



May 7, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Thoughts of Preparation

Jesus did not come to create a country club or a tribe of people who could say, "We're in and you're out. We've got the truth and you don't." Jesus came to reveal something that was true everywhere, for everyone, and all the time. – *Father Richard Rohr*

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Meditation on "Bread of Life"

(Jack Goode)

Tower Bell

Introit

Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled-
Jesus Christ the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

***Call to Worship**

Brothers and sisters, come and worship!

For we are a chosen people, royal priests, a holy nation. God's very own family!

We gather to worship in the name of Jesus Christ, our living cornerstone,

who, though rejected by the world, was chosen and precious in God's sight.

And like living stones, let us be built up into a spiritual house for God,

offering sacrifices of worship and praise that are pleasing in his sight.

Let's worship God together!

***Processional Hymn #544**

"The Church's One Foundation"

(Aurelia)

(vss. 1,2,4,5)

*Prayer of Adoration & Confession

If we say we are completely put together, the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our distractions, our errors, and our anxieties, God will meet us and renew us. Before God and God’s people, I confess that I have been reluctant to speak out clearly, naming the injustice I see and declaring God’s vision. Before God and one another, we confess our reluctance to receive our calling as God’s people, made by God and chosen as witnesses to God’s dream of justice and joy. Remind me, God, that you have made me for your service and recharge me with your Word.

Renew us, God. Grant us courage to live out your Way of peace and grace.

We ask it in Jesus’ name; Amen.

*Words of Assurance

God has promised that whenever we repent and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours. That promise comes true now. Sisters and brothers, know that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven—loved, blessed, and renewed!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

(Greatest)

**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. Amen.**

Children’s Chat

Scripture Lesson – 1 Peter 2:2-10 [Contemporary English Version]

Be like newborn babies who are thirsty for the pure spiritual milk that will help you grow and be saved. You have already found out how good the Lord really is.

Come to Jesus Christ. He is the living stone people have rejected, but which God has chosen and highly honored. And now you are living stones being used to build a spiritual house. You are also a group of holy priests, and with the help of Jesus Christ you will offer sacrifices that please God. It is just as God says in the Scriptures,

*“Look! I am placing in Zion a choice and precious cornerstone.
No one who has faith in this one will be disappointed.”*

You are followers of the Lord, and this stone is precious to you. But it isn't precious to those who refuse to follow him. They are the builders who tossed aside the stone that turned out to be the most important one of all. They disobeyed the message and stumbled and fell over this stone, because they were doomed.

But you are God's chosen and special people. You are a group of royal priests and a holy nation. God has brought you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Now you must tell all the wonderful things he has done. The Scriptures say,

*“Once you were nobody. Now you are God's people.
At one time no one had mercy on you.
Now God has treated you with kindness.”*



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

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PROGRAM

Coffee Fellowship Time Fellowship Hall (L.L.) 9:00 a.m.
Worship Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Child Care South Hallway 9:30 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF

POSITION

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Church Office Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday Closed
Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. Barry Bordenkircher

Liturgist: John Robson

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Bertie Jo Tuerpe & David Stamm

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

Sunday, May 7: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion Sunday

Monday, May 8: 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, May 9: 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, May 10: Noon-2:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch-Lunch provided

Thursday, May 11: 9:00 a.m.-Noon Food Pantry
7:00 p.m.– 8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 13: 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
10:00 a.m. Leadership Team Meeting
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. The Chosen Series

Sunday, May 14: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Mother's Day

Anthem

“Shout To God”

(Joseph Martin)

Shout to God, sing a loud hosanna
Shout to God with a song of joy!
Shout to God with a loud hosanna.
Glory to God! Come sing to God a song of joy.
Praise the Lord with the trumpet.
Praise the Lord with a shout.
Praise ye the Lord with the crashing cymbals.
Praise Him with Alleluia!

Gathering Together in Prayer

Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer

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 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.**

Response

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

Scripture Lesson – John 14.1-14 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Today's Message

"And You Still Do Not Know Me?" Rev. Barry Bordenkircher

Offertory Invitation

God blesses us abundantly. Let us respond to the great grace and offer good things to God with thanksgiving and devotion.

Offertory

"Ave Verum"

(W.A. Mozart)

Ave, verum corpus
Natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum immolatum
In Cruce pro homine,

Jesu, word of God incarnate,
of the virgin Mary born;
On the cross thy sacred body
for us men with nails was torn.

Cujus latus perforatum
Unda fluxit et sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.

Cleanse us by thy blood and water
streaming from thy pierced side
Feed us with the body broken
now and in death's agony.

***Doxology**

(Old 100th)

**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**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, here are our gifts of time; here are our gifts of talents; here are our gifts of money; building stones for Your Kingdom, awaiting shaping and placing within Your loving purpose. Amen.

***Hymn**

"Let Us Be Bread"

Sing Twice

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and
shared, life for the world. Let us be wine,
love free-ly poured. Let us be one in the Lord. —

Hearing Assistance

We have wireless receivers for the hearing impaired which you may obtain from an usher.

Pastoral Care Notice

If a pastoral care need arises, please contact the church office at (859) 431-1818 and we will get a message to Pastor Barry or John Robson to contact you. You can also call, text or email Barry at:
Revbarryb@stjohnsuccnewport.org
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In Our Prayers

Norma Biery, Judy Eads, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Donna & Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Mark Hater, Chuck Hawkins, Family of Bette Kendrick, Pam Maloney, Carol & Henry Marksberry, Kirstie Rice, Shirley Rice, Barbara Runge, Char Scholl, Bill Seibert, Bruce Shay, Ed Von Strohe, Bonnie Walter, Wendy Watts, John & Peggy Westlund

Continued Prayerful Support

Homebound members.
Those in assisted living and nursing homes.
Rev. Barry Bordenkircher
Church Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and all our church leaders.

Homebound Member of the Week

Our homebound member of the week is Robert Hasse. Robert's birthday is Friday, May 10th. Take a moment this week to send him a card or give him a call as we celebrate Robert as our member of the week!

His address is:

Robert Hasse
500 Lakeview Drive #103
Wilder, KY 41071

Infant, Toddler, Preschool and School Age Child Care is Available on Sunday Mornings

We have childcare workers available for our infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school age children. Children can be dropped off starting at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in the Youth Room. You can ask any usher for assistance or information about this program.

Audio Recordings of Our Sunday Services

Did you miss a Sunday service or would like to hear one over again? You can get a CD audio recording of any service each week down on the table located at the North Lobby entrance. The recordings are separated by date so just look for the service you want to hear and take it home.

The Chosen

Join us as we watch and discuss **Season 3 of The Chosen**. Sessions are Saturday 10 – 11:30 am in the church Fellowship Hall. All are welcome; join us as you are able.

Episode 5: DELIGHT in what Jesus delights in – “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (*Matthew 6: 19-21*) - **Saturday May 13**



Lunch Bunch
Wednesday, May 10th
Noon-2:00pm
Lunch will be provided—Taco Bar
Drinks and dessert provided



Memorial Day Roll of Remembrance

If you are a church member and would like to add a member of your family to update our Military Roll of Remembrance for Memorial Day 2023, please contact the church office.

Please note that names featured in previous years will be included again, and there is no need to re-submit them. Thank you!



Graduate Recognition

During worship on Sunday, June 18th St. John’s will be recognizing the graduates in our midst. If you know of someone graduating from High School, College, University or another academic institution, please contact the church office to let us know. Thank you!

Gathering at the Lord’s Table – Holy Communion

We Gather at the Lord's Table

Come, all you who are loved by God, Come to the table of the Lord,
Come and eat food with no cost, Come and drink with no money to pay.

We come to eat, to drink, and our hearts are glad.

Yes, Dear Lord our God, our hearts truly are glad, and we are filled with thankfulness,
Because in Your great love You did not abandon us in the dark and fearful places
of this world, But in Jesus, You came to us, to reclaim us, to restore us, and to give us new life.

And all who are tired and burdened, all who are frightened and unsafe, all who are sick and broken, can come and find new life.

We remember the way that Jesus showed us His love: on the evening before He died, He had supper with His friends. During the meal, He took the loaf of bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and then passed it around with these words:

This is my body broken for you.

Eat this and remember Me.

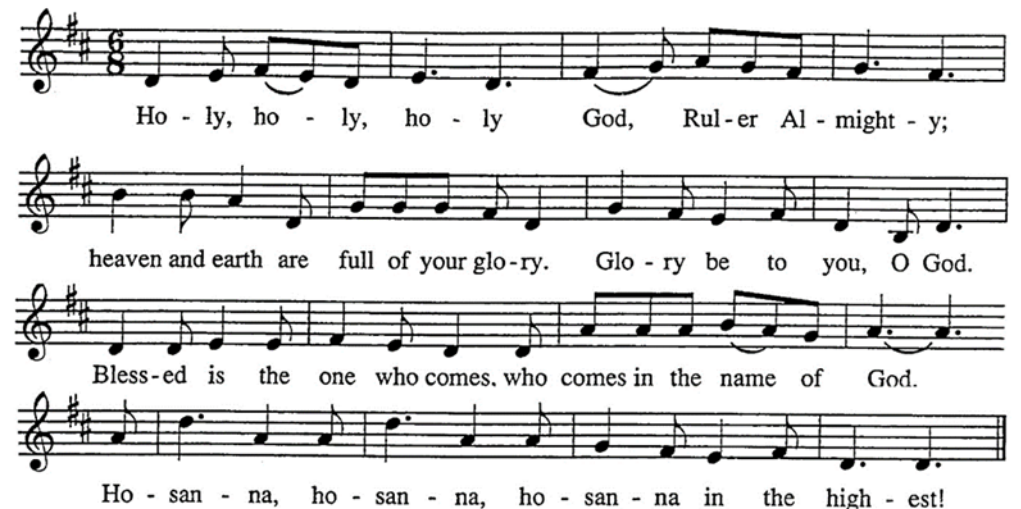
And, after the meal He took the cup of wine, gave thanks for it and then passed it around with these words:

This is my blood shed for you.

Drink this and remember Me.

And now, every time we eat bread like this, and every time we drink wine like this,
We remember Jesus, and His everlasting love.

Therefore, with your people in all ages and with the whole company of heaven we join in the song of unending praise, singing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul - er Al - might - y;
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo - ry be to you, O God.
Bless - ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Sharing The Bread and Fruit of the Vine

We Prepare to Go Back Into the World

Now come, all you who are loved by God, hear His call to serve others as He has served you;

Hear His invitation to be part of His plan to rescue the world; join the community of those who walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

Lord God of World-Changing Love, We thank You for this meal, and for welcoming us to Your table. We remember that we are Your children, and that You have called us to share Your love with everyone we meet. Help us to receive Your life, walk in Your strength, and follow Your ways every moment of our lives. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #551** *“As a Fire is Meant for Burning”* *(Beach Spring)*

***Benediction**

***Choral Response**

Postlude *“The God of Abraham Praise”* *(Gordon Young)*



GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD!



Welcome!

Welcome to this house of prayer and worship!

We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God’s Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ.

May you know His grace and peace today!

Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.



Flowers in church today are provided by the Sanctuary Flower Fund. If you or anyone you know would benefit from the beauty and joy of the arrangement, please feel free to take them.

Open flower dates are May 14th, 21st, & 28th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.



WORSHIP NOTES

Today's CALL TO WORSHIP is from the Rev. Dr. Christine Longhurst, Assistant Professor of Worship and Music, Canadian Mennonite University-Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. The Prayer of CONFESSION & RENEWAL is from the United Church of Christ’s Worship Ways Archive (www.ucc.org/). The OFFERTORY dedication was written by Rev. Dr. Derek Browning, and posted on the Church of Scotland’s Starters for Sunday website (www.churchofscotland.org.uk). The COMMUNION liturgy is from Rev. John van de Laar’s “*A Liturgy for Holy Communion*” (at Saredise, www.sacrdise.com).



Trash cans are located at each exit for disposal of communion cups.

