Responsive Prayer, adapted Pg. 328, cranberry St. Grubby's Day

St. Grubby's Day April 28, 2024

Welcome/Greeting/Announcements

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, Have mercy on us.

Opening Song: 881, Let All Things Now Living

The Lord's Prayer, p. 328

The Creed, pg. 328

Scripture: John 15: 1-8

Litany:

O Lord, I cry to you for help

In the morning, my prayer comes before you. Let my mouth be full of your praise

And your glory all the day long. Every day will I bless you,

And praise your name forever and ever. Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

And all that is within me, bless God's holy

name.

You redeem my life from the grave,

And crown me with mercy and steadfast love. Lord, hear my prayer,

And let my cry come before you.

Offering

Offertory: 389: 1-3, Christ is Alive

Prayer: Holy God, **you give us your Son as the vine** apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in and through his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Song: 389: 4-5, Christ is Alive

Closing Prayer and blessing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who are able to help with projects around the church today. Our list of things to do this year includes:

- 1. Lemon oil the pews
- 2. Wash the windows
- 3. Work on mat-making
- 4. Help with the light lunch.
- 5. Other things as needed

Prayer List: Please keep farmers, gardeners and all agriculture service people in your prayers during this planting season. And drive wisely! Also, remember the people on our prayer list.

Next Sunday, we honor Corina Gray as she graduates from Wapsie Valley High School. Corina plans to attend the U of I for physical therapy after taking her general education studies at Hawkeye.

Today, we'll dedicate a tree in honor of St John's and in memory of Pastor Beth's husband. The tree is a gift from the synod when we presented our story at the 2023 Synod Assembly and spoke to the theme "Growing Together in Love." The congregation's love and care of Pastor Beth and her family with Bob's fall and then his death a month later were an inspiration to the Bishop, other congregations and the synod. May it and our story continue to inspire people to acts of love.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Jerry and Kathy Mixdorf: Jeannie Pickar, Missy Pinsonneault, Donna McCoy, Doug and Barb RossBack Marie Hruska: Lisa Finley, Emma Cook, Audrey Grinhaug Conrad and Julie Gallmeyer: Nolan Gray, Jalan Gray, Breann Gray, Alfred Bean, Sheila Smith, Robin Heath, Diane Latusick Hayden Schares, Cat Reed, Ron Opperman, Oliver Fettkether, Maggie Roberts, Jim Dos, Tommy Rosnage, Judy Olson, Conrad Gallmeyer, Greta Magee, Bonnie Meister (Jeff Volker's mom), Butch Mixdorf, Laverne Hruska, Jim Olson, Deanne Salisbury, Jennifer McFarland, Marie Hruska and John Fettkether.

All serving in the military, all living in the world's hotspots and especially those connected to SJB: Abby Robinson, Charlie Magee, Josh Mixdorf, Aaron Morley, Matthew Paidar, Christopher Smithling, Daniel Rigdon and Lane Boner.

The world: Gaza and Israel and the Middle East; Ukraine and the urgent need for peace; all countries that are threatened by violence, war, famine and corrupt governments; all living with Covid.

Pastor Beth will be on vacation May 1-7 as her daughter graduates from The Ohio State University on May 5. Emergency pastoral coverage has been lined up. In the event of an emergency, please contact Brenda Clark, secretary, or Josh Mixdorf, council president, for the names and contact information of those pastors who will help.