

**Bethany Memorial Church
(Disciples of Christ)
May 9, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day**

Welcome! As we reopen the sanctuary for worship, please ensure the safety of your church family by social distancing, wearing a face mask, and refraining from singing.

PRELUDE Vicki NeCastro
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Debra Hull

CALL TO WORSHIP Debra Hull

HYMN OF PRAISE #220 vv. 1,3

"He Lives!"

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever others say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him, he's always near.
He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;
None other is so loving, so good and kind.
He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Debra Hull

*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

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

**JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Sharon Watkins

SCRIPTURE READING

Debra Hull

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Brenda Hart

Vicki NeCastro

SERMON

Rev. Watkins

"Even on the Gentiles"

WE PARTAKE AT GOD'S HOLY TABLE

CALL TO OFFERING

Debra Hull

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

Debra Hull

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF THE ELDER

Debra Hull

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FELLOWSHIP OF COMMUNION

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

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

CLOSING HYMN 528

“Give Thanks”

*Give thanks, with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say “I am strong”;
let the poor say “I am rich”
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say “I am strong”;
Let the poor say “I am rich”
because of what the Lord has done for us
Give thanks! Give thanks! Give thanks!*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rev. Watkins
Vicki NeCastro

WELCOME!	
We are glad you’re here, and hope you find God’s presence in this place as we worship together.	
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins
Liturgist	Debra Hull
Elder	Debra Hull
Music	Vicki NeCastro
	Brenda Hart
Greeter	Penny Tittle
Videographer	Connie McVicar

PRAYER LIST

All those affected by Covid-19 both in our community and beyond:

Brittany Smurthwaite
Bill Armstrong (John Cole's nephew)
Phillip Kent (PK) Counselman
Cindy Hudson
Sheri Holland and family (friends of Vicki NeCastro)
Madeline Wilson
Mike Cunningham (Sydma's Dad)
Mary Lou Chambers
Laura Chambers Willis
Penny Tittle
RuthAnn Yost
Jackie Andrews
Karol Puskarich
Jean McVicar (Mother-in-Law of Connie McVicar)
Mary Ann Eisenhauer
Ed Rodgers (Vicki NeCastro's father)
Gary and Vonnie Larson
Ashley Pietrangelo, niece of Penny Tittle
Mark and Donna Sutherland, brother and sister-in-law of Pat Sutherland
Lynn Cowell, brother of Shirley Kemp
Nancy Pietrangelo (sister of Penny Tittle)
Jeanne Cobb
David Gnatek (brother-in-law of Holly Hillgardner)
Tammy Ritchea
Ruth Tye, Jeannie Sarg Tye, and Jay Tye
Jack Hoffman
Perry Jones, Jr.
Jeffrey Yost
Caden Knisley
Ellen Sanford
Mary Jane Jackson
Holly, Frank, and Sharley Hillgardner
Donna Norman (Becky Ayers' sister)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BMC Congregational Board will meet **Monday, May 10 at 6:00 pm** via Zoom. All Board members are asked to attend, and will receive a Zoom invitation Monday. Any interested congregational member is welcome and should email or call the church office for the Zoom invitation.

Mid-Week Prayer Meeting will take place on Thursdays of each week at 6:30pm via Zoom. If you would like to attend, call the church office so we can make sure you receive a Zoom invitation.

Food Pantry – Please continue to remember the front porch food pantry at the church. Pick up a few extra cans of food items whether it be canned vegetables or fruit, canned meats (spam, tuna, chicken, etc.) or snacks. There has been a consistent demand for food products. Items such as toilet paper, shampoo, soap, etc. are also appreciated.

LOL (Ladies out to Lunch) is back! All ladies of the community are invited to attend LOL on **Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 12:00 noon** at the Sarah Miller House in Wellsburg. The cost is \$20 plus tax and tip. The menu will consist of grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup, beverages, and dessert. Please RSVP to Felicity at 304-281-2245 by June 1 if you wish to attend.

We will be collecting for the **Pentecost Offering on May 16 and May 23**. The Pentecost offering supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregations is part of the Disciples' vision. This offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs. Gifts for this offering are divided equally between the region in which they're given and New Church Ministry.

Plans are being made for worship at the Old Meeting House with other DOC congregations on May 23, 2021 for Pentecost Sunday. Details will be forthcoming.