

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

6th Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Rev. Samuel Habarurema

May 25, 2025

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" G. Parker

WORDS of WELCOME

BIRTHDAYS and Joys & Concerns

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 67)

One: May God be gracious to us; May God bless us.

All: We gather in worship, knowing God is here.

One: May God's face shine upon us.

All: May God call us into the joyful work of creating peace.

One: Let us worship our God in praise.

*** HYMN #403** "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kathy Wilson

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of the city, you call us to come to you in the world, but we disobey you. We choose power and profit over the acts of love that you exemplify for us again and again. We are content to work within systems that oppress instead of working to change things. We forget that everything comes from you, and that we are just stewards of what you have given. We seek out mountain tops instead of being among your people. Forgive us Lord, for the times that we forget your call to fully follow your example in the world.

Embolden us to live fully in your call: to love our neighbor. Amen.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PROPHETIC LESSON Revelation 21: 10, 22-22:5 NT p. 260

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:13-17 NT p. 18

PREACHING OF THE WORD Rev. Samuel Habarurema

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #733** "We All Are One in Mission"

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** APOSTLE'S CREED p. 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER p. 35

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "Blest Be the Tie" A. F. Janzen

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance** (*in unison*)

Lord our God, we appreciate the many blessings that you have provided us with. Empower us to bless others through our actions, words, and resources so that we may support and love others as you have loved us, so we can truly be your people in this time and place. May we use this offering to reflect you in our world.

We Go Forth to Serve

HYMN #337 "My Country, 'tis of Thee"

*** CHARGE & BLESSING**

POSTLUDE **“Postlude in Folk-Hymn Style”** L. Smith

*Please stand in body or spirit

Wrapping our community in God's love, one person at a time.

We believe that we are all ministers supported by:

Rev. Niki Atkinson – Office Hours Tues. & Wed. 9:30-4:00

Please call for appointments.

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ACOLYTE TODAY: ADELYNN CARWILE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

**YEAR-END
CELEBRATION**

CELEBRATING A GREAT YEAR

“Who do you say that I am?”



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“In this image I wanted to create a kaleidoscope of perception, imaging the ways Jesus is perceived in the context of this passage, like light broken down into a myriad of shapes and colors. In the gold rays of light Jesus' form is obscured by the metallic shine of God's glory. In the gray and earth-tone rays he is seen in monochrome. Each of the earth-tone rays holds a pattern on Jesus' clothing which represents a misunderstanding of who Jesus is. Starting on the left, honey, locusts, and baptismal waters misidentify him as John the Baptist. Within the next ray to the right, ravens, an empty chair, rain, and fires from the heavens misidentify him as Elijah. On the right, scales of justice and plants being uprooted and planted misidentify him as Jeremiah.

Through the middle of the image, there is a ray of light where the image comes into full color that holds this moment of clarity where Jesus and Peter truly see one another. In this ray, Peter's clothing holds symbols of his new identity: a rock upon which the Church will be built and keys to the kingdom. Jesus' clothing holds imagery—an oil jar and the light of the sun—representing the way Peter sees him as the Messiah and Son of the living God.”

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Snedecor family
 Bill Speer
 Faith Friend: Bob Reed
 Our Church: PW
 The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
 Presbytery: St. Andrew (Synod of Living Waters)
 Denomination: Christian Church Disciples of Christ in USA
 Nation: Lybia - Tripoli

IMMEDIATE Lani Knox, Mollick family, 12 year old drowning victim, Caelin & Alex ☺ ☺, Dillon ☺, Prayer Sister Luncheon, Judy, Nora, Traveling mercies for Ben Smoyer, Joyce, Mike & Jerri Mollick, Carole Kennedy, Vacationers, Visitors & families separated, ,Chloe, Gary Harkcom, Barb Hurley & Missy, Peggy's sister, Butch's surgery April 22, Dale Piffer family, **Todd, Dave, Martha Jane Wilkinson, Pat Jackson, Curt, Denny, Pat's friend is grandfather, SE Asia earthquake victims, Christine's knee replacement.**

CONTINUING Karen's brother Gary, Sara Kerr, Pastor Niki's step-dad in remission ☺, Butch, Butch & Donna's son Dwayne, Bruce for healing, welcome back Ron ☺, **Alan Shockey, Carole Kennedy (home), Niki's brother & sister-in-laws wedding☺, Pize, Carol Kopnick.**

ONGOING Missy, Katie, Bob Reed, Donnie Riggie, Gary Harkcom, Bill & Linda Crabtree, Frank Kovak, Josh Hanus, Shannon Pruss, Chris Hilker, Carol Gallagher, Linda Gould, Snedecor family, Alan Shockey, Bonnie Machak, Lani Knox, Nick Arnoldy, Benjamin Mumaw, Sean George.

MINISTRY All those affected by the Coronavirus, flu, and RSV and those working in the health care field, first responders, research, and government. Food 4 Kids, AUPC Deacon's Emergency Fund, Support for our church, EPR Mugombwa; Victims of violence and natural disasters; President Donald Trump, our country, other world leaders, our church and its leaders, the war & military personnel, wounded military at home and in hospitals, terrorist victims, Kiskiminetas' Rwanda Partnership.

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

May 25 ~ Bill Speer & Joyce Mollick
 June 1 ~ Scott Hollabaugh & Bill Speer

Beneath the Bulletin Board in the Vestibule:

*MAY NEWSLETTERS w/CALENDAR

* Hand-outs for upcoming events

In the Vestibule: CURRENT UPPER ROOM ISSUE

May 25, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY Welcome Pastor Samuel **10:00 AM**
MONDAY Happy Memorial Day **Office Closed**
FRIDAY This Friday and all Fridays thru Labor Day **Office Closed**
SUNDAY **Worship/Communion** **11:00 AM**
Volunteer Recognition
SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR-END CELEBRATION

(after worship)

Especially since Sunday School will be on summer hiatus, we invite you to take advantage of the PrayGround in the sanctuary for your little ones during worship.

Yes, caregivers can still enjoy worship during summer months, but just sitting in a different pew! While your children are enjoying the PrayGround, we ask that an adult (caregiver) remain with them. Also, we kindly ask that adults and children leave the PrayGround as sparkling as you found it.

Enjoy and Thank You!

"One year ago, we commissioned our new playground in the sanctuary. Since then, it has been a well-loved, much-used space for our children to remain in worship and still get wiggly, if they need it. Please remember that if your child is in the playground, they need to have their caregiver present in the playground with them. Please also refrain from bringing loud toys from home; we have lots of great softer toys in our bins! Thanks for continuing to make this a great ministry to our children and their families." ~Pastor Niki





