

McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church
10:30 AM May 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter



Messenger of Sympathy and Love, Eugene Francis Savage

GATHERING TONES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thom Shuman

We gather to worship the One
who crafted creation out of chaos,
our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.

We gather to lift our praise
to the God who gives us voice,
**we bring the songs which have echoed
in our hearts all week long.**

We gather as the children of God,
our joy unbroken in God's love.
**young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched
lift the new, new songs of faith.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Thom Shuman

All are invited to come forward and light candles representing prayers for peace.

VOLUNTARY

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Psalm 98:4-9 NRSVue

Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

*HYMN #331

Come My Way My Truth, My Life

THE CALL

CALL TO RECONCILIATION AND PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Beautiful music, every note perfect, joining together in graceful harmony - this is what we imagine our lives to be. Yet our love is flat, our anger often sharp. Let us confess how we struggle to keep the measured beat of God's life-giving melody in our lives, even as we pray together saying,

Joy-giving God, we know who we are: people who hear the harmony of your grace and love in our souls, but sing off-key so often. We want to learn new songs, but those haunting tunes of our past mistakes run through our heads. We long to make a joyful noise to you, but the hurts inflicted on us, and the pain we have caused others, silence our voices.

Sing to us, Conductor of Grace: sing of your forgiveness, your hope, your love for us. Strike a chord of humility in our hearts so our eyes could see all you have done for us; and in seeing, we might believe how much you love us; and in believing, we would echo that new song of hope and life composed through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Listen to the melody of the good news: Christ is risen, bringing joy into the world. The One who was dead now lives, and wraps us in the delight of life forever with our God.

Now, our dirges have turned to joy;

our requiem has been rearranged as a hymn of hope;

**our laments are lost in a cantata of praise.
Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of God be with you. **May the peace of God be with us all.**

ANTHEM

A READING FROM SCRIPTURES

John 15:9-17 NRSVue

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

REFLECTION

The Presbyterian Outlook by Carol Holbrook Prickett, adapted

*HYMN #50

"I Sing the Praise of Love Almighty"

ST. PETERSBURG

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. Please pass the offering plate down the pew. When it gets to the end turn around and give it to the person immediately behind you.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May the gifts we offer bring food to the hungry, healing to the broken, community to the lonely, and hope to those who live in the shadows of our time. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below. O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts!
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!
O praise God! Alleluia! O praise God! Alleluia! Allelu—ia!**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The recipe for McKinley communion bread is adapted by Julie Birdwell from "Gluten-Free Artisan Bread in Five Minutes a Day", written by Hertzberg and Francois, and uses a gluten-free sourdough starter. For those who are curious, it contains Sorghum Flour, White Rice Flour, Brown Rice Flour, Oat Flour, Teff Flour, Tapioca Flour, Potato Starch, Water, Xanthan Gum, Turbinado Sugar, Kosher Salt. The ceremonial loaf is a yeast-free, vegan loaf using gluten-free flour and oat milk. We are willing to further adapt the recipe if any of these ingredients is problematic for any allergy sufferer, just let Julie know.

In addition to GF bread, McKinley uses only non-fermented grape juice in our common service

INVITATION

People will come from east and west from north and south and sit at table in the kingdom of God. We will sit with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, with all the prophets and with our Lord Jesus.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We continue in prayer . . .

Life-giving God,

At the very beginning of time, you set creation in motion, our world teeming with diversity of every kind: dogs and fishes, zebras and possums, crows and chickadees, owls and ferns, giant oaks and milkweed, corn and carrots. You created the stars without number, and then you took simple mud, molded it into human form and placed us in a garden filled with beauty and every kind of food good to eat.

"You satisfy the hungry heart with gifts of finest wheat. Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat."

Even in that first garden, humans chose to disobey your wishes. Our race chooses domination and war and self-centeredness so often, that the world soon became a mess. We see this continue in our time on earth: walls are built, weapons forged, people taken captive against their will. You sent prophets to call us back, your words and stories were printed in a book, and still we find ways to ignore the plans you have for lives of love and kindness and courage. Our song rises to you, once more:

“You satisfy the hungry heart with gifts of finest wheat. Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.”

Because of our collective failures, we remember those who go without food today – the hungry, the homeless, the poor, those destitute from war and earthquake and fire and flood. We pray for those whose minds and spirits are hungry – children without equal access to education, those lonely for friendship, those missing loved ones. We pray for all whose lives are impoverished.

“You satisfy the hungry heart with gifts of finest wheat. Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.”

Even when we have denied you and your good gifts, when we failed to carry Abraham’s blessing to others, when we strayed as prodigals to a far country, still you loved us and made a new covenant in the gift of Jesus, who emptied himself that we might live. He fed the hungry, healed the afflicted, ate with those scorned and forgotten by this world. Jesus gave a holy meal for his disciples, as a feast of his ever-present love.

Jesus took bread and the cup of wine, and served his disciples, saying: “Do this for the remembrance of me.” We remember Christ’s service, his suffering and death, his resurrection and abiding presence with us symbolized in this meal.

“You satisfy the hungry heart with gifts of finest wheat. Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.”

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, Lord God as we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

Our Creator 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.

Lead us now into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

GATHERING MUSIC

Let us Break Bread Together

Traditional Spiritual

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees) let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

This Little Light of Mine

Spiritual

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Assisting in Today's Service

Rev. DiAnne Hatch

Liturgists, Members of the Worship and Music Committee

Pastor, Rev. Heidi Weatherford

Director of Children's Education, Sara McHenry

Director of Music, Dr. Alonza Lawrence

Organist, Andrew Woodruff

Worship Techs, Josh Harris and Lara Hebert

How to Contact the Church Staff All church staff can be contacted through the McKinley Website: www.mckinleycu.org.

How to give:

Online contributions and pledges are accepted at tithe.ly/give?c=2133263

Or by mailing your donations to

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Coming this Week:

Monday, May 6, 2024	11:30AM	McKinley Church Staff
Tuesday, May 7, 2024		
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	7:00PM	Choir
Thursday, May 9, 2024	12:05PM	Personnel Committee
Friday, May 10, 2024	5-9 PM	Food & Fellowship, McKinley Foundation
Sunday, May 12 2024	10:30AM	Sunday Service, Andrea Miller, guest preacher

Concert Opportunity Rebecca Pagels will be part of a chamber music performance on May 5 at 3 pm in the memorial room of Smith Memorial Hall. This will include works by Mozart, Stravinsky, Brahms and Schubert and will feature Shirley Soo, Piano; Robin Kearton, Viola; Elena Negruta, Soprano; and Rebecca Pagels, Clarinet. The concert is free.

Help Register Voters at Our Food Pantry We were approached by one of our past pantry volunteers to consider registering voters at our bi-monthly food distribution days. She is a registrar and League of Women Voters member and has offered to get us started by registering people at our two May food pantry days. We are looking for others to help provide this service for the months after that before the November election. If you are already trained to register voters or would like to be trained, contact Jane Cain at jgcain48@gmail.com or at 217-649-1082. This takes about an hour: once you are trained, you can help register new voters and correct addresses for current voters anywhere registration is taking place locally.

Check Out the New Accessibility Features on the McKinley Website McKinley's Communications and Outreach Committee has added a new feature to the website to make it more accessible to everyone. When you go to the McKinley website (mckinleycu.org) you will see an icon of a person in an aqua circle at the bottom left corner of your screen. Click on this icon to see all of the accessibility features that are available. Some of the adjustments that are offered are:



- a seizure safe profile which clears flashes and reduces color
- a vision impaired profile that enhances the website's visuals
- an ADHD profile that provides more focus and fewer distractions
- a cognitive disability profile that assists with reading and focusing
- keyboard navigation that allows the use of the keyboard for the website
- a way to optimize the use of a screen reader with the website

The Communications and Outreach Committee hopes that this addition allows all users to have a positive experience when visiting our website. You are encouraged to visit the website and check it out!

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF COUNTRY / FIRST
PEOPLES**
*(An act towards
reconciliation)*

For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked on this land, in their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives.

We recognize and acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Peoria, Kaskaskia, Piankashaw, Wea, Miami, Mascoutin, Odawa, Sauk, Mesquaki, Kickapoo, Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Chickasaw Nations, past, present, emerging.

We are grateful for their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. These lands continue to carry the stories of these Nations and their struggles for survival and identity.

**McKinley Presbyterian Church is a community of faith
Offering genuine welcome,
Working for reconciliation, and
Daring to speak words of abundant hope to a world in pain.**

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Extra pictures, just in case



Wooden Love Sign, Doi Inthanon National Park, Chom Thong District, Thailand