

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ERIN, WISCONSIN
May 5, 2024
Bonnie Jacque, Pastor

PRELUDE
RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS
JOYS AND CONCERNS
Creation Joy

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

SUNG INTROIT Come and Fill Our Hearts
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
You alone O Lord are holy,
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
Alleluia.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Christ gives us a new commandment:

MANY: "Love one another as I have loved you."

One: When we love one another as Christ has loved us, we will live lives full of joy.

MANY: We will live with God's love deep in our hearts.

One: Let us worship the one who shows us how to love.

MANY: Let us worship with joy! Alleluia

***HYMN** You Call Us Lord to Worship screen
Hymns by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
Tune: The Day of Resurrection
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RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

One: When we feel so negative about ourselves, and we do not hear the acceptance of those who care about us.

ALL: Forgive us, O Lord.

One: When our sense of isolation blocks out our awareness of your abiding love.

ALL: Forgive us, O Lord.

One: When we feel so guilty, we cannot hear your forgiveness and find new life.

ALL: Forgive us, O Lord. Amen. The good news is that we are accepted and affirmed by God as we are.

One: The good news is that we are not strangers to ourselves or to one another.

ALL: We are God's children, members of one body. Our sins are forgiven. We have been brought into new life.

SUNG RESPONSE

**Lord, listen to your children praying
Lord send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Ps 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15: 9-17

***HYMN** Welcoming God screen
Hymns by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
Tune: Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!
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MEDITATION Strangers and Friends

INVITATION TO OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** Halle, halle, hallelujah,
Halle, halle, hallelujah,
Halle, halle, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, hallelujah. Repeat X1

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Loving God, we remember that one of Christ's most important commandments is loving one another. With these gifts, help us show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN Until All Are Fed screen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION PRAYER We thank you, God, that you have provided for all the worlds that ever were or will be by giving yourself to them in love. We thank you for Jesus, your Word, who lived among us, uncovering your presence. We ask now that you bless us, as we share this bread and cup that we might be nourished by that same unbounded love, and so be encouraged to be your servants to the world. And now, as your daughters and sons who you have reconciled to yourself, we pray: 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. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Bountiful God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN

Love Divine

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RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

One: We have sung, we have prayed, we have worshiped together.

MANY: Now we go back out into the world.

One: We came together to build relationships,

MANY: Relationships with each other, and our relationship with Jesus.

One: We go out as people who are strengthened by our connections

MANY: Ready to love and to serve. Ready to carry God's love to the world.

One: Go with God, as the people of God.

MANY: So be it! Amen.

SUNG BENEDICTION

screen

POSTLUDE

*If rising from a seated position is an issue for you, please remain seated. The phrase, "Stand in body or spirit as you are able" is intended to give you permission to do so without embarrassment.

Congregational Response to each prayer request is: **Your prayer is our prayer. Your joy is our joy.**

Communion is open to all, including children with parent's approval. We serve wine in the outer rings and juice in the middle. We offer a gluten-free wafer for those with gluten intolerance or need a gluten-free diet.

Credits: CCLI #48321379, <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/> ;
<http://worshipways.com/Easter> 6, Rev. Jacob Nault.,

Reminders

05/07 - Seniors

05/12 - Mother's Day

05/13 - Council at 6 PM

05/16 - Women's Guild at noon

05/19 - Pentecost Sunday and Last Day of Sunday School

05/23 - Coffee with Bonnie at Java Dancer in Richfield at 10 AM

05/29 - Hike at Lowe's Lake at 1 pm and

05/30 Listen to the Earth -Rivers-at Old Mill Richfield at 1 pm.

Please remember with your prayers, cards, calls and visits: Ron S., Joyce O'K, Ken S. and Isabel H.

Birthdays: Gary B. has a birthday today, Jerry L. and Dave Z. on Monday, Taylor G. on Friday and Kathy S. on Saturday.

Greeters for This Week: Roy and Carol K.; Jeff and Tracy M.

Greeters for Next Week: Kim and Mark K.

Liturgist for This Week: Bernie C.

Liturgist for Next Week: Jacquie B.

Following worship, you are invited for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall.