First Presbyterian Church of Hawley

"Come to Grow in Love, Spirit, and Faith"

May 15, 2022
10 AM

5th Sunday of Easter

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"You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien; I am the Lord your God."

Leviticus 19:10

Please take time to prepare for worship through meditation and prayer during the prelude. As the prelude begins, quiet your voice and soul. With music and prayer let us move from 'getting to church' to 'being the church' as we worship together.

Opening Prayer

O God, we trust in your power, even as it is often found in weakness; in your wisdom, even as it is expressed in seeming foolishness; in your wholeness, even as it comes to us amid brokenness. We do not ask this day for dazzling displays of strength, electric exercises of intellectual prowess, or marvelous manifestations of miracles. We come simply to worship you. Touch us this day, O Lord, sinners that we are, that we might become your saints, your body, your children, your church. For this temple of your Spirit is built not upon our own abilities, knowledge or restorative skill, but upon you, in Jesus Christ.
All: Amen.

PRELUDE ***Angel's Story*** **Glyncannon**
Adele Harrison, organ

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Mark Juengel**

INTROIT **Be Not Afraid**
Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Sherry Milliken**

Leader: Let us worship a God of surprises! Too often, we are told that winning is everything.
People: Here, in this place, we glimpse God's reality that we must lose in order to gain.
Leader: Too often, we believe that freedom means autonomy, that we are in charge of our own lives.
People: Here we learn again that true freedom comes from God. We are free when we follow Christ and obey God's commandments.
Leader: Too often, we are told that we are what we have, that wealth reigns and power rules.
People: Here we remind one another of God's good news: "The stone that was rejected has become the chief cornerstone."
All: Let us worship a God of surprises! Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's startling good news once again..

***Hymn #1: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"**

CALL TO CONFESSION **Sherry Milliken**

"You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." With these words to Moses, God calls us to walk in newness of life, yet we fall short. Let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that holiness is far easier to say than it is to do. Our words are pious but mask attitudes of intolerance and judgment. Our concern for others is shallow, swallowed up by our own self-interest. We resort to platitudes of compassion and care rather than modify our behavior in order to embrace those who are different or unlovely. This is not holiness, and we confess our failures to you. We confess that we need your grace to see ourselves and the games we play. We need your power to change our attitudes and actions. Ignite within us the passion and audacity to be holy disciples of Jesus Christ in the midst of a world of sound bytes and rhetoric. Amen.

Kyrie

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness **Sherry Milliken**

Leader: God knows our frailties and looks upon us with compassion and mercy.

People: We receive the gift of God's forgiveness with joy and thanksgiving!

All: Alleluia! Amen.

***Congregational Response, Hymn #33 ,**
"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia! Praise the providence and grace. Alleluia! All the God for us has done, Alleluia! All God send us through the Son. Alleluia.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST **Rev. Mark Juengel**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION **Sherry Milliken**

O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold, and sweeter than the purest honey. As we turn to your Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your Word with truth and grace -- so that the good news of your love

would shine before our eyes and delight our senses ... so that we cannot help but respond with wonder, faith and trust. **All: Amen.**

First Lesson: Leviticus 19: 9-18 **Sherry Milliken**

Second Lesson: Acts 11:1-18 **Rev. Mark Juengel**

Musical Meditation ***Spirit of God*** **Arr. Strommen**
Chancel Choir

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON **"Going Global"** **Rev. Mark Juengel**

***Hymn #721: "Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore"**

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY
Offertory ***I Offer My Life*** **Wolaver**
Matthew Rupcich, piano

Offertory Prayer

***Doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND **THE LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)**

***Hymn #724: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"**

THE BENEDICTION

Choral Benediction *Amen!* Lutkin
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy* Livingston, Jr.
Adele Harrison, organ

*Please stand if you are able.