



THE LOVE OF
GOD IS THIS:

*that we obey
his commandments.*

1 John 5:3, NRSV

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Service for the Lord's Day

6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Words of Welcome
Prelude

Call to Worship from Psalm 98, *The Message*

Sing to God a brand-new song.

God has made a world of wonders!

God made history with salvation.

God showed the world what he could do.

The whole earth comes to attention.

Look—God's work of salvation!

Let loose and sing! Strike up the band.

God will put the world right, and everyone in it.

* Hymn 267 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,

We have heard your command to love,

but have not loved others as you have loved us.

We have read of Jesus putting your love to work,

but we have failed to follow his example.

We have felt the joy of receiving grace and mercy,

but we have been slow to be gracious and merciful.

Forgive us again, we pray,

and empower us to hear, obey and live your loving way.

*Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 589 “Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Now the Lord is risen indeed.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: John 15:9-17 (NT, p. 109)

Psalter: Psalm 98 (Hymn 276)

A Moment with Our Children

Anthem

“Taske and See”

Second Lesson: I John 5:1-6 (NT, p. 241)

Sermon: “The Proof is in the Loving”

Rev. Thyren

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 300 “We Are One in the Spirit”

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

A Minute for the Pentecost Offering

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer (Hymnal, p. 35)

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.

Prayers of the People

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 526 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given by Erika Adams in honor of her parents, Fred and Jeneane Adams, in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Director of Music

Organist

Liturgist

Rev. James Thyren

Jana Schillinger

Frank Jones

Jan Thyren

Judy Cutler

Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

Thank you for joining us for Worship. We worship in two ways!

- **Join us in person at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tune in online** for our service, which is broadcast live and archived for later viewing on the same site.
- Please use the **red attendance pads** to record your presence today.
- **Large-print bulletins** are located at the rear of the sanctuary.

A Congregational Meeting has been called for next Sunday, May 12 at 11 a.m., for the purpose of electing elders and deacons, class of 2027.

Bible Time is our program for children (age 4 to approx. grade 4) to hear Bible stories told in a fun and engaging way. Each Sunday following the anthem, children are invited to go with leaders downstairs for Bible Time (lasting about 20 minutes) and return for the Prayers and the end of service.

The Nursery is open Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is staffed by Heather Lyons.

The Deacons will sponsor a Food Drive in May that will benefit both the Clarks Summit Gathering Place and the Dalton Food Pantry. You may bring your food donations of non-perishable pantry staples such as cereals, pastas, baby food, etc. to the church narthex.

Adult Education meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., Room 206. On May 1, 8, 15, and 22 Rev. Bill and Friends continue a Bible Study series titled "Why Presbyterians Are Like That." We will explore the ways we read the Bible, pray, and serve. All are invited!

Interested in a Presbyterian trip to Scotland? Our church is sponsoring a Presbyterian Heritage Tour of Scotland for September 5-14, 2024. The trip will take our travelers to Edinburgh, Glasgow, St. Andrews, and the mystical island of Iona. A brochure is available in the Narthex. An information session was recorded for your listening. The trip will be capped off at 26 travelers. Interested? Let Rev. Carter know.

Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

Please pray for: Hall, Bob, Bonnie, Betty, Lisa, Janet, Patty, Barb, Tami, Bette, Sharon, Jim, Ralph, Linzy, Sue, Dillon, Tony, Aiden, Bill, Margaret, Colleen M., LeAnne, Wayne, Dennis V., Liz, Jerry, Wayne, Gerry, Tracy, Kathy, Hannah, Tom, Dick, Chris, Rick, Brian, Len, Joyce, Staci, Travis, Nancy, Helen, Edward, Irena, Maureen, Bentley, Sawyer, Nate, Kay, Ginny, Kelly, the Bucca family, Renee.



Meet Me at the Fair
Paragon Ragtime Orchestra
Friday, May 10 at 7 p.m.

The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra (PRO) will bring its touring performance of "Meet Me at the Fair" to the church on Friday, May 10 at 7 p.m. The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra is the world's only year-round, professional ensemble re-creating "America's Original Music" – the exciting sounds of early musical theater, silent cinema, and vintage dance. This program features music from the Philadelphia, Chicago, Buffalo, and St. Louis world's fairs of the early 1900s and includes video clips of those fairs to go along with the music. It's a multimedia show you won't want to miss!

The PRO came into being as the result of conductor Rick Benjamin's 1985 discovery of thousands of turn-of-the-century orchestra scores once belonging to Victrola recording star Arthur Pryor. In 1988 the Orchestra made its formal debut at Alice Tully Hall – the first concert ever presented at Lincoln Center by such an ensemble. Since then PRO has appeared at hundreds of leading arts venues, including the Ravinia Festival, the Smithsonian Institution, Chautauqua, the Brucknerhaus (Austria), the New York 92nd Street Y, and the American Dance Festival.

The concert is open to the public free of charge, with a free-will offering taken to help defray the costs of the event. For more information, contact the church office at 570-586-6306.

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that came to last Saturday's cleanup. Much was accomplished in a short time because of so many willing workers!

Hearts and Hands for Camp Lackawanna

Can you help? Camp Lackawanna has planned a second **Hearts and Hands weekend** for May 17-19. There are many tasks to be done. These include wood splitting, painting, cleaning, minor repairs, spreading woodchips, loading a dumpster, and others. There is something for all ages! You can come for the entire weekend or just one day. Meals and lodging will be provided. Please sign up by May 13 by sending an email to Suzanne Bates at suzanne@batesemail.net, or calling 248-320-6095.

We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, scan here.



This Week at a Glance

Today, May 5

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online

Tuesday, May 7

- **7 p.m.**, Mission and Justice, Room 206

Wednesday, May 8

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Education, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir, Sanctuary
- **8 p.m.**, Adult Bell Choir, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 9

- **5 p.m.**, Finance, Room 209

Friday, May 10

- **7 p.m.**, Paragon Ragtime Orchestra concert, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 12

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11 a.m.**, Congregational meeting to elect officers, Sanctuary

Looking Ahead – Check your newsletters for information!

- May 19 - Graduate recognition during worship. See your May Presbyter, page 7, bottom, for information.
- May 26 - Ordination and Installation of incoming elders and deacons will take place during worship
- June 1 – Bike Hike through the Lehigh Gorge
- June 30 – Parking Lot Picnic
- August 2 – Rail Riders' game