

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say Emily Clem

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

* Call to Worship Jennifer Quillen

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

God's love endures forever!

The Lord is our strength and our song;

God has become our salvation!

Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise Morning Has Broken # 664

*Call to Confession Jennifer Quillen

The Lord watches over all of our ways and knows the thoughts and intentions of our hearts. Let us put our trust in God's grace and confess our sins.

* Prayer of Confession Unison

Our Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have failed you with our actions and inactions. We have not loved you and our neighbors with our whole hearts. For the sake of Jesus Christ, we ask you to hear our confession and forgive our sin. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Kyrie Eleison Unison

Three staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The lyrics are: "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" (Staff 1), "You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!" (Staff 2), and "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" (Staff 3). Chords are indicated above the notes: Am, D, C, D, Em, C for the first line; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D for the second line.

*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

In Jesus Christ, God has promised to forgive our failures and renew our hearts. Receive the gift of God's grace. In the name of our Savior, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

* The Gloria Patri Unison

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end; Amen.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ Dr. Kling

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples Dr. Kling

Prayer of Illumination Jennifer Quillen

Gracious God, you call us to follow Christ and spread the good news of your love for all people. Guide us through your Word to live out your love and peace. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen

First Reading 1 John 4: 7-11 Jennifer Quillen
p. 1,209

Anthem Seek to Serve

Second Reading Acts 8: 26-40 Dr. Kling
pgs. 1,087-1,088

Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Divine Interventions" Dr. Kling

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn of Preparation Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken #498

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table Dr. Kling

The Communion Prayer

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.

With fresh eyes and renewed hope, we join our voices with those around the world and with your heavenly choir in lifting up our thanks and prayers...

(Dr. Kling continues with the Communion Prayer)

*The Lord's Prayer Unison

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.

The Words of Institution Dr. Kling

Sharing the Bread and Cup
Please hold each element until all have been served.

Prayer After Communion Dr. Kling

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory A Prayer for a Spring Day Emily Clem

*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.**

* Prayer of Dedication Dr. Kling

*Prayer for the Pastor Nominating Committee Unison

"Our Loving God, look graciously on this Church. Please guide the minds of the PNC as they search for our next Pastor. Lead the search committee to a Pastor who will be a faithful partner in ministry. And prepare our next Pastor to care for this congregation as we share Christ's love with others. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen."

*Hymn of Sending I Come With Joy #515

*Charge Dr. Kling

Wherever we go, God has sent us; Wherever we are, God has put us there; God has a purpose in our being there; there is something that God wants to do through us. Wherever we are!

*Benediction Dr. Kling

As God's people we all say,

Alleluia, Amen!

* Postlude In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful Emily Clem

**Stand if you are able*

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Doris Welch (Home)	Bonnie Chambers (Home)
Dean Steele	Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Susie Fogg (Home)	Stephen Toney (Home)
Sharon Massey	Jac Catlett
Rene Brown (Healing)	Diane Lynn (Health)
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)	Gale Cottles (Healing)
Debbi O'Neill (Healing)	Jan Ruth (Healing for eyes)

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel - Army	Sean Miller - Army
Adam Naves - Marines	Damien Williams - Army
Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard	Michael Ress - USAF -AZ
Joshua Hargrove - Deployed	Jay Tulley- Middle East

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Bob Defour (Doyle & Suzanne Weeks son-in-law)
Brent Harris (Friend of Chris Hilgeman)
Sue Guyer (Health & Healing, Bonny Noel's sister)
Gerry & Denzil Smith (Healing) cousin of Jan Ruth)
Alex Noel (Nephew of John & Bonny Noel)
Bill Grisham (Health, Pam Gregg's dad)
Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)
Kierra Anderson (Friend of Gale Cottles)
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)
Sherry Thompson (Healing, sister of Christy Arnett)
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)
Steven Smith (Healing cousin of Jan Ruth)
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)
John Cotten (Healing, Potter's Hand)
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)
Maggie Ruth Naves (Healing, great granddaughter of Hazel White)
Cheryl Phelps (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Jessie Saunders (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Robert Jones (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Phyllis Ramshur (Health, mother- in - law of Sean Harbin)
Mike Frehner (Support, friend of David Lyle)

FOR OUR VISITORS:

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect with you personally. Prayer Request/Visitor cards are located in the pews. Please place it with the offering or give it to the pastor following the service. Thank you for worshiping with us today!

The Session

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Courtney Greene	Karan Baker	Cindy Witt
Don Payne	Gary Boyd	Stephen Ware
Jerry Witt	Stanley Hand	Tom Clem
<u>Trustees</u>		
Larry Burlingame	John Noel	Price Boyd
<u>PNC</u>		
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Vicki Kellogg	John Noel (Chair)	Libby Shindorf

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Flowers

The flowers are given today to the glory of God by Tom and Roberta Ress



Today's Services:

Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

Liturgist

Jennifer Quillen

Musicians:

Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Volunteers:

Church Nursery:

May 12th- Ruth Whitten
May 19th- Suzanne Paysinger

Liturgist:

May 12th- Courtney Greene

Communion Prep:

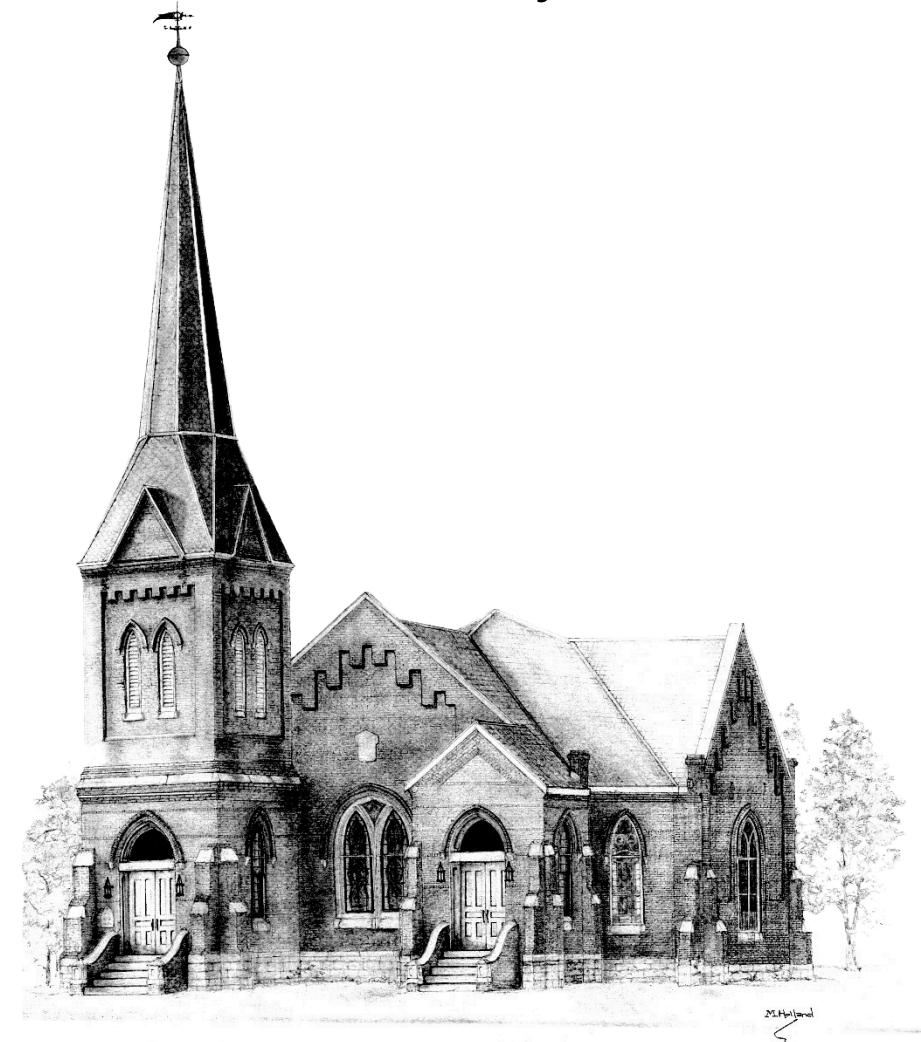
June 2nd- Stephen Warer

Prayer Family

Gale and Michael Cottles
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May 5, 2024

6th Sunday after Easter



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