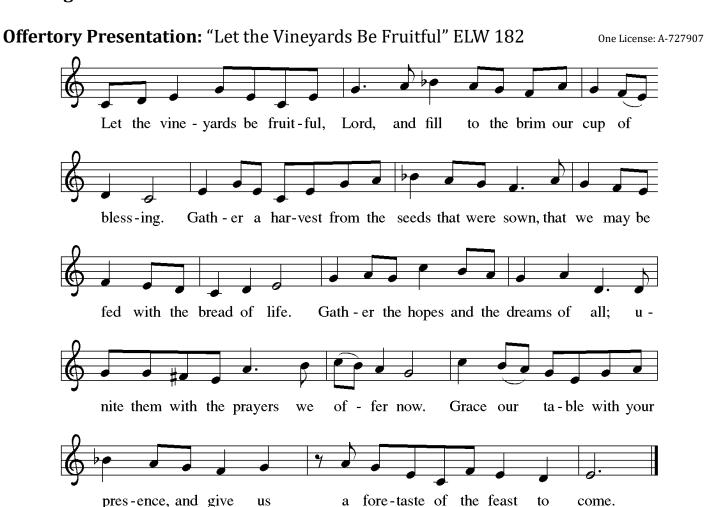
#### Offering:

If you would like to give electronically, you may

- 1. Download the ELCA Giving App from Google Store or Apple Play, or
- 2. Go to our website www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com and click on the green "Give" button.
- 3. Using your bank's online BillPay features.

Thank you for your support of Holy Trinity and our ministries!

Offering Music: "Touch That Soothes and Heals" ACS 939



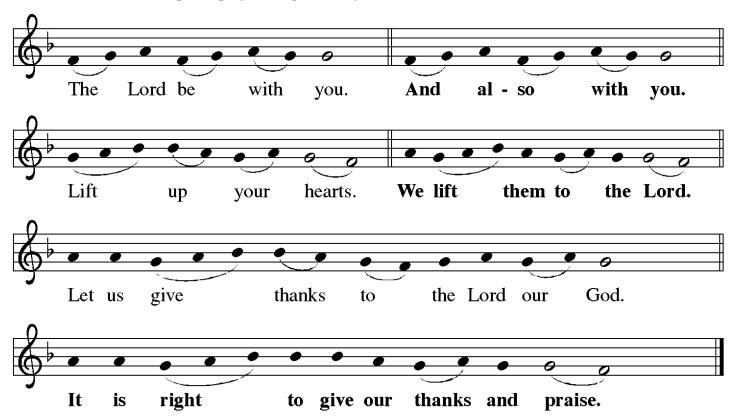
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#### \*Offering Prayer:

L Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

#### C Amen.

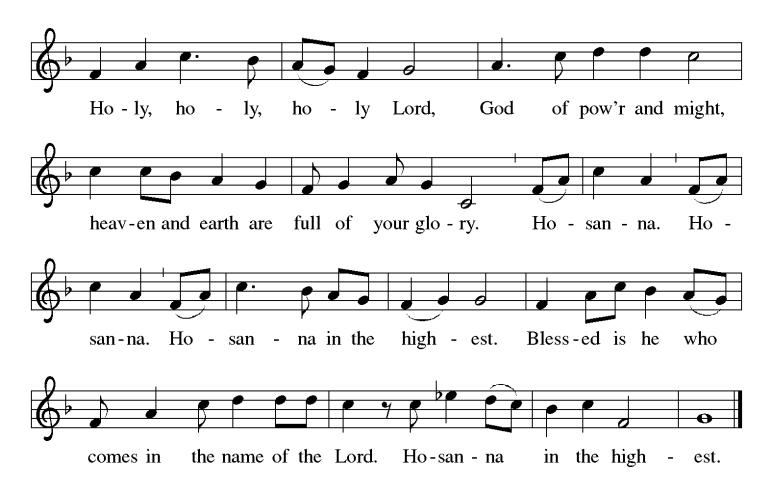
#### \*The Great Thanksgiving: (Setting 3 ELW)



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

(The Words of Institution will be said in Spanish, then English.)

P La noche en que fue entregado,

nuestro Señor Jesús tomó pan y dio gracias;

lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, diciendo:

Tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo, dado por ustedes.

Hagan esto en memoria mía.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

De igual manera, después de haber cenado, tomó la copa, dio gracias y la dio a beber a todos, diciendo: Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre, derramada por ustedes y por todo el mundo para el perdón del pecado. Hagan esto en memoria mía.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

- P With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C Amen.

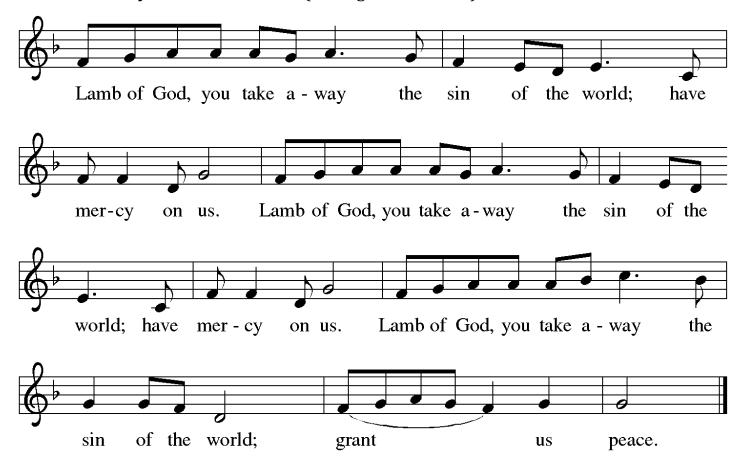
## \*Lord's Prayer:

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)
- All 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 and ever. Amen.

#### \*Invitation to Communion:

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

## **Communion Hymn:** "Lamb of God" (setting 3 of the ELW)



#### **Distribution:**

This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Participants receive the bread (host) in their hand, then are invited to dip the host. Wine is offered in the first, larger chalice, while grape juice is offered in the second smaller chalice. Receive the Host (bread) in your hand and immerse in the chalice to receive by intinction.



- 1 What a friend we have in Je sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri als and temp ta tions? Is there trou-ble an y where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav-y lad en, cum bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share? Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev-'ry-thing to God in prayer! Je - sus knows our ev-'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

## \*Post Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen.

## \*Post Communion Prayer

L Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

#### C Amen

## \*Sending Call and Response:

- L God's work!
- C Our hands!
- L God's love!
- C Our hearts!
- L God's story!
- C Our voices!

## \*Blessing of Back Bay Mission Travelers

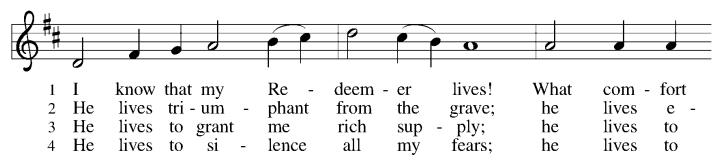
#### \*Benediction:

P "Barocha" - Michael Card

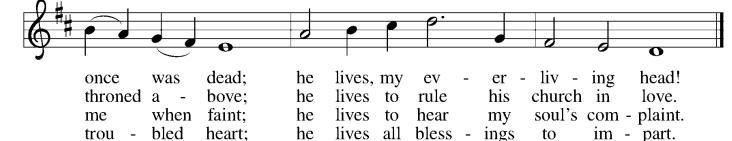
C Amen.

\*Sending Hymn: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" (verses 1-4) ELW 619

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Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

Music: Duke Street, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

#### \*Dismissal:

- L Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

#### Announcements for April 28, 2024

#### Serving in Worship Today:

**Acolyte:** Micah Smith

**Ushers:** Jim Suding and Gary Santoni

**Greeter:** Marla Suding

Lay Worship Leader, Communion Assistant and Lector: Nancy Carlson

Altar Guild: Diane Scholer and Amy Norris

#### Calendar of Events for the Week of April 28:

Sunday, April 28 – Bible Study/Sunday School (9am) and Worship in Fellowship Hall (10am), New

Member Class (following Worship) and Hispanic Ministry Meeting at Ross Center (5pm)

Monday, April 29 - Bible Study (10am) and Choir Practice (4pm)

**Tuesday, April 30 -** Walking Group meets (9am), Staff Meeting (9:30am), and Binding Ties Group (10am)

**Wednesday, May 1 -** Better Together Wellness (6pm)

Thursday, May 2 - Girl Scout Meeting-Kelli Smith (6:30pm)

Friday, May 3 - Better Together Wellness (8:30am & 10am)

Saturday, May 4 - Stephen Ministry Training (9am) and Step Aerobics (9:30am)

#### Flowers at the Altar:

(If you would like to purchase a \$10 flower arrangement to decorate the altar, please fill out the flower chart on the closet door in the lobby/narthex and make sure to fill out a slip and put the slip in the envelope with your check or money and put it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Thank you.)

#### **Prayer Requests:**

We invite you to send us any prayer requests that you want included in our weekly emails or the Holy Trinity Prayer Chain. Send requests to: <a href="mailto:holytrinitymuncie@gmail.com">holytrinitymuncie@gmail.com</a>.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Rick Rowray

Jennifer Worley

Nancy Parkison

Karen Huff

Solom and Mary Miller

Shelle Richardson

Bonnie and Mitchell Eldridge

Kent Windmiller, Karen Wenger's brother

David and Jensy Engle, Susie Peterson's parents

Helen Merz

Angie Kidd and her son, Evan

Janis Foster, Shirley Foster's daughter-in-law

Matthew Santoni

Roberta Debolt

**Chuck Cook** 

Stephanie and Rich Thompson

Maria and her family in Ukraine

Dan Haynes

John Paul Metzcar

Mary Broughton

For all who are sick and suffering

\*Please stand as you are able.

#### Birthdays and Anniversaries for April 28 - May 4, 2024:

Birthdays:

April 28 - Peter Mattucci

April 30 - Katelyn Petts

May 2 - Kris Bishop

May 4 - Justin Dennis

May 4 - Paula Gregory

#### Anniversaries:

No anniversaries on record.

#### **New Member Classes:**

We will be having New Member Classes on April 21, April 28, and May 5 after worship, and we plan to officially welcome our new members on May 12. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

#### Phase 2/Part 2 of the Building Renovation Has Begun!

The front entrance and access to the lift have been blocked. The temporary main entrance has been moved to the East side of the building facing Pauline Street.

Worship will be in Fellowship Hall for a while as they work on the front entrance.

Please be aware that Jenni will have signs up directing people to the office and that the office may move to the east side of the building as needed during the week.

During the construction time we ask that you watch for signs for directions and safety cautions. During the week if you come to the church we ask you to avoid the construction area as much as you can for your safety and the safety of the construction crew.

#### **Patience and Prayers:**

We ask for your patience and prayers. It is never easy to go through a renovation and there will be a lot going on at the church during the renovation, that will, at times, interrupt our regular schedule. Please keep the construction crews, building team and all who are involved in the renovation in your prayers.

If you have any questions or comments, please talk with Larry Wood or John Scholl.

## Thank You, Perry!

Join us in thanking Perry for sharing his gift of music with us over the last few weeks as Karen has been away letting her broken arm heal.

Perry we wish you well and pray the Lord's blessings upon you and your future endeavors!



#### **Personal Hygiene Kit Items**



- 1 hand towel (approximately 16'x 28')
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 wide tooth comb
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 toothpaste
- 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- 1 plastic soap container
- 1 deodorant (men or women)
- 1 razor (men or women)

## Wish List for Donations

Food Pantry or Micah Homeless Day Center

Canned Meats Vienna Sausages (pop tops) Beanie Wienies (pop tops) Tuna/Chicken Spam/Ham

Canned Soups/ Broths Canned Vegetables Canned Dinners (pop tops) Beef / Cheese ravioli

Beefaroni Lasagna Spaghetti & Meatballs

Chili. Etc. Condiments Gravy mixes/jars

Hot Sauce Soy Sauce Jelly

Ketchup/Mustard/Mayonnaise Picante/ Salsa

Salad dressings Spices

Peanut Butter Jars /powdered To go packs

Individual Fruit Cups

Snack packs Individual servings boxed Family Packs

Pasta & Rice Side Dishes Bags of white or brown rice

Boxes of grits and oatmeal (individual packets) Cold Cereal

Snack bags of assorted chips Juice boxes

MICAH CENTER WISH LIST Underwear - No white preferred Men's (S-M-L-XL-XXL)

Women's (S-M-L) Women's jeans or pants Men's jeans (W30-42; L32-34)

Men's & Women's Foot powder (few) Antibiotic ointment Rain gear/ponchos Back Packs Body wash

Deodorant

Hygiene kits

1 hand towe 1 wash cloth

1 wide tooth comb 1 toothbrush 1 toothpaste

1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper) 1 plastic soap containe

1 deodorant (men or women)

Tents Batteries all sizes Backpacks Flash lights Foot and hand warmers Cases of Ramen noodles, chicken or Tuna—canned or tuna to go CLEANING SUPPLIES—Clorox cleaner or

Lysol disinfectant cleaner, paper towels.

dish liquid, toilet paper, laundry deter-