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Because we believe that the risen Christ is in our midst, we also believe that we should never place a period where God has placed a comma.

Order of Worship

April 28, 2024 10:30 am 5th Sunday of Easter

We Gather

Welcome

Prelude

Take Time to Be Holy

Stebbins/arr. Larson

*Call to Worship

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Come, and praise God! In the company of the God's people, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.

Our God is gracious and compassionate;

our God is merciful and forgiving

our God is faithful and trustworthy,

our God is just and good.

So come, let's worship God together.

May God's praise always be found on our lips! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Alleluia, Amen!

*Hymn #52 (NCH)

There is a Name I Love to Hear

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you created the world and all that is in it; the whole universe speaks of Your glory! Even so, we confess that we live distracted lives, unaware of Your presence and goodness, You are invited to use the time before service to prepare your heart and mind for worship through prayer and reflection. We kindly ask that all cell phones and media devices be silenced.

Worship Liturgy

Throughout the worship liturgy, you are invited to respond with all of the words in bold.

*Asterisk indicates please rise in

body or spirit

Hymns

are chosen from the "black" *New Century Hymnal* or "blue" *Chalice Hymnal* located in the back of your pew. thoughtless to the perpetual motion of your Spirit, and in doing so we surrender the life of faith we are invited to live. Trusting in Christ, we ask you to forgive us our sins, and renew our zeal for a life of faith, that filled with your presence we might be lights in the world, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

We Hear

First Reading: Pł	nilippians 2:12-18	(page 197)
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Responsive Psalm:

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain,

beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense.

Then the kings assembled, they came on together.

As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic, they took to flight;

trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor, as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever. (Selah)

We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory.

Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments.

Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers,

consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation

that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will be our guide forever.

Thanks to the

following people for helping with service today:

Reader: Rachel Hutchison

In-Person Greeters: Bob Finn, Roy and Shirley Lewis

Online Greeter:

Alice Buckner **Tech Team:** Rob Brown, Ryan Brown, Doug White **Acolyte:** Taylor Barilaro

Consistory Person of the Month:

Lisa Davis **Back-Up:** Angela Bonarrigo

Psalm 48

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor and celebration of Ronnie and Thelma Stonesifer's 55th wedding anniversary on April 26th.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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Gospel:

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*Gospel Response:

Thine is the Glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the Victory thou o'er death hast won.

Sermon

They Need You

We Respond

*Hymn #495 (NCH)

Called as Partners In Christ's Service

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 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.

Offering

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

Loving God, you are never far from us all, as close as our own breathing. We recognize you as the one who heals the wounded spirit and gives new life to the broken hearted. We offer these gifts understanding that you call all of us to care for all your children. Take us and use us and all that we have, so that the Kingdom of Heaven will be realized on earth; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday Mornings

9:15 am - Adult Sunday School 9:15 am - Children's Sunday School 10:30am - Hybrid In-Person and Online Worship

Church Staff

Sam Chamelin, Pastor Mary Ann Driscoll, Organist Jane Sharpe, Choir Director Sabrina Hodge, Financial Secretary Lisa Brown, Treasurer Sabrina Hodge, Administrative Associate Ashley Barber, Youth Program Leader

Are you interested in joining St. Mary's U.C.C.?

Please contact the church office.

Pastoral Emergencies

Please call the church office or call/text Pastor Sam at 717-309-7680.

Prayer Chain

Contacts: Belinda Finn or the Church Office

Church Office Hours

Mondays 9 - 1 Wednesdays 9 - 1 Voicemail and email are monitored daily.

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We Are Sent

*Benediction

*Three-fold Amen

*Postlude

Recessional. Allegro Maestoso

Handel/arr. Schrader