** Grace St. Paul’s United Methodist Church**

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

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5th Sunday of Easter May 7, 2023

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE: May the Peace of Christ be with you!

 **And also with you!**

\*OPENING HYMN **“Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People: We come into his presence with thanksgiving, to make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.**

Leader: The Lord our God has bid us come; He has told us to seek his face.

**People: He will not hide his face from us when we cry out to Him; he is our ever-present help in times of need.**

Leader: He has turned our mourning into rejoicing; he has removed our sackcloth and clothed us with joy.

**People: For he has shown us his love and revealed to us his glory. Because we have seen the Lord, we shall live to tell of his greatness.**

**Both: Praise be to God, our Redeemer lives. Amen.**

PRAYER OF PETITION

**O God, we come before you to give honor to your name, and to rest in your presence. We thank you our merciful Father, that you have filled our hearts with your love, and that in abiding with you and in your Word, you continue to grant us wisdom. We thank you that you are never far from us as we go about our days. Yet we confess, O Lord, that we have too often failed to see you in our lives, and we have not been obedient to your command that we go forth in your name. While you have not hidden your light from us, we have at times hidden the light within us from others. Instill in us a greater passion, we pray; light our hearts on fire for your Word, your truth, and your glory, that we may have a greater willingness and boldness to proclaim your Gospel, and the coming of your kingdom. Amen.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON *Romans 10:14-20*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

 Offertory

 \*Doxology

CHOIR PRESENTATION

SERMON *The Road to Emmaus Part 3:*

 *From Hearts That Ache to Hearts That Burn.*

 *(Luke 24:28-35)*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles’ Creed*

\*CLOSING HYMN **“Open My Eyes, That I May See”**

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE **“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing (v.1)”**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* Centenary UMC will begin a book study on May 10th  at 10:30 on Bunyan’s classic “Pilgrim’s Progress” and invites you to join. A Zoom option will be made available. Contact Pastor Dan for more details if interested.