

PRELUDE, GATHERING, *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown* 386
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS - *see insert; more space there*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98

dwh

*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 the Lord is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

HYMN *To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done!* **98**

PRAYER

dwh

God of righteousness and justice, grant us your grace
that we may hear familiar words of scripture with fresh ears,
and be guided by your Spirit to hear your holy message,
and respond to it faithfully as we seek to follow Christ today.
Amen.

FIRST LESSON Acts 10:44–48

GOSPEL John 15:9–17

EPISTLE 1 John 5:1–6 *pastor*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

pcusa, via umcdiscipleship.org

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you;
you call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped up in our own concerns.
We have gone along with evil,
with pride, quarreling*, and divisiveness. *(see note)*
Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves,
so that, as you move toward us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

{silent prayers}

alt from Carol Prickett, @ Presbyterian Outlook

*Hear the Good News!
The only one who could judge us calls us friends.
Jesus chose us over his own life,
so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now.*

Thanks be to God!
By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away,
and we are made new.
Let us live as God's forgiven children.
Alleluia! Amen.

CHOIR *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* **526**

SERMON

HYMN *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine* **369**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - *extra space for notes on insert*

INTERCESSIONS

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*With joy and gratitude for all we have been given,
in token of our lives, we offer our tithes and gifts to God.*

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER

John 15

FotW

Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends
and to know your will in the world.
Therefore we pray in Jesus' name
that these tithes and offerings
spread your love near and far. Amen.

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymnal pp 15-16

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* **384**

PRAYER & SENDING *alt from Carol Prickett original in Presbyterian Outlook*

*Christ drenches us in love every moment of our lives.
It is in response to that love that we are called to love others.
As the church we go out to celebrate God's love,
and to make it tangible in the way we live.
May the God who made you uphold you,
the Christ you saved you enfold you,
and the Spirit who dwells within you embolden you,
this day and forevermore.*

Amen

POSTLUDE

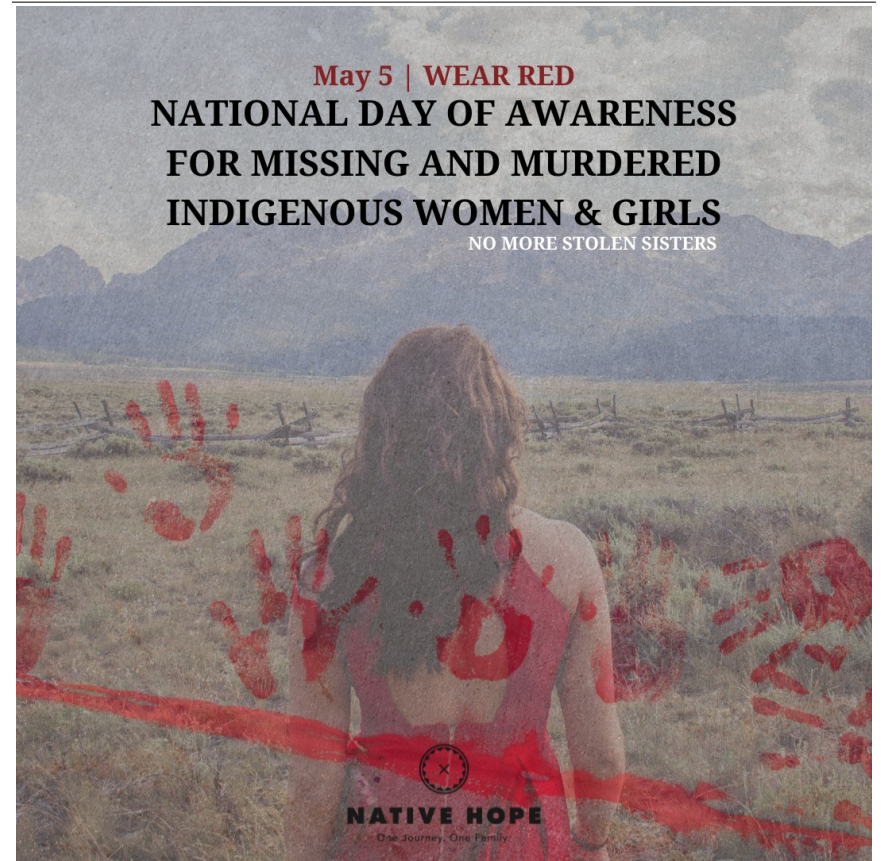
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or *from the Book of Common Prayer, (BCP - public domain).*
or *other sources as noted.*

Note:

*Quarrelling is the preferred spelling in the UK;
Quarreling is preferred in the US.*

George Bernard Shaw is credited with having said:

"England and America are two countries divided by a common language".



**John 15:12 "This is my commandment,
that you love one another as I have loved you."**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

*As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary
Year B – Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 5, 2024*

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Scriptures

Acts 10:44-48

1 John 5:1-6

Psalms 98

John 15:9-17

Questions for Reflection:

In our Gospel lesson this week, Jesus speaks of his extreme love for us, calls us his friends, and says that he makes known to us everything that he hears from God.

How does thinking of Christ as our friend and lover—or Lord and Master—affect our daily living?

Morning Prayers:

Holy One, I begin today breathing in your love
for me, for others, and for the world.

Keep me mindful of all the marvelous things
you are doing around and within me today.

Help me to feel my friendship with Jesus
and his confidence in me.

Maintain in my heart the image of myself as a tree,
bearing the fruit of Christ's love everywhere I go today.
Amen.

Evening Prayers:

God, you are both judge and friend.

Even as I review my day, I give it over to you.

I let go of the good, the bad, and the in-between,
trusting in your care for me.

I am content this night to abide in your love.

I breathe in your joy and your peace.

Whatever I need, I ask of you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Announcements & Notes

*It would be helpful to have additional persons willing to do copying,
to make sure we have someone if one person is away.*

*ANY area where you have an interest & willingness to serve,
please let us know.*

More Calendar Notes

Wednesdays – Zoom fellowship hour and open discussion, 7pm

Sunday, May 12 – Ascension Sunday; Mother's Day.

Thursday, May 16 – WCUMC Trustees meeting, 7 pm.

*Saturday, May 18 – Flint Hill Church is offering a free spaghetti dinner
(donations accepted) followed by Gospel Bluegrass music
presented by the GOSPEL RIDGE BLUEGRASS BAND out
of Gettysburg, PA. Dinner will be served at 4:30 pm followed
by an hour or so of Gospel Bluegrass Music in the sanctuary
beginning at 5:45 – If you would like to join them for dinner,
please respond to circuitrider.rodfray@gmail.com*

Sunday, May 19 – Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 26 – Peace with Justice Sunday.

WCUMC Meal after Worship - Mission Team

May 29-31 – Annual Conference

If there are other calendar notes, please email the pastor...

Prayer Concern Notes

***What NEW thing would you like to see
the church try to do during 2024?***