

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

5th Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune

Robert Lau

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Sing a new song!

People: A joyful melody of springtime glory and rebirth.

Liturgist: Sing praise to our God of Easter,

People: Who has rolled away the bindings of yesterday.

Liturgist: Immerse your anxiety and despair in the fountain of new birth.

People: We place our visions and hopes on the table of wine and wheat.

Liturgist: For God has taken ordinary things,

People: And made them extraordinary.

All: Sing a new song!

*HYMN

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

No. 315

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **Holy God, you have taken what we call an absurdity and turned it into possibility. You have coaxed us to sing springtime alleluias where once there was a gray dawn. You have called us out of the tombs we inhabit, into a tomorrow beyond our dreams. We praise you for this day and every day! Come, Risen Christ, in newness and hope on this Eastertide day. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 2:1-10

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Robert Lau

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-14

MESSAGE

"God Is Home"

Pastor Janet Sattel

*HYMN

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

No. 306

+PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Charles Callahan

*Congregational Response *All Creatures of Our God and King*

No. 62 vs 7

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,

O praise ye! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in one!

O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

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CONFESSION and PARDON

Unison: **Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

(All pray in silence.)

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves

God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

The elements are distributed by the ushers so that we might receive communion in the pew.

Please hold the elements until instructed to receive, that we might commune together as one table.

(Gluten free wafers are available - please let an usher know if you are in need of one.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Unison: **God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and forever. Amen.**

*HYMN *Thine Be the Glory* No. 308

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: We have shared this holy meal being embraced and fed by the love of God. Go, now, knowing you have a home with God and that God is love and God is home.

All: **Amen.**

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Antiphon* Georg Muffat

*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.

Liturgist: Pastor Lisa Flory

Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd

We are committed to:

- ▶ Connecting persons to Jesus Christ
- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry

2023 Mission Support

International

Heifer Int., Congo Partners in Mission, Africa University

Lebanon County

COGS in Motion, Gretna Glen Support, Habitat for Humanity, Celebrate Recovery,

Iglesia Nuevo Nacimiento, Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM),

Jubilee Ministries, Lebanon Rescue Mission, COGS Care and Compassion Fund.



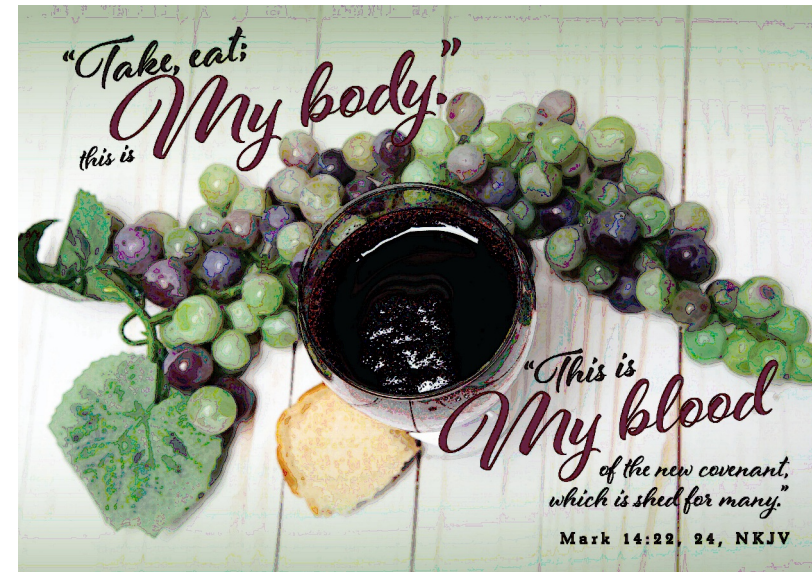
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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
Celebration of Faith



"God Is Home"

May 7, 2023

5th Sunday of Easter

11:00 A.M.

1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042
church: 717-272-7741 / www.umcogs.org

Sermon Outline:

"God is Home"
John 14:1-14; 1 Peter 2:1-10
Pastor Janet Sattel

When we believe that Jesus is the way to the Father, we are brought into the family.

God the Holy Spirit makes his home with us, which means we have God as our constant for all of eternity. God is with us today and God is our home.

Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me." The Greek word used here for trouble means: "to agitate, trouble the mind; with fear, to terrify... grief, anxiety." Jesus tells his disciples the way to avoid stress and anxiety is to trust in God and trust in him.

The Greek word for trust means to "believe" / to "trust." We can have peace in our hearts and keep anxiety at bay by trusting in Jesus, even though the world is in turmoil. We are able to keep our heart at peace despite what might be taking place in our life.

The cornerstone of Zion [Isaiah 28 & Psalm 118] is Jesus. Isaiah 28:16 says of this cornerstone, the "one who trusts will not panic."

Jesus becomes our cornerstone, on which we build the spiritual home for our lives.

We are called living stones - we are built up into a spiritual house - we become connected to God and to each other through the cornerstone of Jesus. We become the living stones that make up the new temple.

No one needs to be outside of God's love. No one needs to be without a home, for God is our home. Easter calls us, as God's people empowered through Jesus, to tell the world that there is life to be celebrated each and every day.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." The Resurrection of Jesus offers life to all who follow him. We have life today and we have the hope and the promise of eternal life.

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Calendar for Week of 5/7/2023

SUNDAY

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
9:00 - Safe Sanctuary Training [Hall]
11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]
11:00 - High School Games & Lunch 4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]
Youth Grades 6-12 please see Youth Page in
the Announcements

MONDAY

10-12 - Staff Meeting
6:00 - Private [Sanctuary]
6:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]
6:30 - Safe Sanctuary [Hall]
7:00 - Church Council [Lounge]

TUESDAY

7:00 - Learn & Discern [Lounge]

WEDNESDAY

8:30-11:30 - MLLC [rms 200/202]
7:00 - Celebrate Recovery
7:00 - Traditional Choir Rehearsal [Sanctuary]
7:00 - VBS Meeting [Hall]

THURSDAY

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team
5:30 - Traditional Design Team

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

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