

# **APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

**May 5, 2024**

**11:00 a.m.**

## **We Gather in God's Name**

**PRELUDE**

**"Love of the Father"**

D. Paxton

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos,

**People: our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.**

Leader: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice,

**People: we bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.**

Leader: We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.

**People: Let us lift our songs of praise!**

**Hymn #306**

**"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Joyce Wildi

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

## **We Listen to God's Word**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**John 15:9-17**

NT p. 109

**MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

**1 John 5:1-6**

NT p. 241

**SERMON**

**"The Good We Might Do"**

## **We Respond to God's Word**

**\*HYMN #761**

**"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *(adapted from The Confession of 1967)*  
New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**Offertory**

**"Cantilene"**

M. Archer

**\*Doxology #606**

**\*Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer  
Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

Prayer following Communion (unison)  
Holy, gracious, God, here at this table your promise of life is made tangible. We have rested in the depth of your love; We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence; we accept you into our lives and our hearts. Together, at this table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace, we accept the life your offer, and we give you thanks. Amen.

**We Go Forth to Serve**

**HYMN #346 “For the Healing of the Nations”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE “Allegretto”**

J. Blied

\*Please stand in body or spirit

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

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday – 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

**TODAY’S ACOLYTE: CARSON COULTER**

Attention All Acolytes: If you have an interest in being an acolyte throughout the summer months, please see Miss Shelly or sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

**A special welcome to our visitors.** If you are seeking Christ, we trust you will find Him; if you are sorrowing, we pray you will receive comfort; if you are troubled in spirit, we pray you will gain the blessings of peace; if you are discouraged, we pray you will find hope in our Lord. If you are seeking a spiritual home, we invite you to consider uniting with us.

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
PASTOR NIKI

## WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Sara Kerr  
Dennis and Elaine Kinter  
Faith Friend: Bob Reed  
Our Church: Staff  
Church(s): Punxsutawney Church Pastor: Erin Kobs  
Pleasant Grove Moderator: David Koehler  
Presbytery: Alaska (Synod of Alaska-Northwest)  
Denomination: Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East  
Nation New Caledonia - Noumea

**IMMEDIATE** Sam, family of Diane Magnes, Lisa, Joy! New leadership, TJ Lucas helping Ron & Candy F4K, Christine's spinal problems. Sarah, Michael Ost, Family of Jim Crawford, Bill and Shirley Mumaw, Israelis, family dance joy!, Eric, Jodi Smoyer, Heather, **Mary Harbison family, Debbie, Curt Cyberling, Joe, Kim Liska, Joe Suain.**

**CONTINUING** Geoff Atkinson, Family of Kayla Green, family of Marge Bernat, family of Judy Herstek. Kiski Musical joy, Chester Ferracio family, Niki's father (David Brodeur), Marilyn Repasky, Kirk Siverling, Cindy, Linda's shoulder, Butch and Donna Schrecengost, Clarissa Dill Family, Joeline, Family and friends of Jane Perkins, 8-yr-old John, Kim Altmire, Tim Kanish. Sam Deliek, **Candy Graham and family, Bill Schriber family, Cathy Piper-Bikle.**

**ONGOING** Donnie Riggle, Gary Harkcom, Donna Fry, Matt Summerhill, Bill & Linda Crabtree, Frank Kovak, Josh Hanus, Shannon Pruss, LaRue Mumaw, 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 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 Joe Biden, 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.

### COMING UP!

PENNY COUNT & PIZZA PARTY ~ May 5 TODAY worship  
MOTHER'S DAY ~ Sunday, May 12  
YOUTH LOCK IN ~ Fri. (5/17) 7 PM - Sat. (5/18) 8 AM  
PENTECOST, GRADUATION SUNDAY, RECOGNITIONS &  
THANK YOU'S ~ Sunday, May 19 WEAR RED!

## May 5, 2024 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY** Worship and Youth Sunday School 11:00 AM  
**Penny counting & Pizza**  
**WEDNESDAY** Crafters 9:00 AM  
Prayer Shawl Knitters 10:00 AM  
Bells 6:00 PM  
**THURSDAY** Ministry Team 9:30 AM  
**FRIDAY** Office Closed  
**SUNDAY** Worship & Youth Sunday School 11:00 AM  
**Happy Mother's Day**

### SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

May 5 ~ Amy Zukas and Derek Hilty  
May 12 ~ Derek Hilty and Carol Kopnicky  
May 19 ~ Bill Speer and Shelly Hilty

**CLEAN-UP BUCKETS** filled by the month. **May's** requested donations **1 pkg of 36-50 clothespins** and **1 50-100 ft. clothesline**, cotton or plastic. Just slip your donation in one of the white buckets in the vestibule. Questions?.... See Jerri Mollick. Thank you.

Apollo Community VBS  
July 8-11; 5:45pm-8:15pm  
@ Boiling Springs Church



"God's Neighborhood"

Communion Servers:  
Derek Hilty, Scott Hollabaugh,  
Carol Kopnicky & Laura Uncapher

CHANGE FOR NEXT SESSION: **TUESDAY, MAY 21**

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