

Philadelphia Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

Worship Service

Indoor /Outdoor Worship Service (You can sit in your car outside church
and tune in on the Radio Station at FM 88.3



*Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter.
Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be.
Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding
and power beyond human imagination.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

P: We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C: Amen.



Gathering Hymn**“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”****ELW # 631**

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



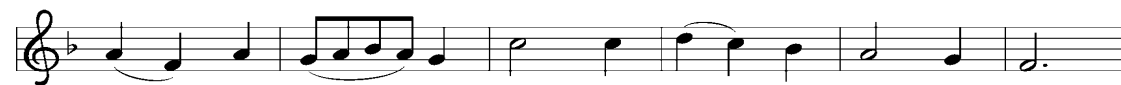
earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



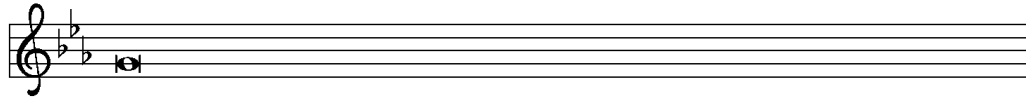
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



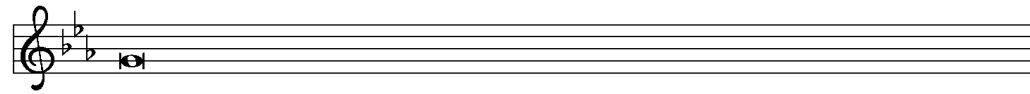
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

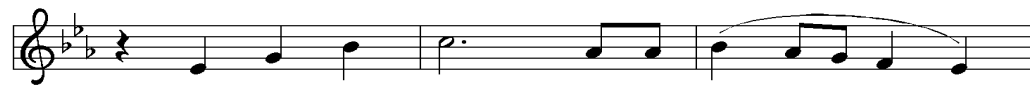


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Hymn of Praise



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
 lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together.

All: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+WORD+

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 67

¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us; may the light of God’s face | shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known | upon earth, your saving health a- | mong all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise | you, O God; let all the | peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth. R**

⁵Let the peoples | praise you, O God; let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought | forth its increase; God, our own | God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God | give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. **R**

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Shea Berbaum



Hymn of the Day: "When Peace like a River" ELW# 785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace (*especially*). Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people (*especially*). Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died (*especially*) when we meet together at your river of life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The Offering

Offering Prayer

P: Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Blessing

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Jesus Loves Me!”

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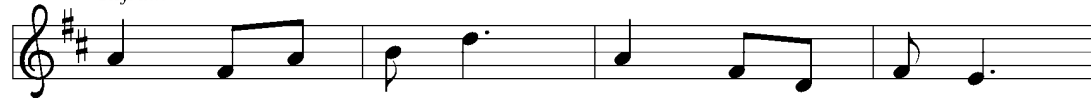


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Welcome to everyone and we are thankful to have you with us in worship. You are invited to sign the attendance book located at the end of each pew, a helpful way to communicate with the congregation, pastor and church office.

Altar Flowers (May 22) are giving to the Glory of God .

Altar Flower Sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. There are many dates available.

All Information for the Sunday bulletin needs to be in by **Tuesday Noon**.

To prepare for Next Sunday (May 29), 7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 16:16-34; Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26.

Attendance: 5/15/2022: Outdoor/Indoor Worship Service: 47

ALTAR GUILD SIGN-UP SHEET is available in the Narthex. Please sign-up for the remaining months in the year. Thank You!

SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers: Members of Philadelphia Lutheran Church

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Parish/Financial Secretary: Lisa Rubow Music: Amy Lewis

Lector: Reading of First/Second Lessons/Psalm: Linda Weant

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Altar Guild: Amy Lewis





WE PRAY...

*Below are all those included on our weekly List for **Intercessory Prayer**. We lift them up in Prayer during the Sunday Worship Service and we encourage you to include them in your *Prayer Life* during the coming week. Please contact the Church office regarding persons whom you would like to add or remove from our weekly list for Intercessory Prayer. In our ongoing prayers: Mary Jo Friday Cindy Friday, David Luoto, Frances Lineberger, Jim Bennett, Cloteen Rogers, Steve Cloninger, John Jarrett/Janice Jarrett, Clay Pasour, Ed Friday, Ginger Cloninger, Danny and Rhonda Adams, Rhonda Love, Ellen Adams, Bruce Jarrett, Dixie Shives, Ricky Schertz, Susan Aderholdt, Frank Parker, Chad Holland, Healing from the COVID-19 Virus*

Nursing home, Assisted Living or Rehabilitation Facilities:

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If you wish to add/or remove names to the prayer list, please call the church office (704-922-5334)



Sunday, May 22, 2022 “6th Sunday of Easter”

11:00am Indoor (following proper guidelines/Outdoor
Worship Service: Pastor Shea Berbaum

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

5:00pm Choir practice
6:30pm Pastor Shea’s bible study will resume on Zoom. Zoom link
invitation will be resent this week.

Sunday, May 29, 2022 “7th Sunday of Easter”

11:00am Indoor (following proper guidelines/Outdoor
Worship Service: Pastor Paul Kanupp

Sunday, June 5, 2022 “Day of Pentecost”

11:00am Indoor (following proper guidelines/Outdoor Communion
Worship Service: Pastor Shea Berbaum

Sunday, June 19-Thur, June 23, 2022 Vacation Bible School at Holy Communion

5:30 –6:00pm Supper
6:10pm Opening
6:30-8:30pm Classes

Sunday, August 28, 2022 Lutheridge Sunday with St. Paul’s, Antioch and Holy
Communion Lutheran Church



THE GENERAL BUDGET

	BUDGET	RECEIVED	STATUS
5-15-2022	\$ 2,793.34	\$ 3,165.00	\$ 371.66
Year to date	\$55,866.80	\$ 43,021.00	\$ (12,845.80)

For the year 2022, as of 5-15-2022

\$ 490.00	Building Fund
\$ 22.00	Long Range Building Fund
\$ 85.00	Dallas Christian Ministries
\$ 500.00	Lutheran World Relief
<u>\$ 700.00</u>	Area Lutheran Foundation
\$1,797.00	Total

Memorials: During the past week, the following memorials were given to the Glory of God and in support of:

Building Fund:

In honor of Pat West, by John and Vivian Friday.

Area Lutheran Foundation:

To the Glory of God by Ginger Cloninger.

In memory of Micah Smith by Linda Weant.

Long Range Building Fund:

To the Glory of God by John and Janice Jarrett.

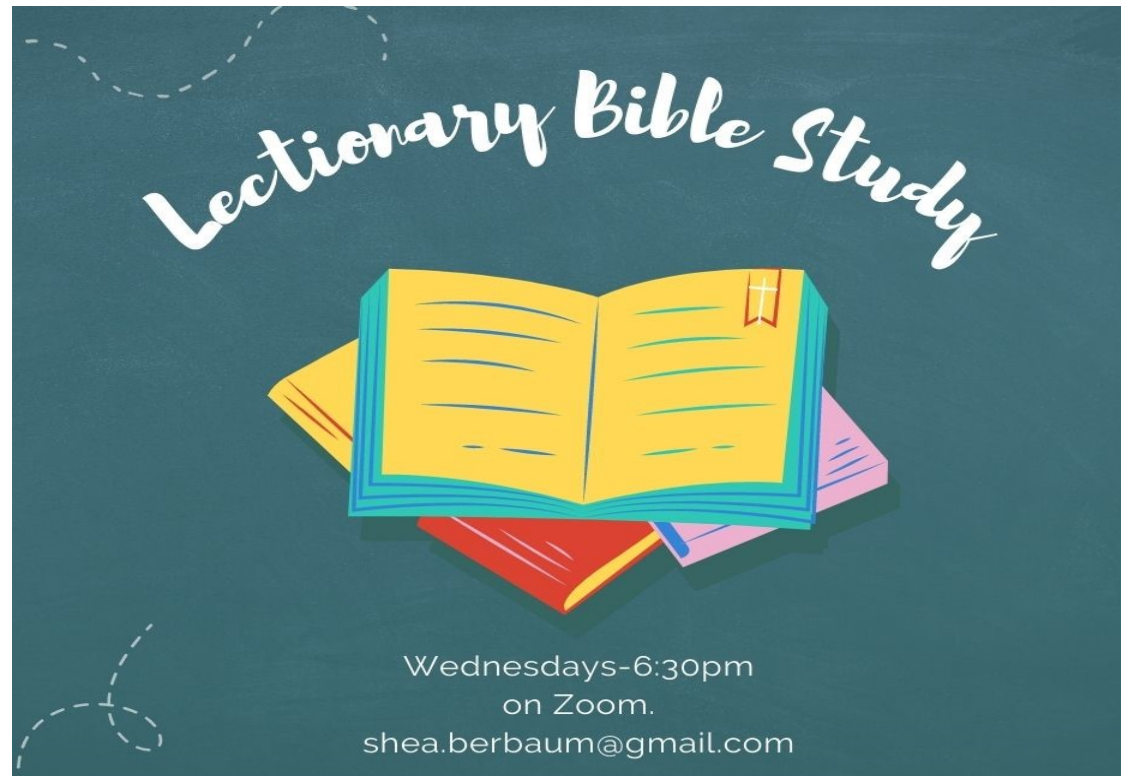


Thank You



for your kindness

Riley Blake Adams was born June 1, 2016 and passed away January 12, 2017. The majority of her life was spent at Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte. Many of you showed us much love during our journey with her, and the hospital provided many things for us to pass time, have meals that weren't provided by the cafeteria, and provided entertainment for Kayden when visiting. These items came from their Child Life program that accepts donations for items for patients and families of patients during their stay. This year, to celebrate Riley's 6th birthday, we have decided to spend the month of May collecting items from the LCH Wishlist and deliver them on June 1, Riley's birthday. If you'd like to donate, a box will be located **Narthex** and will be picked up Tuesday, May 31. A printed list of items needed can be found **on Bulletin Board located in Narthex** and can be found online www.kaylaadamsphotography.com/rileyblake. If you have any questions, contact Kayla Adams at 980-329-3220.



AGAPE KURE BEACH

“One of my dreams is leading worship in my bare feet,” says Pastor Dan Keck of Kure Memorial Lutheran Church in Kure Beach, NC. Pastor Dan gets to live that dream every Wednesday evening in summer months as he leads worship on the beach with his congregation and community.

For the past decade, Pastor Dan has served Kure Memorial and worked with Agapé † Kure Beach Ministries to host retreat groups at the Faith Center Lutheran retreat facility on Kure Beach. The Wednesday beach worship service began in 2013, Pastor Dan’s first summer in his call, to bring together his congregation, retreat guests, and the wider community for meaningful worship in a beautiful setting on the beach in front of the retreat center. Since then, beach worship has happened every summer on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., beginning after Memorial Day and stretching into October.

“It’s so relaxed and so refreshing,” says Pastor Dan. “It’s an authentic time of worship together in nature. We notice what’s happening around us and work it into our time of worship. I remember more than once when we’ve been interrupted by dolphins in the ocean, so we stop and watch the dolphins for a while. We receive that as one of the blessings God is placing in our lives.”

Pastor Dan regularly incorporates the beach surroundings into his messages as he reflects on a few verses of Scripture and connects them to daily life. People bring blankets and beach chairs, and kids play in the sand while they worship. The service lasts 20-25 minutes and also includes songs, prayer, and Holy Communion.

The beach worship experience draws a unique community. Members from Kure Memorial attend the service, and many neighbors and members of the wider community are also now regulars every summer. The musicians are a mix of people from the congregation and friends from the community. “It’s really neat because first couple years we played CDs, then a neighbor who is a guitarist played for a couple years, and it has just grown from there,” says Pastor Dan. Now they have a rotation of five sets of musicians, including a ukulele band.

“We publicize the service in the community, and it’s for the community, but people in our congregation love it, too,” says Pastor Dan.

“It’s a setting for worship that not many congregations get to have. It allows us to experience God in a new way.”

The experience of God at the ocean is particularly powerful when there are baptisms during the beach service, which happens nearly every summer. Pastor Dan says, “Over the years, we’ve had more baptisms in our congregation take place out in the ocean on a Wednesday night in the summer than we’ve had in our sanctuary!”

During the pandemic, the beach worship service became a lifeline for people in a new way. Beaches initially closed when COVID-19 hit in 2020, but when they reopened for gathering, so did beach worship. “It was a Godsend,” says Pastor Dan, “because nobody could be together—you couldn’t be inside and you could only have so many people outside—but the beautiful thing was that we could still go out to the beach. We could spread out as much as we wanted, we could see each other, we could be together and worship together. That was such a gift to people. It was a light during very hard times.”

With Agapé † Kure Beach Ministries in the process of selling the Faith Center property and developing a new retreat center at Kure Beach, there will be no retreat guests to participate in beach worship this summer. But the unique community that has formed there by the ocean will continue to gather for worship on Kure Beach at the end of Avenue F, each Wednesday at 7 p.m. starting June 1. All are welcome to bring a beach chair or blanket and experience God in a new way.

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