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McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church

May 3, 2026 10:30am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING TONES

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tom

Shuman

The Lord God keeps us, saves us, and walks beside us in times of trouble.

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Even when fear and troubles strike us, the Lord keeps us close, for we belong to God.

We shall never be shaken or moved, for we are shadowed by God's almighty hand. Let us lift our voices together in thanks and praise.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 31a

Hymnal, Page 640

East side will read aloud odd numbered verses; west will read the even verses.

*HYMN #490
SPIRITUAL

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

AFRICAN AMERICAN

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

I invite you to join me in lighting candles of hope for the world. At the same time all who wish to share an offering for the church this morning may come and place it in the offering plates beside the communion table.

May our prayers for peace shine through our lives and into the world.

VOLUNTARY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Tom Shuman

Hear the brokenness of our lives, Precious God. We cover our ears so we cannot hear the cries of those in need, or you urging us to respond. We rush together to defend every issue that matters to us, but quickly disperse when you would call us to be your holy people. We shout as loud as we can to cheer on our sports teams, but can manage only whispers when it comes to sharing the good news.

Forgive us, our Eternal Guide, and do not hold our sins against us. We lay the garments of our foolishness at your feet, so you might clothe us in grace and hope. We would feed on the spiritual food which flows from your heart so we might be strong enough to follow Jesus as he leads us in the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Tom Shuman

You are no longer alone - you are God's Beloved. You are not of this world, but residents of God's Kingdom. You, who once had no hope, have been filled with forgiveness.

Each one of us, all of us, have received God's mercy in Christ. Forgiven, redeemed, made whole - we are a people made one in faith. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

Keep Your Lamps

Dr. Andre Thomas

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

John 14:1-10

Based on Eugene Peterson's translation/interpretation, [The Message](#)

“Don’t let this rattle you. You trust God, don’t you? Trust me. There is plenty of room for you at my folks' place. If that weren’t so, would I have told you that I’m on my way to get a room ready for you? And if I’m on my way to get your room ready, I’ll come back and get you so you can live where I live. And you already know the road I’m taking.”

Thomas said, “Sir, we have no idea where you’re going. How do you expect us to know the road?”

Jesus said, “I am the Road, also the Truth, also the Life. No one comes to the Divine apart from me. If you really knew me, you would know that. From now on, you do know. You’ve even seen The Great "I Am"!

Philip said, “Master, show God to us; then we’ll be content.”

“You’ve been with me all this time, Philip, and you still don’t understand? To see me is to see the Divine One. So how can you ask, ‘Where is God?’ Don’t you believe that I am in God and that God is in me? The words that I speak to you aren’t mere words. I don’t just make them up on my own. The One Who Is resides in me, making each word into a divine act.

REFLECTION

At Home with God

Rev. Cindy Shepherd

HYMN #331

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

THE CALL

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-alcoholic grape juice in our common service

INVITATION

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus and with all those who follow.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world –with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table to communion with the earth – through which God becomes incarnate.

So, come to this table:

You who have much faith and you who would like to have more;

You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time;

You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed.

Come. We are invited to meet God here.

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is with you. **And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts. **We open our hearts to God and one another.**

Let us give thanks. **We thank God with joy.**

Holy God, our loving Creator, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. Your breath gives us life; your word brings new life out of death. You call us from separation and sin to a joyful life of communion with you and all your creatures. With all people and all creation, we sing your praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee; perfect in power, in love and purity.

We give thanks for all the influences in our lives that have helped us to see beyond the present: that teach us to combine labor and rest, that bring us the cycles of time and season, that sustain us when we are in need.

God loves in us. God cares through us. God laughs in us. God cries in us, as nowhere else.

Especially we give thanks for Jesus of Nazareth, gatherer of folk, teller of stories, breaker of bread, pourer of wine, weaver of lives. In his life, wisdom, stories and vision we recall the words he spoke to call forth in us love, care and respect for one another.

And we believe the Holy Spirit of God that came to visibility in Jesus yearns for visible expression in us. Therefore, we ask the Holy Spirit to empower us to live as images of God's love and reflections of Jesus' life. May the witness of our lives show the good news of God's love and salvation to the world around us.

And now, in the same Spirit of Christ, we continue to pray:

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-Bearer, Life-Giver, source of all that is and that shall be. Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven. The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the people of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope, and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: This Little Light of Mine SPIRITUAL

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Assisting in Today's Service

Guest Preacher Rev. Cindy Shepherd

Liturgist, Arianna Holterman

Worship Leader, Barbara England

Director of Music, Dr. Alonza Lawrence Organist, Andrew Woodruff

Director of Faith Formation, Sara McHenry

Worship Techs, Lara Hebert and Kathie Spegal

Coming this Week:

Welcoming Our New Interim Minister!

Rev. Laura Sherwood will join McKinley on Monday, May 4th as our Interim Minister. She will be our pastor as well as preparing us for a search and call for a permanent minister after Heidi's retirement. We are excited to begin this next stage in the life of our church, and will welcome Laura after worship service on Sunday, May 10th with a reception in the church basement.

Spring Chamber Music Concert

A free chamber music concert will take place on Sunday, May 10th at 3 p.m. in the Smith Memorial Room of Smith Music Hall (805 S Mathews Ave). Elena Nagruta (Soprano), Shirley Soo (Piano), and Rebecca Pagels (Clarinet) will perform works by Spohr, Puts, and Prokofiev.

Molly Moves

Molly Bentsen, a longtime McKinley member, has moved into Bickford Senior Living and we wish her well. If you would like to send her card or a note, it would be appreciated. Her address is 1002 S. Staley Rd., Champaign, IL 61822, Room 107.

Congratulations, Jeanette!

Jeanette Weider will be retiring on May 29th from the Education and Housing Department of UIUC. She was also presented the Chancellor's Staff Excellence Award this week. Congrats and best wishes from all your McKinley friends! Enjoy this new phase of life. It is well-deserved

CALENDAR

May 3 rd	11:30am	Graduation Brunch
May 5 th	11:00am	Building & Grounds Meeting
May 6 th	7:00-8:00pm	McKinley Choir Practice
May 10 th	10:30-11:30am	Preschool/Elementary Sunday School
	10:30-11:30am	Sunday Worship

How to Contact Church Staff

All church staff may be contacted through the McKinley website at www.mckinleycu.org.

How to Give

Online contributions and pledges are accepted at tithe.ly/give?c=2133263 or by mailing your donations to: McKinley Presbyterian Church, 410 E. Daniel St., Champaign, IL 61820

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