

*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

**10:00 AM**

**May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

<sup>20</sup> “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

**John 17:20-21**

**PRELUDE**

**Debbe Picerno**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: May God be gracious to us and bless us.

**P: May God’s face shine upon us and bring us peace!**

L: Let all people praise you, O Lord.

**P: Let all people shout their joy to your holy name.**

L: God blesses us continually throughout all our lives.

**P: Thanks be to God, for God’s eternal love and blessing. AMEN.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMNS**

**“Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty”  
“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”**

**No. 3**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of grace, We hide in our hearts the deepest regrets of our souls. We are ashamed to reveal that which the cross has already claimed. May we bring to light what is comfortable staying in the dark. May we believe that the promise of grace is truly for us. Forgive us for the sins we hide and the sins we ignore. Separate us from our transgressions by Your great hand of mercy. In the Name of Jesus we pray. Amen. (Silent Confession)

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel

**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**\*CONFESSION RESPONSE: “Gloria Patri”**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE: “Doxology”**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Leviticus 19:33-34**

**ANTHEM**

**“I Have Only One Life to Live”**

**Choir**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Matthew 25:34-46**

**SERMON**

**“Radical Hospitality”**

**Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin**

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*HYMN**

**“He Will Hold Me Fast”**

**POSTLUDE**

**Debbe Picerno**

**\*Those who are able please stand.**

***\*Chancel Flowers in loving memory of Lois Kearns presented by Art Kearns & Family.***



**Ushers:** Barnett Family

**Welcome Desk:**

**Liturgist:** Autumn Moore

**Greeters:** Charlotte Smedley

**Fellowship Hour:** Sarah Tarr

**Child Care:** Sarah Murtha

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**Sunday:** 10 AM Worship  
**Tuesday:** 1 PM Quilting  
**Wednesday:** 9 AM Coffee & Conversation  
**Thursday:** 7 PM Choir  
**Saturday:** 4-7 PM Block Party  
**June 5th:** 10 AM Worship-Communion

**PENTECOST-** It is customary to wear red to celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Join us next Sunday for communion and Pentecost.

**HELP NEEDED: SUMMER BLOCK PARTY-** Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> will be our annual church block party from 4-7 PM. **We are in need of volunteers to help with set up, clean up, and parking to make this event a success!** The sign up sheet is in the library.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST-** Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. All men are invited to a breakfast at Mac's Route 8 Café for a time of good food and good conversation. A sign-up sheet is located in the Library if you plan on attending.

**LADIES:** Plan to join in a baby shower celebrating Robyn Freund and the upcoming arrival of her baby Nova Grace. Shower will be held on Sunday, June 12th from 2pm - 4pm at the church. Please sign up in the library. Robyn is registered at Target and Amazon.

**ROOTED-** Are you looking for a deeper life with Jesus? Do you feel like you need to grow in discipleship? This summer Pastor Steve will be leading a pilot program called Rooted after worship on Sundays. The purpose is to grow deeper in discipleship. Spots are limited to 12. You can sign up in the library. Please see Pastor Steve for more details.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – Registration is still open for this year's Vacation Bible School which will be held June 27 – July 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 from 5:45-7:50.

**CHURCH PICNIC-** We hope you will join us for this year's church picnic on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 at the Slear's property. The Deacon's will be providing the meal. Please sign up in the library so we have an estimated count.

**SUMMER MUSICIANS NEEDED** – We need volunteers to provide special music during church this summer. If anyone is interested in providing music for one of our services, please see Vicki Georgic. Whether you play an instrument or love to sing, we welcome you to share your gift with us!

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