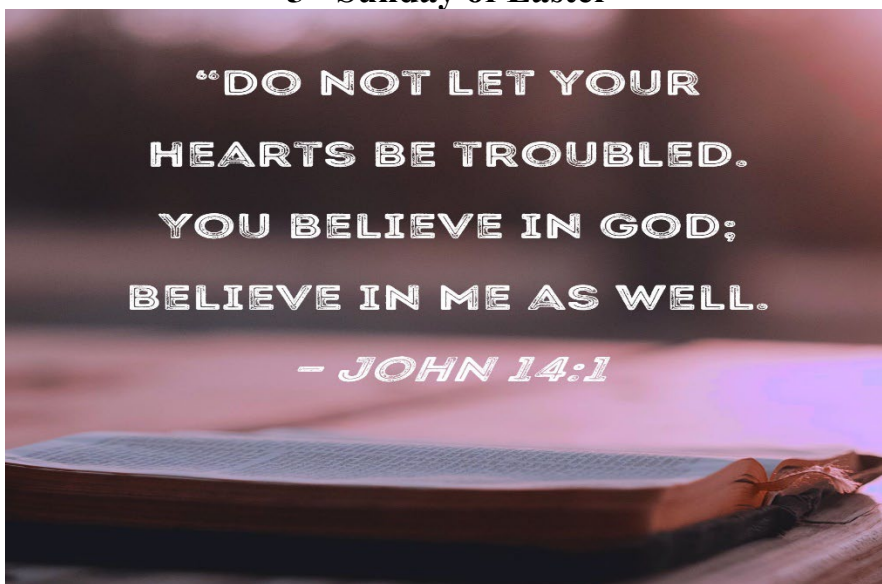


5th Sunday of Easter



10:20 a.m. Worship Service

May 7, 2023



Rev. Gary Heaton

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** All who are able, please stand; bold print - all respond*

Prelude		David Landrum
Ringling of the Bell		Sam Henshaw
Greeting /Announcements		Cathy Richard
* Call to Worship		(from Book of Worship 199)
Leader: Come! Come!		
People: Everybody worship with a prayer or song of praise!		
Leader: Come! Come!		
People: Everybody worship! Worship God always!		
*Hymn	<i>Standing on the Promises</i>	UMH 374
Lighting of Altar Candles		Sam Henshaw
Scripture Lesson	Acts 7:55-60	Rev. Heaton
Response to the Word	<i>God Is Changing the World</i>	Choir

Offering and Children's Church

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Prayers of the People

Pastor John

Congregational Prayer

Pastor John

Loving God of this Easter season, we thank You for this day! We are thankful for Your Great Providence for us. You have blessed us with so many gifts that we could not number them all. From the glorious morning sunrise to the gentle end of the day. Lord, You are so wonderful that You have promised to provide for us beyond this earthly space. You have prepared a place in heaven for those who believe in You and Your Son. Help us to believe in things unseen, not because of our vision, but because You keep Your promises. We ask this in the Name of the One Who died for us, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

***Hymn**

My Hope Is Built

UMH 368

Sermon Text

John 14:1-14

Rev. Gary Heaton

Sermon

Not Troubled, But Believing!

Pastor John

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and Earth. You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through Your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with Your people on Earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He
Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed Him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when You would save Your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection, You gave birth to Your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. At His ascension, You exalted Him to sit and reign with You at Your right hand.

On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

When the supper was over He took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at His heavenly banquet. Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Supper

***Hymn**

I Know Whom I Have Believed

UMH 714

***The Benediction**

Pastor John

Benediction

Go Now and Live for the Savior

Go now and live for the Savior. Go, may this joy be your joy too. Go, may this presence ever guide you. Go, live this life the whole day through.

Postlude

David Landrum

(*Please stand as able) CCLI # 11408803

Thanks to Pastor John for filling in for the absence of Rev. Heaton.

Announcements

Who's Who in The Pew - Member Attendance & Visitor Info - Please fill out the card located in the pews and place it in the offering basket. Include your name and any prayer requests or concerns for our church leaders. If you are a visitor, please include your contact info and any requests. These are also used for any COVID contact tracing if needed and so we know that you're aware of our posted protocols.

UWF meeting on Tuesday, May 9th at 10 - 11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. Danna Doyle will present the program. All women are invited to attend. UMCOR Hygiene Kits and Feminine Hygiene Kits will be collected during May. See information and lists of items needed in the Narthex. Deadline is Sunday May 28.

Wednesday Morning Prayer & Care Group - At 11:00 AM, every Wednesday morning, the congregation is invited to meet with the pastor for a time of praying for the concerns of the church. Join us during this journey together each week. *Prayer Concerns 4/30:* relief workers; Safe return of the Heatons; Jerry & Judy Chapman; Mary Katherine Clark; Lorraine Shelton; Mary Walker; Juanita Maddox; safe travels David & Nikki; Wendy Aube; Pat Taylor; June & Nate; Sandy Keiter; Sharon B. & family; Sandy Wilson; Maria; Emily; Annie; Lisa Beaver (*Bri's mom*); Ronda; Sage; Amanda; Sarah; Vicki; Clayton Finch (*Barb Mosser's dad*); Mike & Sandy; my parents; Spencer Bruce, Mark Wells; Laban Sadtler; Michelle; Becky Cather's improvements; Bonnie & Denny; Dan & Suzanne Conklin; Deborah Colburn; Frank Moore; Dennis Clem; Dennis Henry; Picolo family; Bruce & Hilda Lambert; Floridian's affected by tornado; rain; blessings; our country & people; Rodgers family; Shirley Dick; Mary Shetler; Jane Thomas; Wilsons; Tina & Shane Weagley; Doug & Nora Seabright; Rev. Clay & Lisa Knick; Nellie Snoots; Florence Roman; Adele Birnbaum; Sharon & George Teets; Doc Madagan; Amy Frank Haines & boys; Dorton family; *Care Facilities:* Connie Mitchell; Rosalie Wehn; Marilyn Stelzl; Virginia Ebbs; Steven Dobbin; Lloyd Henry; Marietta Lipscomb; Jean Snider; Linda Sullivan; *Military:* Douglas Castro; 1LT Jared Castro; CPO Tiffany McMahan; LTC Tom Crowley; CDR Robert Littman; *Other:* Peggy Gillich, her great-grandson, Lawton, & granddaughter; *Missionaries:* Gregg & Jayne Yarian; Pr. Michael & Lupe Geiss

Scriptures for the week: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Pet 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Calendar

<p>Sunday, May 7 – 5th Sunday of Easter 9:00 Encounter (<i>Yellow Room</i>) 10:20 Worship with Pastor John <i>Greeters:</i> Audrey Dorton & Vicky Maphis <i>Counters:</i> Carolyn Carney & Lorraine Shelton</p> <p>Tuesday, May 9 10:00 UWF (<i>f.hall</i>) 10:00 Staff Meeting (<i>DeMoya</i>) 11:00 Prayer & Care (<i>f.hall</i>) 12-4 Bridge (<i>f. hall</i>) 1:00 Encounter (<i>Yellow Rm & Online</i>) 5:30 TOPS 7:00 Reach & Serve (<i>f.hall</i>) 7:30 Educate & Equip (<i>Demoya</i>)</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 10 11:00 Prayer & Care - All Welcome 5:30 TOPS (<i>DeMoya</i>) 6:00 Bells 7:00 Choir</p> <p>Thursday, May 12 8:30 TOPS (<i>f.hall</i>)</p> <p>Friday, May 11 9:30-2:30 Bridge (<i>f. hall</i>)</p> <p>Sunday, May 14 - Mother's Day 9:00 Encounter (<i>Yellow Room</i>) 10:20 Worship led by Men of the Church <i>Reader:</i> Luke Henshaw; <i>Greeters:</i> Jim & Mary Markley; <i>Counters:</i> Gary Lantz & Cathy Richard</p> <p>Sunday, May 28 Pentecost Cake / Coffee Social</p>
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Please know that ALL children are **ALWAYS welcome** to attend our entire church service in the sanctuary. We offer an optional short **Children's** Church program during Sunday worship.