

**MAY 12, 2024**

Seventh Sunday  
of Easter

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

**WELCOME**

*We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today!*

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

## **ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **WORSHIP SONGS**

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## **READING OF THE WORD**

### **THE FIRST LESSON – ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26**

<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) <sup>16</sup> and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."

<sup>21</sup> Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

<sup>23</sup> So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." <sup>26</sup> Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**A LOVING COMMUNITY, INSPIRING OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP AND SERVICE TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST**

## PSALM 1

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- <sup>2</sup> **Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.**
- <sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
- <sup>4</sup> **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- <sup>6</sup> **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

## THE EPISTLE – 1 JOHN 5:9-13

<sup>9</sup> We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. <sup>10</sup> Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL SONG

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## JOHN 17:6-19

<sup>6</sup> "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the

world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup> I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## SERMON

The Rev. Jonathan Percival

## THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is  
worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

## **CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **SHARING PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **OFFERTORY**

## HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, 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 trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## COMMUNION SONG

### CLOSING PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members of  
 your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of  
 heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### COMMISSION OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

### CLOSING WORSHIP SONG

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

### WANT HEALING PRAYER?

A Prayer Team is available during Communion.

## THE WEEK AHEAD MAY 12-18

<b>SUN</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Mother's Day</b> Holy Eucharist   10:00 am   In Person & Online Coffee Hour   After Service   Fulton Hall
<b>TUE</b>	<b>14</b>	Bible Study   3:30 pm   Fulton Hall Reunion Group – Cursillo   5:30 pm   Zoom
<b>WED</b>	<b>15</b>	Morning Prayer   10:00 am   In Person & Online Food & Fun Night   5:30 pm   Fulton Hall
<b>THU</b>	<b>16</b>	Garden Team   9:00 am
<b>FRI</b>	<b>17</b>	Group Prayer   10:00 am   Conference Call

JOIN US TODAY FOR  
**COFFEE HOUR**  
 AFTER THE SERVICE IN FULTON HALL

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

To all the Moms and those who  
 step in as "Friends to Moms"  
 and have been a wonderful  
 model of motherhood,  
 we salute you and pray  
 you have a fantastic day.  
 Much is your reward  
 in Heaven!

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Reunion Group – Cursillo

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Zoom Call

This group offers personal time for prayer and sharing of life's joys and sorrows, as well as accountability to Christ's call for study, piety and action. Contact Sally Allen at 413-822-1160 for details.



### Garden Team

Thursdays at 9:00 am

Join us as we tend to the landscaping needs of the church. No experience necessary! Contact Sandy Kreidler at 941-365-4246 if you are available to help.



### Group Prayer

Fridays at 10:00 am, Conference Call  
 Dial 717-908-1923, Code 974309#

Join us as we pray for the search of a new rector, personal needs, Ukraine, our country, and social issues of the day. Contact Annabell Edwards at 941-900-6147 for details.

## FOOD & FUN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY  
**MAY 15 | 5:30 pm**

Sign up in the lobby  
 or call the office.

**THIS MONTH'S OUTREACH  
CENTER OF HOPE**

Their mission is to minister to all who enter their doors by bringing Hope where there is hopelessness.

To help support this ministry and others, please drop a donation in the white box on the chancel area.

### HOW ARE WE DOING FINANCIALLY?

April 2024	Year-to-Date / Jan-Apr
Income: \$ 11,478	Income: \$ 68,628
Expenses: \$ 15,291	Expenses: \$ 60,510
Difference: \$ - 3,813	Difference: \$ + 8,118

**WAYS TO GIVE:**  
In Person • Online Via CHS Website • Mail

## THE CHURCH IN PRAYER — PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISE REPORTS

*If you have a prayer to be added to this list, visit the website under the Need Prayer tab, call the office, or email [marketing@chsosprey.com](mailto:marketing@chsosprey.com).*

- Comfort for families and those affected by the tornadoes and flooding in Oklahoma and across the nation. Safety for all who help in rebuilding the towns and their lives.
- Thanksgiving for all who helped with our Spring Tea.
- Healing prayer for Jay after surgery to remove cancer. May his recovery be mild.
- Healing for Marybeth as she recovers from back surgery.
- Prayers for Renee Hartman and family as they grieve the loss of her husband Ron.
- Comfort for Edith's family as she has gone on to glory at the age of 110 years.
- Safe travels for Kathy and Chuck.
- Uneventful recertification process.
- A great summer of travel for Donna and blessings for her family.
- Healing for Arthur from multiple myeloma.
- Healing for Dan from his sleep issues and anxiety.
- Healing prayers for Laura who was diagnosed with an uncommon, aggressive cancer.
- Healing for Pam's brother, Rick.
- Healing prayers for friend, Jan, who is very sick.
- Pray for Marcia as she finds herself after her husband's passing.
- Provisions for Gail who must pack up her house and move out of Florida in May.
- Healing for back issues.
- Continued healing for Peggy's son, Dallas, as he recovers.
- Thanksgiving for baby Ryleigh who got to go home.
- Reconciliation for family members.
- Ongoing prayer for our June, Joanne, Marilyn, and Sandee Petway.
- Salvation for unsaved family.
- Continue to pray for CHS and that we will be strong and faithful throughout this time of transition.
- Prayers for our church and for our country.
- Continued prayers for an end to the Russia/Ukraine and Israel wars.



**WELCOME FIRST TIME VISITORS**  
If you are a here for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Station so we can give you a gift. Then plan on joining us afterwards for our Coffee Hour in Fulton Hall immediately after the Service.



### CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pastor Gerry Gardner, Lay Pastor

The Rev. Linda Morlock, Deacon

Nancy Lihan and Scott Gardner, Music Leaders

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