



*St. Peter's Union Church of Mantzville*

*"... where worship and service don't stop with the final hymn."*

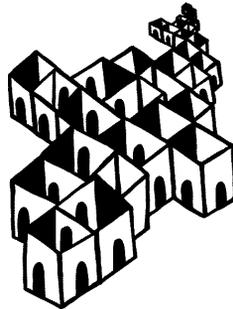
*The Reverend Kenneth L. Buckwalter, Interim Pastor*

*Kristine K. Betz, Director of Music*

May 14, 2017

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*Mother's Day 9:00am*



***Welcome to Worship this Day!***

*As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As First Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.*

***Some things to know as we begin . . .***

*We begin with words of welcome because you are welcome here!*

*We share good news to keep in touch and celebrate our ministries.*

*Who is saying what and when? You are the congregation (C).*

**C** Congregation      **A** Assisting Minister      **P** Presiding Minister

**L** Lector      **M** Minister from the Congregation

*Please note that standing is an invitation, not a requirement! ♥*

# Gathering

*Worship begins with the prelude.  
Please prepare your hearts with silence.*

## WORDS of WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*Blest Be the Ties that Bind*

*--J. Mansfield*

*The assembly stands at the direction of the presiding minister.*

### INVOCATION – *Psalm 100* (NRSV/ed)

**P** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**C** **Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

**P** Know that the Lord is God.

**C** **It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**P** Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and come into his courts with praise.

**C** **Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

ALL

**For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*We marvel together at the caring love of the Lord.*

### ***O God, Our Help in Ages Past***

*Celebration Hymnal # 686*

## **APOSTOLIC GREETING and KYRIE**

*God greets us; we humble ourselves in prayer.*

**P** Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**C** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

**P** The grace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord:

**C** **Amen.**

# HYMN of PRAISE – *Halle, Halle, Halle*

CCLI #160-1646

*We share the gift of Easter joy and peace.*

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
le - lu - ia! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Music: Traditional Carribean, arr. by John L. Bell, © 1990, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent; verses and acc. by Marty Haugen, © 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.

**P** Behold, I go to prepare a place for you and, when I have prepared a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, that where I am there you may be also: Hallelujah!

**C** **Hallelujah!**

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*We seek God's help to live in the power of the resurrection.*

**P** God has put the music of the resurrection into our hearts.

**C** **The name of Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life, is music to our ears.**

**P** May God bless us with joys unending.

**C** **May Jesus be with us as we worship and praise our God.**

**P** Let us pray.

Lead us in Truth, Lord Jesus Christ, pilgrims on our Way, through the sorrows and pains of our everyday, unto the eternal Life you have prepared for us; for wherever you are there is goodness and your love heals all wounds. In your holy and blessed name do we pray.

**C** **Amen**

*The assembly may be seated.*

# Word

## FIRST READING: *Acts 7:55-60*

*Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.*

**L** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*The text of this reading is printed on the **back cover** of this worship folder.*

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE PSALM: *Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16***

*Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)*

## **SECOND READING: *I Peter 2:2-10***

*Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.*

A reading from First Peter.

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**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **WELCOMING the GOSPEL**

*We welcome the good news of a Lord who knows what sheep are like.*

### ***Sweet By and By*** (sts. 1 & 3)

*Celebration Hymnal #778*

## **GOSPEL READING: *John 14:1-14***

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. Oddly, perhaps, it is he who offers comfort in spite of what awaits him. His comfort? As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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**P** The Gospel of our Risen Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please **be seated** at the direction of the presiding minister.*



**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

## **OFFERING**

*We offer our time, talents and treasures to God.*

**OFFERTORY**      *When There's Love at Home*

*--R. Wilson*

## OFFERING SONG    *The Doloxogy*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P**    Let us pray.

    O Guardian of our souls, we give thanks for your watchful care. We are grateful for the many ways you offer healing and renewal. We are delighted with the opportunity to return, with glad and generous hearts, the love you have given us.

**C**    **We praise you with our offerings and by rededicating our time, talents and treasures to the ministry of shepherding the lost of your world. Amen.**

### PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

*We pray for God's world and God's people.*

**P**    Made alive to God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.    *A brief silence.*

*Each petition ends: Hear us, O God.*

*The assembly responds: **Your mercy is great.***

#### FRIENDS IN NEED

Matt Brickler, Christine Miller, Barry Miller, Shannon Williams, Rick Long, Gregg Gerko; the Loved Ones of Charlotte Bierman, Zachary Solt, Wilhelmina Vegh, LaVerne Wertman, and Elwood Hunsicker. Also, \_\_\_\_\_ (*please let Pastor know of anyone who needs prayer and/or pastoral care*).

**P**    Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior.

**C**    **Amen.**

**P**    Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C**    **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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

## **SIGNS OF PEACE**

*The peace that Christ gives to us we share with others.*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

# *Sending*

## **COMMISSIONING and BLESSING**

*We hear the call to serve and are blessed with power to do so.*

**P** Go out into God's pastures; they are everywhere.

There is food enough for all to share.

**C** **A table is prepared for us and all people;  
we will invite others to God's feast.**

**P** Let the still waters run deep within you.

God has promised and abiding presence.

**C** **We will listen for the Savior's voice.  
We will trust God to guide us.**

**P** Go out to live courageously and give abundantly;  
Christ's life and love empower you.

**C** **Surely goodness and mercy will follow us;  
we will dwell with God even as we serve humanity. Amen.**





**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented in loving memory of Helen Coombe by her family.

**THE BOWL ON THE PIANO** is presented in honor of Jill Hoppes' birthday, which she celebrates today. Happy Birthday! I love you – Mom

**GREETERS:** Frank and Betty Bobick.

**LECTORS:** Denise Moyer and Larissa Markey.

**ACOLYTES:** Makayla Kester and Larissa Markey.

**ANGEL USHERS:** Allen Dunbar, Morgan Myers, Mason & Tyler MacMillan

**BELL RINGER:** Abbey Rex.

**SOUND SYSTEM:** Aaron Frantz.

**BIRTHDAY OFFERING FOR THIS WEEK:** Received from Joann Butkus and Jill Hoppes.

**MAY SHUTIN BIRTHDAYS:** Bobby Fritz (May 2nd), and Willie Frey (May 18th).

We are honored to be able to share in worship with visitors. Cards to note your presence with us are found in the communion cup/card rack holders, along with prayer request cards, blank offering envelopes, and communion cards. Members who are not certain of their number, just put your name on the envelope. Please **HAND** your prayer request cards to an usher when the offering is being received. Visitor cards, envelopes, and communion cards may be placed in the offering plate.

### *A Mother's Day Prayer*

*Thank you, Lord, that you fill a mother's heart with love,*

*That you have instilled in her very being the need to protect her children if at all possible,*

*Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing her children, of teaching them, of comforting them, for feeding them and making a safe place for them.*

*For guiding them to be all that God has created them to be.*

*Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance, with strength and patience and joy.*

*Give them ability to forgive again and again.*

*Enable her to rely on You and call upon You, because You will give her all she needs.*



## **THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

### Today, Sunday, May 14:

- 9:00 AM Worship Service ~ Mother's Day  
Joyous Noise Offering
- 10:15 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Junior Choir practice
- 6:00 PM Girl Scouts & Cub Scouts

### Monday, May 15:

- 6:00 PM Church Board

### Tuesday, May 16:

ELECTION DAY

### Wednesday, May 17:

- 6:30 PM WASP Mother/Daughter Tea

### Thursday, May 18:

- 7:00 PM Senior Choir practice

### Next Sunday, May 21:

- 9:00 AM Worship Service ~ Senior Sunday  
(fellowship to follow)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Junior Choir practice
- 6:00 PM Girl Scouts & Cub Scouts

*\*For complete details on these events, please consult your newsletter.*



The Old Fashioned Picnic Committee is looking for baskets/gift cards for the basket raffle, bingo prizes, baked goods/items for the cakewalk, and a roaster of haluski. They are also accepting monies which will go towards purchasing food for the Picnic. Any questions contact Lori Hoppes (570) 386-2440 or Karen Diehl (570) 386-5472. Baskets/gift cards may be dropped off at Lori Hoppes' house if the church is not open.

We are still looking for a speaker for the Memorial service on ***Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>*** here at St. Peters. If you would like volunteer please contact Curt Hartung or Kent Miller as soon as possible.

May 7, 2017  
**Attendance: 114**  
**Offering: \$ 4,819.00**  
**Includes Building Fund: \$ 264.00**  
**Plate Offering: \$ 79.00**

2017 Year-to-Date

<b>Total YTD Income:</b>	<b>\$ 65,378.50</b>
<b>Includes:</b>	
YTD Fuel Offering:	\$ 905.00
YTD Elevator Maintenance Offering:	\$ 875.00
<b>Total YTD Expenses:</b>	<u><b>\$ 55,881.35</b></u>
<b>Net YTD:</b>	<b>\$ 9,497.15</b>

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**Benevolence:**

ELCA: \$ 3,974.50      UCC: \$ 2,322.00  
2017 benevolence goal is \$7,500.00 per denomination

<b>Deployed to Afghanistan:</b> Michael Zeigenfuss <b>Deployed to Germany:</b> Sean Steigerwalt <b>Deployed to Japan:</b> John McGuire	<b>Active Duty, Not Deployed:</b> Patrick Donahue Katie Forgey Tyler Forgey James Frederickson Mark Habel Dustin Hoppes LeRoy E. Kromer II Timothy Kromer Sean Kurtz	Quynntin Long Dominic Lorenzo Amanda Miller Lisa Miller Daryl Neff Bill Nordai Andy Snyder Emily Snyder Dakota Vadimsky Chad Wehr Mark West
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**PRAYERS FOR OUR SHUTINS**

<b>The Village at Palmerton: Willie and Edna Mertz-Frey</b> <b>Gracedale Nursing Home: Lynn Gerber</b> <b>Seton Manor, Orwigsburg: Phyllis Wehr</b> <b>At Home: Buddy Arner, Oliver Coombe, Kathryn Delano, Bobby Fritz</b> <b>Grace Fritz, Shirley Haberman, Berlyn Hoppes, Ruth Houser</b> <b>and June Williams</b>	
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