

**Christian Bethany Memorial Church
(Disciples of Christ)
May 24, 2020
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Prelude
Welcome
Announcements

Vicki NeCastro
John Hull

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

John Hull

HYMN OF PRAISE: # 464 vs. 1,4

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

God of Grace and God of glory,
On thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom,
Grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Set our feet on lofty places;
Fill our lives that we may be
Strengthened with all Christ-like graces
Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom
Grant us courage
Lest we fail our call from thee
Lest we fail our call from thee.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father/Mother 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Watkins

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:6-14

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So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of^[a] James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Vicki NeCastro

SERMON

Rev. Sharon Watkins

"From Our Doorsteps to the End of the Earth"

WE PARTAKE AT GOD'S HOLY TABLE

CALL TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY AND OFFERING PRAYER

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.*

COMMUNION INVITATION**THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF THE ELDER****WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Rev. Watkins

FELLOWSHIP OF COMMUNION

Please partake of the bread and cup – one in the Spirit.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE**CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

Rev. Watkins

CLOSING HYMN #400 vs. 1,3

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone;
working, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own;
in my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine for ever,
go, my children, with my blessing
you are my own.

go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me;
grow in love and love by serving;
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here his tender comfort stilled you;
go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**Rev. Watkins
Vicki NeCastro

PRAYER LIST

Christian love and sympathy are with family and friends of Rev. Terry Tate, retired Disciples of Christ minister, on his passing.

Christian love and sympathy extended to Dave and Jan Wottle on the passing of their son-in-law, Mark Christopher Holmes.

Richard Donnelly (friend of Kerry Shaulis)
Casen, 3-month-old great-grandson of Connie Norwood of FCC Weirton
Carol Perkins, mother of Brenda's friend, Kay
Frank Hillgardner, father of Holly and Sharley.
Bob and Jackie Andrews
Dustin Winters, recovering from Covid-19
Gary Larson and Vonnie Larson
Barb Stevenson, mother of Kim Stevenson
Linda Jacobs (Sister of Jan Forsty)
Nancy Pietrangelo (sister of Penny Tittle)
Mike Cunningham (Sydma's Dad) and Dottie Hanners
Jeffrey Yost
Della & Ed Rodgers (Parents of Vicki NeCastro)
Allan and Pam Clifford (Connie McVicar's brother-in-law and sister)
Sharon Poyneer (sister of Vonnie Larson)
Mary Sutherland (sister of Pat Sutherland)
Caden Knisley
Joanne Sykes
Ellen Sanford
Mary Jane Jackson
Ruth Tye
Donna Norman (Becky Ayers' sister)
Linda Owens Walters

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Minister
Liturgist
Elder
Music
Videographer

Rev. Sharon Watkins
John Hull
Helen Moren
Vicki NeCastro
Connie McVicar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outreach Opportunity - BMC is partnering with Temple Shalom and others to buy all of the Girl Scout cookies that were sold by members of the Black Diamond Council but not able to be delivered because of the pandemic. Rather than letting them sit in a warehouse, we are purchasing them from the Girl Scouts and sending them to an ecumenical group of soup kitchens and food pantries in Wheeling. We have committed to purchasing 50 boxes. If you would like to contribute to this project, send your contribution to BMC. The cookies are five dollars a box. It's a perfect way to support the Girl Scouts and provide a much-needed treat to some deserving folks.

Thursday Evening Prayer services have begun! For those of you on the BMC email list, you will receive an email with the Zoom invitation and are welcome to join. If you would like a link texted to you, let Sydma know. If you are not on the email list, please contact either Sharon (swatkins@bethanywv.edu) or Sydma (shatzopoulos@bethanywv.edu) so that we can add you.

A **Bible Study** will begin on **Monday, June 1 at 6:15 pm via Zoom**. The study will be based on the lectionary scripture for the Sunday following, and we are hoping that each week, a different individual or pair of individuals will lead the study. If you are interested and have not already indicated so, please contact the church office. The lectionary scripture for the June 1 study is Genesis 1:1-2;4a, 2nd Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20, and Psalm 8.

Monday, June 8 – At 6:00 pm there will be a BMC Board meeting held using ZOOM. All Board members should plan on attending. Congregational members are invited to attend as well.

May 31st and June 7 are the Sundays the Disciples Mission Fund has designated as **Pentecost Offering Sundays**. Contributions to the Pentecost Offering are used to support and sustain new churches, both in our region and the world. You are welcome to make a donation to the Pentecost Offering by going to the BMC web page (www.bmcwv.org) and clicking on the donate button at the top of the page.

Friends and family of BMC can keep up with pledges to the church or give financial gifts to the church by mail or by also going to the BMC web page and clicking on the "donate" button. Contributions can be made by credit card or through PayPal. If you'd like, you can specify how your gift is to be used by commenting in the notes box or send an email via the Facebook page.

If you or someone you know is in need of a grocery or prescription pickup, please call the church office and leave a message. Volunteers stand ready to help.

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13