

Sunday
May 6, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Pastor Greg

We are alive in Christ.
We love God,
we care for one another,
and we help people here
and around the world.



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Bold print indicates congregation.
**Indicates please stand as able.*

Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

*Call to Worship

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! Let us turn away from the noise, the confusion, and the relentless pressure of the world to acknowledge God's presence with us and appreciate God's love for us.

We come to worship because we love God. We come to worship because we want to love God more. We come with open hearts to offer to God our worship.

*Prayer of Adoration

Loving God, we gather today — Your people, called to worship, called to witness, called to give thanks for one another.

In our worship, may You move among us, filling and renewing us, allowing us to worship You in Spirit and in truth.

May we recognize Your presence and honor You in our service in the world.

So may our time here equip and empower us to witness to Your love and mirror Your compassion in all of life. In the name of Christ, amen!

*Hymn: #558 We Are the Church (verses 1-4)

Scripture Lesson: Philippians 1:1-18a

Choir Anthem: Give Thanks

Children's Time: *Kathy Phillips*

Children 3 yrs. to 3rd grade will be dismissed to POP!

Sermon: "When Christ Is Preached"

*Hymn: #2195 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (x3 with instrumentation)

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Welcome Home Blessing for Ryan Miller

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: All Things Bright and Beautiful

***Doxology: #95** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lord Jesus, we freely give from all that You have given us.

Use our offerings and us in the work of Your kingdom for Your eternal glory, amen.

Prison Communion — Breaking Bread Behind the Wall

Note: This liturgy comes from the Open Source Liturgy Project (United Methodist Board of Discipleship) and has been used in spontaneous variations in multiple prison settings.

Leader 1: This isn't my dining room or my table. Imagine yourself having a meal breaking bread with Jesus. He invites you to bring something. What are you bringing to the table?

Leader 2: *The sacrifice I bring is myself.*

All: The sacrifice I bring is myself.

Leader 1: Are you tired of eating alone? Do you know that God is holy and wants you to be holy, too?

Leader 2: *Yes, my plate is empty and Jesus' table is full.*

All: Yes, my plate is empty and Jesus' table is full.

Leader 1: We come to this table broken and we need to be made whole.

Leader 2: *God has forgiven us and repairs everything that is broken.*

All: God has forgiven us and repairs everything that is broken.

Leader 1: God wants us to be at peace. Look at the people around you and say it:

Leader 2: *I offer you the peace of God.*

All: I offer you the peace of God.

Leader 1: The Lord Jesus is with you.

Leader 2: *and the Lord Jesus is with you, too...*

All: and the Lord Jesus is with you, too.

Leader 1: Will you praise the Lord with joy in your heart?

Leader 2: *We will praise the Lord with joy in our hearts.*

All: We will praise the Lord with joy in our hearts.

Leader 1: If you can breathe, you can praise God. (Repeat.) Isn't it good to give our thanks and praise to the Lord?

Leader 2: *Yes, it's really good to give our thanks and praise to the Lord.*

All: Yes, it's really good to give our thanks and praise to the Lord.

Leader 1: We join our praises with the hosts of heaven, singing Alleluia . . .

(UMH # 186.)

All: We join our praises with the hosts of heaven, singing Alleluia . . .

Leader 1: This God created us, and blessed us, and called us good.

Leader 2: *Out on the street, we were just having fun.*

All: Out on the street, we were just having fun.

Leader 1: Did you know you were really betraying God? Wait a minute now. Think about the ways you betrayed him.

(Silence for personal confession.)

Leader 2: *Lord, I'm so sorry for the things I've done.*

All: Lord, I'm so sorry for the things I've done.

Leader 2: *I'm so sorry for the people I've hurt.*

Leader 2: *I'm so sorry for hurting you, God.*

All: I'm so sorry for hurting you, God.

Leader 1: Please forgive us, God. You are the key to an open door.

Leader 2: We praise You, God of the Open Door.

All: We praise You, God of the Open Door.

Leader 1: We are desperate for good news.

Leader 2: You bring good news, God of mercy.

All: You bring good news, God of mercy.

Leader 1: You heal us when we are sick in body and sick in the soul.

Leader 2: You sit at the table with sinners and teach us Your ways.

All: You sit at the table with sinners and teach us Your ways.

Leader 1: We deserve death but You died so we could live.

Leader 2: The power of God raised Jesus from the grave.

All: The power of God raised Jesus from the grave.

Leader 1: The power of God lifts us from the pit of sin.

Leader 2: God washes us clean and gives us new life.

All: God washes us clean and gives us new life.

Leader 1: On the night You were betrayed, Jesus, You broke and blessed the bread.

Leader 2: You said, "This is my body and I give it to you. Remember me."

All: You said, "This is my body and I give it to you. Remember me."

Leader 1: You did the same thing with the cup that was on the table and said it was a new covenant
You made with us, a vow You would not break.

Leader 2: We remember all that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have done to save us, and we are thankful.

All: We remember all that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have done to save us, and we are thankful.

Leader 1: We don't belong to ourselves any more.

Leader 2: We give ourselves to You.

All: We give ourselves to You.

Leader 1: It's a mystery, but we believe.

Leader 2: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Leader 1: Pour out Your Spirit on us!

Leader 2: Pour out Your Spirit on us!

All: Pour out Your Spirit on us!

Leader 1: Pour out Your Spirit on these gifts!

Leader 2: Pour out Your Spirit on these gifts!

All: Pour out Your Spirit on these gifts!

Leader 1: Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ.

Leader 2: Through these gifts, make us Christ's body in the world.

All: Through these gifts, make us Christ's body in the world.

Leader 1: Father God, let Your kingdom come.

Leader 2: Glory to You, Father God!

All: Glory to You, Father God!

Leader 1: Come, Lord Jesus! Be our daily bread.

Leader 2: Glory to You, Lord Jesus!

All: Glory to You, Lord Jesus!

Leader 1: Holy Spirit, send us out as a light in the darkness.

Leader 2: Glory to You, Holy Spirit!

All: Glory to You, Holy Spirit!

Leader 1: Glory be to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Leader 2: God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

All: God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Leader 1: Amen!

Leader 2: And Amen!

Prayer after Receiving

Thank You, Lord, for what You've done. You've given Your only Son. I will give my life to You. I promise I'll follow through.

*Hymn: #2036 Give Thanks

*Blessing

*Depart to Serve

Coming up next Sunday, May 13: "Equal with God" — Philippians 2:1-13.

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates and Praise

Matthew Cleveland graduated from nursing school last week.

Den and Marlene Sherman welcome their first great-grandson, Zuko Sherman. Parents are Cody and Mikala.

New Requests This Week

Derek's (Lynne Melvin's co-worker) cancer is growing, and treatments are no longer working. Please pray for him and his family for peace and acceptance.

Lauren Frantz's swallow needs to get stronger. She cannot eat or drink by mouth yet.

Please pray for Elton and Flossie Lang. Elton is in Heritage Nursing Home with health issues.

Baby Molly (Vera Walker's great-great-niece) is in week 31 (born at 28 weeks). Prayers for weight gain in the coming weeks. She is at Henry Ford Hospital.

Sharon (Cande Vermeulen's friend) has begun cancer treatment.

Cordell Sherman is having tests to find the cause of his illness.

Jon Sherman is having a second surgery on his hand

June Taylor is having a lot of pain in her back and hip.

Previous Requests

Barbara and Bill Adams as they remember their son who passed away last year

Phyllis Barrett's daughter has pneumonia.

Glory Bragg and family at the loss of Rex Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Diane (Vera Walker's sister) is struggling. Prayers are needed for her children to make hard decisions.

Del and Myrna Forsythe's son is recovering from serious injury to his fingers.

Prayers for the Girolami family as Chuck's sister, Robin, passed away.

Anthony Knowles needs help at school with improved grades.

Chad Knowles (Anthony and Anna's dad) needs prayers for healing, as he is scheduled for hip replacement in September.

Carol Lohman is recovering well. However, her house was damaged by lightning.

Mary (friend of Diana and Andrea) passed away. Please pray for the family and friends.

Tim Melvin continues radiation treatments and is very tired.

A friend, Penny, age 53, is in a Lansing hospital with heart problems.

Prayers for Georgia Rolfe's grandson and his military unit in Poland

Prayers for Upjohn residents and staff in the midst of public drama

Pray for peace in Syria.

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson

David Bretz

Barb Griner

Pat McClelland

Iris McGahan

Beverly Nimmo

Robert & Carmen Parsons

Char Rice

Marv & Kitty Starbuck

Al Thomas

Mina Willett

Today's acolytes are
Kelsie Tuinier and Kylie Tuinier

April 29 attendance:
Worship 144 Sunday School 47



Play Our Praise for 3 to 3

Children ages 3 years through third grade will be dismissed after Children's Time and returned after offering. Please be sure your child has a name tag with age or grade.

Bible Study

We are looking to form study groups to dig in to what God has to say. Be assured, this will be a "direct from the Bible" study! Whether you are a beginner, a long-time student of the Bible, or somewhere in between – there will be a place for you.

Please note on the attendance slip if you are interested – including phone and email and best time for classes. We will contact you shortly.

We Need Buttons

The program for the All Daughter Dinner on May 9 is entitled, "Buttons & Bows," so we are looking for individuals who have their grandma's, mother's, or aunt's old button boxes and would like to put them on display for the Dinner. Please contact Betsy Myers.

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 15
- Scholarship applications are due in the church office by Tuesday, May 15
- Newsletter items are due by Tuesday, May 29. Please bring the items to the office or email them to Polly at reception@vicksburgumc.org.

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

5/6 Liz Anderson	5/12 Sharon Hosner
Anthony Knowles	Maya Hossink
5/7 Gabriel Cleveland	<u>Anniversaries</u>
Christine Mohr	5/5 Josh & Felicia
Lauren Wolak	Bassler
5/8 Evy Inman	5/8 Brian & Jen Pierson
Michael Tichvon	5/9 Michael & Laura
David Vermeulen	Asher
5/9 David Pauli	5/10 Marc & Margaret
5/10 Sophia Carrier	Tilbury
5/11 Karen Simpson	5/11 Charlie & Annelore
5/12 Shawn Breece	Cannizzaro

This Week's Calendar

Today

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- after Worship **FREE Scout hog roast "thank you" for the church**
- 1:30 p.m. Mission Team meeting

Monday, May 7

- 7:00 p.m. Worship Planning Team meeting, Library

Tuesday, May 8

- 10:00 a.m. Staff meeting in the Library
- 2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room
- 6:30 p.m. Scout Committee meeting in Room 125

Wednesday, May 9

- 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room
- 2:30 p.m. SHED (middle school outreach)
- 5:00 p.m. HELIX (middle school youth)
- 6:00 p.m. All Daughter Dinner in the FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Scout meeting in Room 125
- NO BELL CHOIR PRACTICE OR CHOIR PRACTICE**

Thursday, May 10

- 10:00 a.m. Play Gym in the FLC
- 5:30 p.m. ROUTE 56 (5th and 6th grade)
- 5:30 p.m. Preschool Board meeting in the Library
- 6:00 p.m. Play Gym in the FLC
- 6:30 p.m. RAW (high school youth)
- 7:00 p.m. Safety Team meeting in the Library

Friday, May 11 - Pastor's Day Off

no activities scheduled

Saturday, May 12

- 11:00 a.m. Handbell choir practice, followed by lunch

Monday through Friday

- 9:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Heart & Hands Preschool

Coming Events

Sunday, May 13 - Mother's Day

Tuesday, May 15

- 6:30 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting in the Library
- 6:30 p.m. Scout Den meeting in the FLC

Thursday, May 17 - Ascension Day

- 9:30 a.m. Susanna Wesley Circle, Taylor Room

Friday, May 18

- 9:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive till 6:00, FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Scout Pack meeting in the Taylor Room

May Collections for Generous Hands

For the month of May, we will be collecting fruit cups with 100% fruit juice, and unsweetened applesauce.





The General Rule of Discipleship

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who donated to and/or participated in the Crop Walk. More than \$6,500 has been turned in so far!

Spring Cleanup at Wesley Woods

It's time again for our spring cleanup on Sycamore Cabin at Wesley Woods! I'm looking for volunteers to go out to clean, rake, wash, scrub, and probably replace a few worn out or broken items. I'll also be taking donations for replacement items. Anyone interested in going out sometime in the next couple of weeks, contact me and we will set up a time. Thanks much for all you do for this very important ministry. *Brad Addis* 649-1328 or 532-2296.

Coffee hour

Cookies and treats are needed for May. Please provide 4 to 5 dozen cookies or snacks and leave them in the old kitchen marked coffee hour. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call Vera Walker, 532-3551.

FREE

PLEASE JOIN US
— for a —

PIG ROAST

hosted by
THE SCOUTS after
TODAY **Worship**

church parking lot (or FLC) as a thank you to the church



In Service to Our Country

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Geoff White
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Buttons
& Bows

All Daughter Dinner
sponsored by the Susanna Wesley Circle

May 9 6:00 p.m.

\$6 adults
\$3 children 10 yrs. or younger

Get your tickets after Worship

Prayer requests are available by phone

You can hear the weekly prayer requests by calling the church (649-2343) before 9:00 a.m. and after 1:00 p.m. When the answering machine answers, enter 370.

Summer
Worship Schedule
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
beginning May 27