

Weekly Readings:

Monday Romans 12:9-21
 Tuesday Colossians 3:12-17
 Wednesday Galatians 5:1-15
 Thursday 1 John 2:7-17
 Friday 1 John 3:1-18
 Saturday 1 John 4:7-21



Save the Date

The Leadership please save the date for May 14th, Ad Council Mtg.

Announcements this week:

- ◆ **Monday:** Bible Study @ 1:30
Shawl Ministry @ 7:00 pm.
- ◆ **Tuesday:** Worship Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Wednesday:** Jubilation @ 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Thursday:** Ascension Day

CAN YOU HELP?

We are planning the Summer Food for Kids program. We will need individual mac and cheese cups; peanut butter; fruit snacks; applesauce cups; tuna helper; tuna; spaghetti and sauce; pancake mix; and syrup.

Prayers:

Terry & Rachel Ward; Todd Hess; Dale Pullin; Galen Peckham; Glenn & Marge Moore; Bob & K. J. Clark; Family of Sue Hrubes and Storm Victims

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St. Paul

United Methodist Church

Sunday, 5th May, 2023



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501 Sycamore St., Box 187 ~ La Porte City, IA 50651

May 5th ,2024
6th Sunday after Easter

Prelude ~

Welcome & Announcements:

***Opening Hymn:** “Baptized in Water” TFWS Pg. 2248

Psalm Reading: Psalm 98 Pg. 480

Call To Worship:

Sing to our God a new song,

for God has done wondrous things.

The Holy One’s might is not found in destruction,

but in steadfast love and constant faithfulness.

These gifts are not for us alone

they are for one and all.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Break forth into songs of praise.

Let all creation praise the Lord.

Opening Prayer:

God of Love, let your Holy Spirit come upon us— into our hearts, into our minds, and into our souls. let your presence speak within us— in the languages we speak, in the ways we live and have our being. For we long to hear you, Gracious One, and to understand. We pray that you will abide in us, that we may abide in you, this day, and all days. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Acts 10:44-48 Pg. 895

***Hymn of Praise:** “Jesus Draw Me Close” 2X TFWS Pg. 2159

***Prayer of Confession:**

O God, you are bigger than the world, bigger than our fears, bigger even than our folly. We are grateful for the immensity of your love, even when it sometimes scares us. When the immensity of your love frightens us, we long to return to you in hope. When we want to make you smaller— small enough that we can hold you— help us see beyond our narrow vision. Remind us again, O God, that you will always find and hold us, for your heart is big enough to hold the whole world, including us. Teach us once more that we will always grow when we love others as we love you. Amen

***Words of Assurance:**

The God of mercy speaks every language. When we open our ears, we hear and receive God’s grace. Whenever we are afraid or overwhelmed, we have only to remember these truths. God’s love is the greatest power of all. God’s mercy is there for every one of us. God’s grace is present every moment of our lives. Amen.

***Gloria Patri:**

UMH Pg. 70

Greet One Another and Pass the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message:

Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer:

The Lord’s Prayer:

Presentation of our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings:

Offertory Prayer:

O God, our hearts sing with thanksgiving for the many gifts and graces you bring to our lives. We give you thanks for your steadfast love and faithful Spirit. Receive this offering and the gift of our whole selves that we might give as we have received and love as we have been loved. Amen.

***Doxology:**

UMH Pg. 95

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

Pg. 878

New Testament Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Pg. 991

Message: Pastor Allen

Communion:

***Closing Hymn:** “Clap Your Hands” TFWS Pg. 2028

***Benediction:**

***Sending Forth:** “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” vs 1 TFWS Pg. 2145

Postlude: