

Sixth Sunday of Easter/Confirmation Sunday May 7, 2023

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Prelude - March on the Old Hundredth - Brenda Portman

Call to Worship

Kennedie Ward

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Lift your hearts up to the Lord.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Opening Hymn 261 - Lord of the Dance**

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:
At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me and the dance went on:*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
And they left me there on a cross to die:*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
But I am the dance, and I still go on:*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

Invocation

Kattie Priebe

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:2

Lucy Benson

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Isaiah 58:1

Wilbur Eleanor Chase

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Kennedie Ward

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gloria Patri (sung)**

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.

Anthem

8:30 - *10,000 Reasons* - Lloyd Larson

11:00 - *Yet Will I Sing* - Alyssa Bair

God's Word for Young Disciples

(Children may leave for Children's Worship. They may be picked up in Asbury Hall following the service.)

Sermon

Wilbur Eleanor Chase

RESPONSE

The people of God respond to the Word

Hymn of Response 368 - My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**

*My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Refrain:

*On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When Darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
(Refrain)*

*His oath, his covenant, his blood
supports me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.
(Refrain)*

*When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!
(Refrain)*

Confirmation

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM AND APOSTLE'S CREED

VOWS

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? I do.

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to live according to God's holy will and commandments and walk in them all the days of your life as a faithful member of Christ's holy church? I do.

*Will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?
I will.*

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care, these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love. We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

CONFIRMATION I

*Teachers: Jen McKenna
Denice Wilson*

CONFIRMATION II

*Teachers: Kattie Priebe
Valerie Riedthaler*

*Camie Barker
Kaiya Millirons
Ruth Priebe
Colton Soboslay
Marcus Wilson*

*Lucy Alyce Benson
Eleanor Anwyn Chase
Kennedie Ellen-Marie Ward*

Apostles' Creed

*We believe in the God, the Father Almighty,
maker of Heaven and Earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
the third day, he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven
and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
From thence he has come to judge the quick and the dead
We 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.*

Discipleship Moment

Offertory - *O Worship the King* - Raymond Haan

(Please fill out the attendance sheet found in the pew.)

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.

Prayers of Dedication

Communion/The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal p. 12)

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. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith

Closing Hymn 251** - *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Refrain:

*Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.*

*While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. [Refrain]*

*The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]*

*Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]*

Benediction and Choral Response - (Hymn 668)

Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee.

Postlude - *Again I Say Rejoice* - Brenda Portman



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and given
in honor of the Confirmation Class of 2023, by Val Riedthaler;
in honor of the confirmands, by Lucy Benson's family.

Service Music: 8:30 Epworth Choir; **11:00** Chancel Choir;
Music: One License A-731491

CHURCH NOTES

UMW/UWF Accessory Sale Donations: We are still taking donations of gently-used jewelry and purses through tomorrow, May 7. The Accessory Sale which will take place on Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Wesley Hall. All money raised goes to missions. Donations may be dropped off in the church office. Questions? Contact Sue Boltz at 330-928-8635.

Attention VBS Teachers and Helpers: Our required training meetings will be held on Wednesday, May 17, (12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.) with a make-up session on Sunday, May 21 after the 11:00 a.m. service. There will be a light meal served at each session. Anyone needing Safe Sanctuary training or recertifying will do so after one of these sessions. Please let Donna Curfman know which session you will attend.

Nursery Help: We are looking for a permanent, paid childcare person for the Nursery starting immediately. If you are interested, please contact Donna Curfman at Ext. 219 or dcurfmanfallsumc@gmail.com.

Items Needed For VBS: Thanks to all who have been bringing in the items from the Giving Board in the Breezeway. This helps with VBS and our children's programs. All items are due May 28.

Golf Outing: The 17th Walter "Bud" Mills Golf outing, the major fundraising event for the Epworth Choir Tour, will be held at Brookledge Golf Club on June 24th, at 1:30. There will be prizes, raffle baskets, and dinner. You may also attend just the dinner (contact Dean.) Putt-Putt will be available at Downview from 4:30-6 for a reduced price of \$4 (mention the golf outing.) We are also seeking sponsors for holes, carts, gifts, and baskets. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center with more information or you may contact Dean Wagner, or Jim Boss.

Good Neighbors is requesting the following: shampoo, shaving cream, toothpaste, deodorant, paper towels, bathroom tissue, laundry and dish soaps, spaghetti sauce, ramen noodles, tomato sauce, and salad dressing.

Pentecost Sunday: Remember our tradition of bringing in a potted red geranium to place in the chancel area on Pentecost. This year it will be on May 28. The flowers are then planted around the church building.

Blessing Box: We currently have a large supply of canned good, but are in need of the following: ramen noodles, individual oatmeal packets, flavored rice/ noodle packets, canned tuna/ canned chicken, pasta, pasta sauce, individual fruit cups, travel sized toothpaste, toothbrushes, travel sized body wash, travel sized shampoo.

Vacation Bible School: Registration has begun for *The Hero Hotline* which runs from June 19 - 23. Programs for children aged 3 (by September) through 4th grade are from 9 a.m. to noon. Children in 5th and 6th grades will participate in a program of mission projects and field trips. VBS Extreme is currently full, but you may be put on a waiting list if you like. If you've not paid for Extreme by May 12, you may lose your spot. There are limited openings for each program so register early. Registration deadline is May 26.

1st Church Feeds- our monthly food distribution is now on the 3rd Saturday of each month. At our monthly distribution, we give out more than food. We are often able to get items like soap, paper towels, and pet food from the Food Bank. However, personal hygiene items, especially bladder control products for men and women (such as Poise pads or disposable underwear) are frequently requested by our clients but are rarely available from the Food Bank. Currently we have some products for women,

but we could use donations of products for men. We would love to be able to offer these products on a regular basis.

We are requesting donations of these products. Please drop off items in the bin marked First Church Feeds behind the welcome center. And as always, monetary donations are appreciated as well. THANK YOU!

Christmas Shoeboxes: Acts of Grace, in conjunction with the Epworth Youth Group, are collecting items each month in an effort to pack 100 shoeboxes. The items for May are: small stuffed animals, combs, and toy cars (Matchbox type.)

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PRAYER BULLETIN
MAY 7, 2023**



MINISTERS & STAFF:

Forrest Waller & Mike Ward

HOSPITALIZED:

MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Kathy & Scott Adie Bob Ahonen Debbie Amundsen Shirley Asher Mary Ellen Atwood Behrman family Mark & Cindy Blaser Robert Boyd Larry Brimlow	Don Corbett Jim Evans Jean Finnegan Rose Gregory Mary Griest Joyce Haberkost Jim Henes Phil Hennen	Doris Kuzas Marcia Liikala Pat Park Kathi Sawyer Todd Schneider Cynthia Schrier Christina Shaw Ken Tunstall
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DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:

Family of member Bob Todd on his death on 4/24.

Family of member Emily Welty on her death 4/22.