

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

10:15 a.m.

(* Indicates: all who are able to please stand.)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE
WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP *Surely the Presence*

OPENING SENTENCES

L: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

P: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

L: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

P: That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

L: The living Christ is with us.

P: Praise the Lord!

*HYMNS *There's Something About That Name*
When Morning Guilds the Skies

*OPENING PRAYER

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for you are good. Your mercy endures forever. We sing and shout for the joy of your salvation, secured for us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Your living strength has triumphed! The power of life has redeemed us! Thank you for this Easter season. Send your Holy Spirit upon us now, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTHEM *Worthy Is Your Name*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE READING John 15:1-17

MESSAGE *Friends*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Family of Elecia's friend's father-in-law, Family of Jackson Gregory, Family of Kent Koehler Sr., Zander Burgess and his parents, Nancy DeWalt, Steve Martin, Don McGuire, Kailey, The Kathy Linthacum family, Terri Jacobson, Steve Fassett, Sherri, Ed Lopeman, Carol Dean, The Bill Schulte family, Susan Zimmer, The Luanne Viola family, The Jaiden Allen family, Mark, Mike Ribas, The Mona Rogel family, Allen Kuehn, Leslie, The Austen Huffman family, Megan, Mitch Kruger, Marty Johnson, Irma Gallagher, Mary Armon, Ken Schmidt, Steve McCagni, Dixie Tonozzi & family, Armetta, Belinda Klein, Mary Fiedler, Debbie, Ramona, Renee Kerr, Luke & Theresa, Bill & Melissa, Leslie, Pastor Karen Karczewski, Joe Rogel, Joyce Lucas, Joe, Angel Dannis, Bob & Marilyn Haslam, Carrie White, Deb Cooper, Mrs. Friedle, Joanna, Linda Lyon, Alli, Ron Hudkins, Teachers, students and parents, Kaysen VandeWerken, Thomas Zebron, Mary Newcomer, Pat Nickel, Bud Schlosser, Clint, Austin Zimmer, Joe Boelens, Marian Cichy, Doty, Jennifer S., Brent Becker, Pastor Doug, Matt Henkel, Steve Kerr, Lisa K., Wendy & Lori Zach, Selah Crossman, Rick Rynke, Dave & Arlene Greening, Ed Burash, Rose Hopkins, Mrs. Lucas, Linda Washkowiak, Kathy L., Susie & Terry Lindenmeyer.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE *Hear Our Prayer O Lord*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Holy God, cheerfully and joyously, we lift up these offerings to you. You have poured out your generosity upon us without restraint. Thank you for our being able to make a difference in the church and in the world by the offering of our time, talent, gifts and service. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN *Here, O My Lord*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

...With faithful people in every time and place we say,
“Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.”

...Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING **Thank you God for inviting us to this table where we know Christ and receive all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and your work. We pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

*HYMN *He Lives*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Announcements

New prayer requests

- Family of Elecia's friend's father-in-law.
- Family of Jackson Gregory.
- Family of Kent Koehler Sr.
- Zander Burgess and his parents.

The Altar Flowers today are in Memory of Jean, from Jim.

The Zion Church Council made the decision to allow in person gathering for Sunday morning worship. Please follow all guidelines when you attend which include wearing a mask, using hand sanitizer, social distancing and not congregating in the narthex before or after church. We understand that some of you are not comfortable with the idea of coming in person and invite you to watch services on YouTube. We look forward to the time when we can all be comfortable gathering together on Sunday mornings. In the meanwhile, we'll see some of you online and some in church.

Join us for **CREW Time** on Facebook Live at 9:00am Sunday mornings. Our current theme is “Emoji Prayer.”

Zion will be providing a **meal for PADS** on April 27th. If you would like to contribute, please send a donation marked PADS or contact Pastor Alex or the church office. Thank you to all who donated towards the monthly PADS Meals throughout the year. May 25th will conclude this season's meal ministry for PADS. If you would like to continue to donate, the contributions will be put toward this ongoing ministry which will begin again in the fall.

John 15:1-17 (NIV)

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹ “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did

not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.