

Mother's Day - May 14, 2023

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude Pam Colbrunn
"Let All Things Now Living" arr. by Jan Sanborn

Greeting/Life of the Church

**Call to Worship

Liturgist: From the north and south, from the east and west . . .

People: all are welcome here.

Liturgist: With hands raised high or hearts quietly pondering . . .

People: we come to worship God.

Liturgist: Bringing our love, opening our minds . . .

People: we draw near to God, near to each other, and near to Christ, the Word of God.

**Opening Hymn "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" UMH #152

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of all nations, for creating us in all our diversity, yet calling us together in our common humanity, we offer you our thanks and praise. Speak to us with your Spirit of Truth. Reveal to us your loving presence, and guide us to display your loving Spirit in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" UMH #393

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
"O Thou, In Whose Presence" arr. by Kenon D. Renfrow

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

God of all creation, you offer us so many blessings. Create blessings, even miracles, through the gifts we now bring, that others may sense your abiding presence and know your extravagant love. In gratitude and hope, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading Acts 17:22-31

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music Wayne Cook, vocal solo; Gene Foiles, piano
"The Gift of Love" Hal Hopson

Sermon "Knowing God" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn "Because He Lives" UMH #364

**Sending Forth

Postlude Pam Colbrunn
"Heavenly Sunlight" arr. by Mark Hayes



If you purchased carnations, you may take them with you after the worship service today, but please leave the vases.

Gospel Reading – Acts 17:22-31 (NRSV)

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

May 14, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Eric Fleming, Mike Tittle, Butch Smith, Don Wolf
Greeters	Wayne Cook, Rhonda Cook
Liturgist	Mike Engle
Guest Pianist	Pam Colbrunn
Choir Director	Glen Shaw
Bells Director	Jim McPeek



Monday 15	Lifeline Screening	9:00 am	FCC
	Women United	1:00 pm	Parlor
	Men of Faith	6:00 pm	Rm 16 A-B
	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm	FH 15 A-B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15 C
Tuesday 16	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Dorcas Circle	1:00 pm	FH 15 A
	Magic Volleyball Practice	5:30 pm	FCC
	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	FH 15A,B,C, 16A
Wednesday 17	Worship Design Team	5:00 pm	Pastor's Office
	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday 18	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
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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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