

Sunday
May 13, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

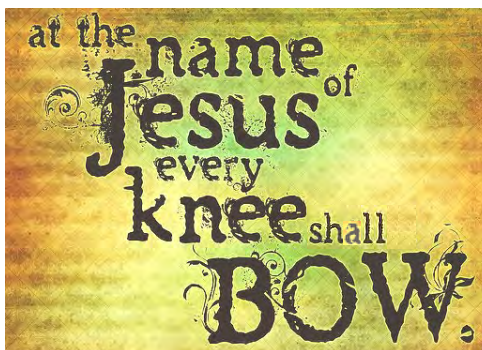
Pastor Greg

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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**Indicates please stand as able.*

Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

*Call to Worship

Jesus left the glory of heaven above. Jesus renounced His power of command. Jesus came to earth as a poor, hungry child. Jesus gave His life that we may live, and now He is exalted on high.

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Let us give ourselves in worship to the Lord.

*Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Lord of all, we praise You that You are not bound by time or space or wood or stone, but are present for us in all places at all times. We worship You because You did not remain apart and aloof but chose to come to earth as one of us. You put aside Your glory to lift us up because You count us as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Forgive us, Lord, when we forget who we are and to whom we belong.

Forgive us when our expectations are low, when we fail to live into the great potential You hold out for us.

Forgive us and scoop us up in love to remember and believe in the power You place with us: the power of amazing love and grace that allow us, with You, to transform the world.

In our worship today, may we be renewed in love and power to live as children of the living God.

Amen.

***Hymn:** #154 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Scripture Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

Anthem: The Tallis Canon ~ *Handbell Choir*

Children's Time: *Pastor Greg*

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

Sermon: "Equal with God"

***Hymn:** #57 O For a Thousand Tongues to sing (verse 1)

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Litany for Mother's Day

All who gather here are sons or daughters.

We praise God for the women who gave us life.

For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

We give God thanks and praise.

For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

We pray for peace.

For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

We pray for healing.

For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.

For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

We pray for those with broken hearts.

For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,

We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

For those who are preparing emptier nests,

We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.

For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

We pray for wisdom and patience.

For grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,

We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.

For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled,

We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.

For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,

We give God thanks and praise.

For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women advocating, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ Jesus. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For all moms, in their wide variety and many forms,

We give God thanks and praise. Amen.

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: I Must Tell Jesus ~ *Handbell Choir*

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Lord God, You gave up everything for us.

**May we give our all to You so that the world may know whose we are and whom we serve.
Amen.**

*Hymn: #123 El Shaddai

*Blessing

*Depart to Serve

Coming up next Sunday, May 20 (Pentecost): "In the Lord" — Philippians 4:4-7.

Prayer for Family and Friends

New Requests This Week

Please pray for Noreen Heikes and family at the loss of her 2-year-old grandson in an accident. Michael Kohler had a pacemaker/defibrillator implant this past week.

Please pray for safety for Tom and Karen Simpson on their 3-week driving trip to California.

Previous Requests

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Derek's (Lynne Melvin's co-worker) cancer 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.

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.

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

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

Tim Melvin continues radiation treatments and is very tired.

Baby Molly (Vera Walker's great-great-niece) is in week 32 (born at 28 weeks). Prayers for weight gain in the coming weeks. She is at Henry Ford Hospital.

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

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.

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson	Robert & Carmen Parsons
David Bretz	Char Rice
Barb Griner	Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Pat McClelland	Al Thomas
Iris McGahan	Mina Willett
Beverly Nimmo	



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.

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.

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

5/14 Steve Fryling
5/15 Fred Willis
5/16 Markus Taylor
5/17 Linda Hulett
Penny Sult

5/18 Kathy Moore
Kathy Phillips
Jean Philport
Al Thomas
5/19 Dominick Hosner
Phil Tilbury

Class of 2018 Graduation Breakfast

Graduating high school seniors and their families are invited to join us for a Graduation Breakfast on Sunday, June 3, at 8:00 a.m. in the Taylor Room. Please RSVP to Polly in the church office ~ 649-2343.

Wear RED!

Next Sunday is Camp Sunday, and we are asking you to wear camp clothes and/or your VUMC T-shirt if you have one. And wear as much red as possible.

Summer Worship Schedule

Our summer Worship schedule will begin on May 27 with Worship at 10:00 a.m. There will not be Sunday School during the summer.

Bible Study

We are looking to form study groups to dig in to what God has to say. 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.

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

Flowers for the church altar

We need flowers for Sundays. There is a sign up sheet for this. If you need help, contact Dee Morton about ordering flowers from Heirloom Rose in Schoolcraft for \$25.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

May 13:
May 20: Marshall Linebaugh

May Collections for Generous Hands

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

This Week's Calendar

Today - *Happy Mother's Day*

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, May 14

no activities scheduled

Tuesday, May 15

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room
6:30 p.m. *SPRC meeting in the Library*
6:30 p.m. *Scout Den meeting in the FLC*

Wednesday, May 16

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)
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, May 17 - Ascension Day

9:30 a.m. *Susanna Wesley Circle, Taylor Room*
10:00 a.m. Play Gym in the FLC
5:30 p.m. ROUTE 56 (5th and 6th grade)
6:00 p.m. Play Gym in the FLC
6:30 p.m. RAW (high school youth)

Friday, May 18 - Pastor's Day Off

11:00 a.m. *Red Cross Blood Drive till 5:00, FLC*
6:00 p.m. *Scout Pack meeting in the Taylor Room*

Saturday, May 19

9:00 a.m. *Church Council meeting in the Library*

Monday through Friday

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

Coming Events

Friday, May 25

6:30 p.m. *Preschool Graduation in the Sanctuary*

Today's acolytes are
Briar Luegge and Ella Luegge

May 6 attendance:
Worship 149 Sunday School 37

In Service to Our Country

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