5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM **April 28th, 2024**

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7

Debbe Picerno PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95 in unison)

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMNS

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 90 "10,000 Reasons"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and forgiving God, we confess that we find it easier to follow the crowd than to follow You. We seek the praise of others, rather than seeking to give You joy with our faithfulness. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry. Grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen. (Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*CONFESSION RESPONSE:

"We Will Glorify"

No. 301

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*OFFERING RESPONSE:

"Turn Your Eves Upon Jesus"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SABBACTICAL UPDATE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Chronicles 7:14

ANTHEM

"A Place of Prayer"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:5-15

SERMON

"Prayer"

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN

"Take My Life"

No. 597

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

*Those who are able please stand.

Ushers:

Welcome Desk: Pam Greb

Greeters: Nancy McCombs Fellowship Hour: Nancy Rettig

Liturgist: Autumn Moore

Childcare: Sarah Murtha

	THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR	
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship
-	11 AM	Sunday School
	6-8 PM	Youth Group
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
-	6:30 PM	Deacon Meeting
Wednesday:	7 PM	Choir
Friday:	10-11 AM	Women's Bible Study
Sunday, May 5 th :	10 AM	Worship & Communion
	11 AM	Sunday School
	6-8 PM	Youth Group
	6:30-7:30 PM	Women's Bible Study

Coffee & Conversation- We be canceled this week as Pastor Steve will be out of town.

Adult Bible Study- Join us as Dave Freund leads a six week bible study by Tim Keller on The Reason for God. Class will be after worship in Room 15.

Nursery Volunteers- We are looking for nursery volunteers. Nursery coverage begins 15 minutes before church until the end of worship. Please contact Sarah Murtha if you are interested in helping.

Block Party- Our Community Block Party will be Saturday, June 1st 4-7 PM. There will be a bounce house, face painting, free food, and more! We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. There is signup sheet in the Library.

Butler Meals on Wheels- Is looking for volunteers willing to drive and deliver or substitute in the kitchen. Please contact 724-285-9573 for more information.

Women's Bible Study-Starting this week is a new Women's Bible Study on the 1st and 3rd. Fridays at 10-11 AM and Sundays from 6:30-7:30 PM in Parker Hall beginning May 3rd. Please see Laura Franklin, it's not too late to signup!

Save the Dates- This year's Vacation Bible School with be July 28th-August 1st and Summer Blast for 3rd-5th grade will be July 8th-12th. Registration is now open for Summer Blast, forms are available in the Library.

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