

Throughout this bulletin (\*) indicates those who are able may stand.

## CENTERING

PRELUDE Gretchen Huedepohl, organist

Variations on *"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"* (M. Burkhardt)

WELCOME Alexis Engelbrecht, Youth Director

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Rev. Nancy Gowler) Sandy Robinson, liturgist

One: Lift up your voice and call out to God.

**ALL: We cry out, believing that God hears us.**

One: Come together and wait for God.

**ALL: We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.**

One: Surely God's presence is here with us now.

**ALL: We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.**

One: Come, worship the Lord.

**ALL: We celebrate the power of God that restores us.**

OPENING PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* (B. Ingram) Jubilant Sound Handbells

## ENCOUNTERING

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 130

ANTHEM *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* (B. Ingram) Jubilant Sound Handbells

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 3:7-21 Rev. Sarah Kingsbery

SERMON / PASTORAL PRAYER "Called to Pray"

## RESPONDING

\*HYMN MEDLEY *"I Need Thee Every Hour"* (CH 578, v. 1,3)

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;

no tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee; every hour I need Thee.

O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour in joy or pain;

come quickly and abide or life is vain.

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee; every hour I need Thee.

O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* (CH 585)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,

all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised Thou wilt all our burdens bear.

May we ever, Lord, be bringing all to Thee in earnest prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

## CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION / WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Ann Littlefield, elder

PARTAKING *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"* (C. Rice)

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

BENEDICTION

HYMN *"Standing on the Promises"* (CH 552, v. 1,4)

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,

through eternal ages let His praises ring;

glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

REFRAIN

Standing, standing,

standing on the promises of God my Savior;

standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,

list'ning every moment to the Spirit's call,

resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.

REFRAIN

Standing, standing,

standing on the promises of God my Savior;

standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

POSTLUDE *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"* (M. Burkhardt)

*The flowers in the chancel today are In Loving Memory of Jack McGinnis  
Given by Juanita and Eden Dietle*

*WITH THANKS TO –*

Terri Lloyd, Jubilant Sound Handbells director; Sherry Jordan, songleader;  
Lauren Eichelberger, sound; Ann Littlefield, camera

**CALENDAR NOTES:**

Tuesday, May 4 12:00PM Food Pantry, FCC Family Life Center  
*Volunteers welcome!*

Wednesday, May 5 6:00PM Strategic Planning Cmtte Mtg *(Act Rm)*  
6:45PM Reading & Writing Prayer Lab-Zoom  
7:00PM Jubilant Sound Handbells *(Sanc)*

Thursday, May 6 10:15AM Prayer Call [freeconferencecall.com](https://www.freeconferencecall.com)  
Call (712) 775-7270 and enter access code  
444928 to join the conference call.

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We call ourselves Disciples,  
a community of believers  
who follow Jesus by  
**worshiping** God,  
**growing** in faith, and  
**servicing** all in need.  
Bound to each other in  
Christ's love, we discover  
our life together through  
**sharing** life with the world.

*Welcome to Our 8:20AM Worship Service  
Sunday, May 2, 2021*



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