

# May 7, 2023

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude Pam Colbrunn  
"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. by Keenon D. Renfrow

Greeting/Life of the Church

\*\*Call to Worship

Liturgist: Come, all of you who feel lost, alienated, alone.

**Right Side: At one time we felt that way – we didn't belong anywhere.**

**Left Side: We just wanted somewhere to be.**

Liturgist: Christ, the Strong Cornerstone of our house, welcomes you.

**Right Side: Once we were no people**

**Left Side: Now we are God's people.**

**Right Side: Once we had no place to dwell.**

**Left Side: Now we live and abide in God's love.**

Liturgist: Thanks be to God for God's gracious love and hospitality.

AMEN.

\*\*Opening Hymn "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" UMH #126

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Merciful God, our refuge and our strength, train our hearts on the words of your Son: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me." Feed our souls with your spiritual milk, and build our very lives into spiritual houses that neither famine nor storm can shake the foundation of our faith. In the name of the master builder and the living stone, we pray. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Only Trust Him" UMH #337

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Offering/Offertory Pam Colbrunn  
"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" setting by John Carter

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Receive these gifts this morning, O God, author of every good gift. Out of the bounty of our hearts, we respond with faithful generosity and love. May these gifts become blessings for others as they have been a blessing for us. Amen.**

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Ministry of Music Pam Colbrunn, vocal and piano solo  
"In This Very Room" Ron and Carol Harris

Sermon "The Living Church" Pastor Jeff Bandy

Communion Prayer (unison)

**O Lord, may we who eat this bread, become a people of living stones; may we who drink this cup become a people of salvation. Enrich our faith and trust as we gather together again at your table for this sacred remembrance. We confess our broken and sinful behavior and seek forgiveness for the harm we have done to others and to ourselves. In these moments of communion together, may we experience the confidence of children who know they are loved and accepted completely. Amen.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH #13

\*\*Closing Hymn "Victory in Jesus" UMH #370

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude Pam Colbrunn  
"When I Can Read My Title Clear" arr. by Mark Hayes



*The Altar Flowers are given in honor of all of our Guest Pianists and Guest Organists.*

## Gospel Reading – 1 Peter 2:2-10 (NRSV)

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup> This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

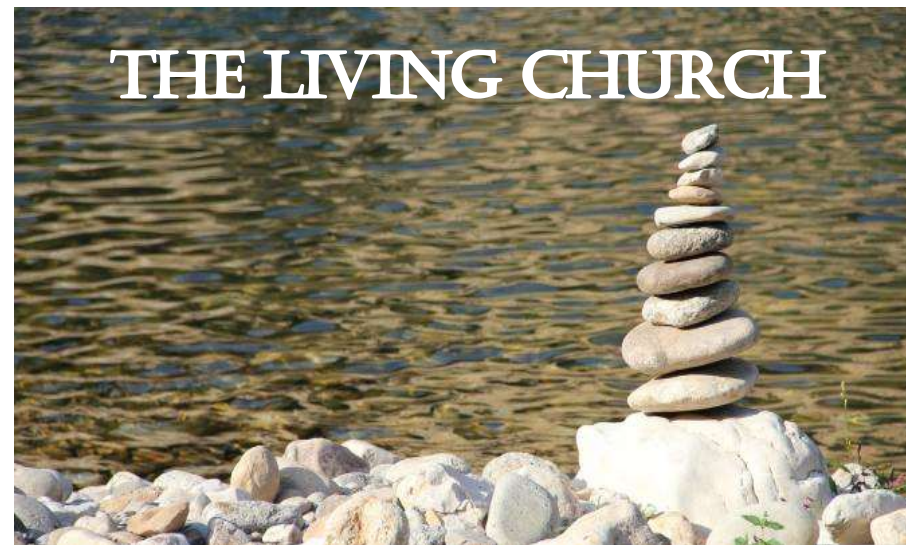
<sup>8</sup> and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

### WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew. We welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon.



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### May 7, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Eric Fleming, Mike Tittle, Butch Smith, Don Wolf
Greeters	Doug Wickline, Julie Wickline
Liturgist	Sandy Pramer
Guest Pianist	Pam Colbrunn
Choir Director	Glen Shaw
Bells Director	Jim McPeck



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Saturday 13			
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**MEN OF FAITH:** The Men of Faith will meet on **Monday, May 15 at 6 PM** in Room 16A-B (Community Center). All men are invited to join us. Each person may bring their own meal and beverage. We will have a social time during the meal. A short business meeting will be conducted at 6:30 PM followed by a meeting discussing the garden and garage sale projects, and other activities. All men especially those who may be participating in upcoming projects are urged to attend. You can find more information in our Men of Faith pamphlet in the Narthex.  
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Given in honor of (red carnation): \_\_\_\_\_

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