

**REACH OUT IN CHRIST
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

MAY 8, 2022

10:00 AM

Prelude “Abide with Me” Monk

Welcome

Hymn “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” #175

Call to Worship:

Leader: We gather together to worship our loving,
nurturing God,

**People: who, like a mother, knows us intimately,
loves us unconditionally.**

Leader: The Lord teaches us the way we should go,
and comforts us in times of need.

People: Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!

Opening Prayer

In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name. Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love, granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely, endurance to those who care for sick family members, and wisdom to those in fearful times of change. We thank you for the gifts of love we have received from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion. As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love. Grant us peace, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Blessing of Prayer Shawls

Anthem “I have felt the Hand of God” Courtney

Scripture John 10:22-30

Sermon “Not of My Flock” Pastor John

Hymn “His Name is Wonderful” #174

Benediction

Alleluia

Postlude “All Things Bright and Beautiful” English

CIRCLE OF PRAYER—Sandra Buck, Douglas Pike, Larry Thompson, Kittie Brown, Charlie Monroe, Brenda and Mike Smeby, Sergei Barth, Jack Eckardt, Murphy Mullens, Tom Hannon, George Kranz, Lettie Witt, Terry Polen, Rod and Michelle Bailey, Jessica Strande, Cheryl Chmura, Susan Granner, Fiona Kishundyal, Marv Hiuser, Rita Harned, Marilyn and Ron Lovell, Pastor John Griswold, Karen McGinley.

The **prayer shawls** on the altar have been made by the craft group and others who are sharing their talents. If you know of someone who you would like to give one to, contact Donna at (502) 435-8843. Or come by the craft room on Mondays 12:30-3pm.

Please use these as a way to show others that our church loves them and is praying for them. We will lift them in prayer every week during our craft time.

***HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY**—Carnations will be handed out to all women after the worship service.

***A NOTE FROM MEGAN COX CAREFOOT**—“I’m writing to thank all the members of FUMC for the birthday cards that were sent to me. I got mail for days, and it made my birthday special because I felt loved by the church that has prayed for me through all of my health struggles. It was so encouraging, and I just want to say THANK YOU! Blessings to you all in this spring time of hope.”

***CRAFT GROUP**—Meets Mondays 12:30-3pm in upstairs Craft Room.

***CHOIR**—Rehearsal on the 1st Wednesday of the month 6-7:30pm and practice before Sunday worships. The choir will take a summer break after May 29.

***SANCTUARY IS OPEN**—But we are not back to normal yet due to the continuation of the COVID19 pandemic. **We need to be vigilant especially because of the new virus variants. Masks are encouraged and recommended if you are unvaccinated. Please get your vaccination to minimize the possibility of getting infected or infecting others.** If you are experiencing symptoms please seek care and rest. You can watch the worship service from the comfort of your home on Facebook Live. Thanks for your cooperation!

Scripture: John 10:22-30, *Jesus at the Festival of Dedication*

²² The time came for the Festival of Dedication in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple, walking in the covered porch named for Solomon. ²⁴ The Jewish opposition circled around him and asked, “How long will you test our patience? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, but you don’t believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, ²⁶ but you don’t believe because you don’t belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life. They will never die, and no one will snatch them from my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them from my Father’s hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

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Madonna of humility by Fra Angelico, c. 1430

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