

APRIL 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME

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

***"I am the vine;
you are the branches.***

***Those who abide in me and I in them
bear much fruit, because apart from
me you can do nothing."***

– John 15:5

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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

READING OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON – ACTS 8:26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet.

²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

³¹ "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.
Who can speak of his descendants?
For his life was taken from the earth."



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:24-30

²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who
worship him.

²⁵ **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:
"May your heart live for ever!"**

²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and
turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷ **For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.**

²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down
in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

²⁹ **My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.

THE EPISTLE – 1 JOHN 4:7-21

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

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 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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.

PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT

Great God,

We thank You and praise You for the blessings and grace You have given Church of the Holy Spirit from the beginning. Father, use this season to be a time of healing, repentance, and surrender. Search our hearts and renew our minds to be open to hear Your voice and do Your will.

May we go with You God, as You take us places where we must trust You alone. May we be faithful in worship and in prayer as we deepen our own walk with You as Lord and Savior.

God give us Your wisdom and discernment as You reveal Your plans to us.

Our church will be a loving community, inspiring others through worship and service to follow Jesus Christ, as we participate with You.

We thank You Lord, for Your love and the plans You have for Church of the Holy Spirit.

In Jesus name,
Amen

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 up front during communion.

THE WEEK AHEAD APRIL 28-MAY 4

SUN	28	Holy Eucharist 10:00 am In Person & Online Coffee Hour After Service Fulton Hall
TUE	30	Bible Study 3:30 pm Fulton Hall Reunion Group – Cursillo 5:30 pm Zoom
WED	1	Morning Prayer 10:00 am In Person & Online
THU	2	National Day of Prayer Garden Team 9:00 am
FRI	3	Group Prayer 10:00 am Conference Call Night of Worship 7:00 pm
SAT	4	Spring Tea 1:00 pm

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

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.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 2

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.
– Prayers of the People

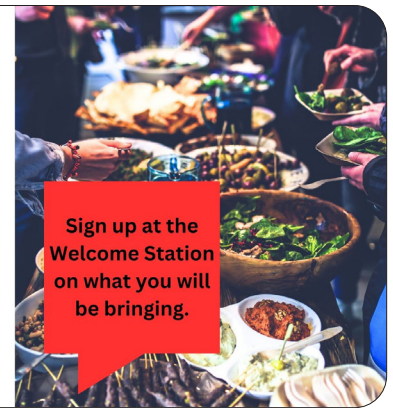


Potluck Sunday

Sunday, May 5, 2024
After Service

The first Sunday of each month will be a Potluck Sunday! Come and help celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries for this month.

Cake will be provided.



Sign up at the Welcome Station on what you will be bringing.

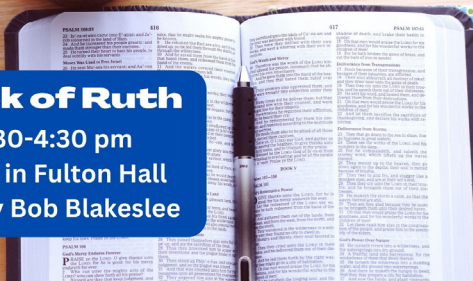
BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays through May 21st

Book of Ruth

3:30-4:30 pm

Meet in Fulton Hall
Led by Bob Blakeslee



Women's Breakfast Club

Monday, May 6 • 9:00 am

Share prayers, fellowship and discussion on women's issues.

Meet at EGGS-Traordinary Breakfast & Lunch Cafe, 2282 Tamiami Tr. North, Nokomis. Annabell Edwards will be leading the discussion.

Contact Sandy Kreidler at 941-365-4246 for details.



Night of Worship

Healing Prayer & Praise Night
Friday, May 3 • 7:00 pm

Come rest in God's presence; use the time to focus your prayers, seek healing for your life, and be freshly anointed by the Holy Spirit. Scott Gardner will be leading worship.



In Person & Live on Facebook

MAN UP


MEN'S GROUP

Saturday, May 11 at 8:00 am
in Fulton Hall

Gather with fellow brothers in Christ for biblical devotion and fellowship. Doughnuts and coffee will be served.



THIS MONTH'S OUTREACH
HOUSE OF PRAYER



Preparing the way of the Lord and to raise up messengers.
 To help support this ministry and others, please drop a donation in the white box on the chancel area.

HOW ARE WE DOING FINANCIALLY?

March 2024	Year-to-Date / Jan-Mar
Income: \$ 23,599	Income: \$ 57,151
Expenses: \$ 15,633	Expenses: \$ 45,213
Difference: \$ + 7,966	Difference: \$ + 11,938

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.

- Thanksgiving for all who came and helped clean up the campus at our Work Day.
- 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 for Pam's brother, Rick.
- Healing prayers for Laura who was diagnosed with an uncommon, aggressive cancer.
- 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.
- Comfort for those affected by the storms and tornadoes throughout the Midwest. Safety for all who help with the cleanup.
- Continued healing for Peggy's son, Dallas, as he recovers.
- Provisions for the people of Taiwan dealing with an earthquake.
- Comfort for families and those affected by the collapsed bridge in Baltimore. Safety for all who help in rebuilding the bridge and opening the channel.
- Comfort for Sally and Phil as they mourn the loss of Sally's brother.
- Thanksgiving for baby Ryleigh who got to go home.
- Continued comfort for Cynthia over the loss of her mother.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for the healing in Christine.
- Prayer that Kathy will find peace and healing.
- 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.



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