

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday May 5, 2024

Theme: Breaking Dawn - Living on the Vine



**“Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5**

## *GATHERING*

*Prelude:* “In Christ Alone” setting Jason Payne

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Eastertide people, Jesus chooses us and calls us Friends!

**People: We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.**

Leader: Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.

**People: We abide in Love because Love abides in us.**

Leader: Jesus invites and beckons us to come to the place where we know the joy of living and loving the way God loves.

**People: We abide in Joy because Joy abides with us.**

Leader: Easter people, Jesus welcomes us home!

**People: We come to make our home with God and one another, bound together by Love and enlivened by Joy.**

\*Hymn: #327 “From All That Dwells Below the Skies”

\*Prayer of the Day

**Gathering today with the wonders of creation around us, we offer praise for the beauty of this season. As we pray, we welcome the opportunity to make a joyful noise before you, O God. Yet, joyful noises are not easy for everyone to make. We come from differing situations and needs. We confess that sometimes we are burdened by the stresses of daily living. Some of us may be weary from the tasks of serving others. Perhaps all of us worried over the state of the world and where that is all leading.**

**Speak to us, O God, in the stillness of this time and remind us of Jesus’ willingness to take our burdens upon himself and to learn from him - to experience his gentleness and steadfast love for all. Offer us His joy so that our joy may be complete. Confident in these promises, we offer this time of worship to you, O God, praying that it may reflect our praise and thanksgiving for the gifts of creation and for all that Jesus has done for us. This we pray in his name, AMEN**

Call to Confession and Declaration of Pardon

## *PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD*

*Anthem:* “Give Me Jesus” arr. Robert Lau

Scripture: I John 5:1-6 and John 15:9-17

Sermon: **“From the Vine to the Fruit”**

Affirmation of Faith Psalm 23 – The Psalm of the Day (*unison*)

**The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

\*Hymn: #465 “What a Friend We Have In Jesus”

## *RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD*

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of joy, we offer our gifts this day, as we reflect on the wisdom of your Word. Jesus urges us to hold onto him, to stay connected to his example, presence, and the fulfillment he brings. He reveals that our joy finds completeness when it is woven into his divine joy. Help us abide in him through love, obeying his commandment to love one another. In acts of service, healing, and selfless generosity, may our joy be sustained, a shared and everlasting gift from the source of all joy. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: #817 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

\*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude:* "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" Anna Laura Page

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor  
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

### Prayers of the Congregation

**Prayer Family this week: Jenny, Olivia & Emma Keenan**

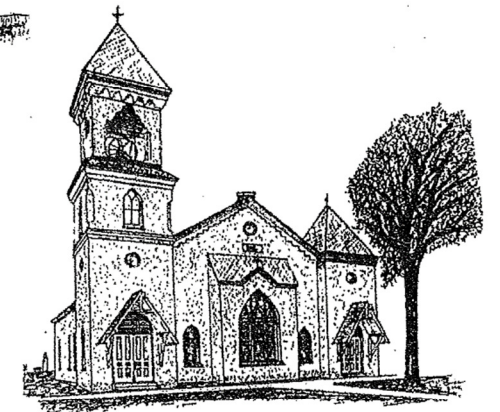
**Christine Wells**, our Presbytery administrator, continued comfort on the death of her husband Nate Schimmel, age 39, whose celebration of life took place yesterday at Lancaster Mennonite School.

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Jim Hess & Pat Ide  
Given by Gerry and Family**

Rev. Jim's mother, **Nell Irvin** expresses her gratitude for all the birthday cards she received as she celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday April 27.

# Leacock Presbyterian Church

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