

May 12th, 2019

*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Please greet those around you before the announcements begin.

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Greeting (Sharing God's Welcome)

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Moments of Meditation

While the music is being played, quietly prepare your heart for worship.

“Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day.”

1 Chronicles 16:23

Let All Things Now Living

arr. Larson

Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 47 & 96

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a psalm of praise.

People: **Proclaim his salvation day by day.**

Pastor: The Lord reigns over all creation.

People: **The voice of God creates all things.**

Pastor: The Lord himself made the heavens.

People: **Splendor and majesty are before him.**

Pastor: Tell his glory among the nations.

ALL: **Strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

Hymn of PraiseLet All Things Now Living*

No. 125

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us. His light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

His law He enforces; the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
'til all things now living unite in thanksgiving
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Prayer of Invocation*Scripture Reading**

2 Chronicles 20:13-17
Pew Bible Page 701

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Creator, You have given us so much but too often we take these gifts for granted and fail to give You thanks and praise. It is not easy to give thanks in every circumstance. You call us to live in caring community and families, but too often we place our own wants and needs first. So we ask Your forgiveness for our often ungrateful attitude to Your abundant provision. We are sorry that we are so quick to ask or demand things but so slow to thank You in prayer for the way You look after us. For what we have received, Lord, make us truly thankful. Amen.

²¹ Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. ²² Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.

Litany of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God our Father for all His gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of His creation, in earth and sky and sea.

People: **We thank You, Lord.**

Pastor: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends.

People: **We thank You, Lord.**

Pastor: Especially today we give thanks for our mothers. They manage the household and nurture the family. They speak with wisdom and faithful instruction is on their tongues. She is worth far more than rubies.

People: **We thank You, Lord.**

Pastor: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play.

People: **We thank You, Lord.**

Pastor: For the brave and courageous who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity.

People: **We thank You, Lord.**

Pastor: Above all, we give thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALL: **We thank You, Lord.**

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Count Your Many Blessings

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost.
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done.
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, see what God has done.

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,
do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
help and comfort give you to your journey's end.
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done.
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, see what God has done.

New City Catechism Question # 36

What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

I Will Glory In My Redeemer

by Cook

*Chorus of Preparation

I Will Glory In My Redeemer



I will glo-ry in my Re - deem-er Whose price-less blood
I will glo-ry in my Re - deem-er my life He bought,
I will glo-ry in my Re - deem-er Who car - ries me



has ran-somed me. Mine was the sin that drove the bit-ter nails
my love He owns. I have no long-ings for a - noth - er
on ea - gle's wings. He crowns my life with lov - ing kind - ness,



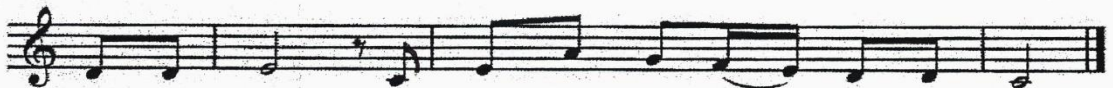
and hung Him on that judg-ment tree. I will glo-ry in my Re-
I'm sat - is - fied in Him a - lone. I will glo-ry in my Re-
His tri - umph song I'll ev - er sing. I will glo-ry in my Re-



deem-er Who crushed the pow'r of sin and death; My on - ly
deem-er His faith - ful - ness, my stand - ing place Though foes are
deem-er Who waits for me at gates of gold And when He



Sav - ior be - fore the Ho - ly Judge, the Lamb who is my
might-y and rush up - on me my feet are firm, held
calls me it will be par - a - dise His face for - ev - er



right-eous - ness, the Lamb who is my right-eous - ness.
by His grace, my feet are firm held by His grace.
to be - hold, His face for - ev - er to be - hold.

Find our identity in Christ...

1. ... enables us to press on no matter what may come our way.
2. ... enables us to stand firm in a culture that is morally and spiritually adrift.
3. ... enables us to trust a faithful God in the face of suffering.

Under the care of my God, the Almighty,
safe in the secret place of the Most High!
He is my refuge, the Lord is my fortress,
Him I am trusting when trouble is nigh.
Under His wings, under His wings, Safe in the refuge hide thee;
trusting His truth and faithfulness, no evil can betide thee.

Be not afraid for the terror of midnight,
nor for the arrow that hasteth to slay;
fear not the pestilence walking in darkness,
nor the destroyer that wasteth by day.
Under His wings, under His wings, Safe in the refuge hide thee;
trusting His truth and faithfulness, no evil can betide thee.

Seek the Most High for thy sure habitation,
unto Jehovah for refuge now fly;
there shall no evil befall thee nor harm thee,
unto thy dwelling no plague shall come nigh.
Under His wings, under His wings, Safe in the refuge hide thee;
trusting His truth and faithfulness, no evil can betide thee.

Love thou the Lord, surely He will deliver;
He will exalt thee and answer thy prayer;
He will be with thee to honor and give thee
life without end, His salvation to share.
Under His wings, under His wings, Safe in the refuge hide thee;
trusting His truth and faithfulness, no evil can betide thee.

***Gloria Patri**

No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

***Postlude**

Festive Praise

by Larson

*** Congregation:** Please stand as able.

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Organ / Piano

Sandy DeGroot

Scripture

Melissa Stoltzfus

New City Catechism & Intercessory Prayer

Bruce Stoltzfus, Elder

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 5/12	9:15 AM	Living Logos Bible Memory Presentation
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
TUES 5/14	1:00 PM	Tuesday PM Care Group
	4:30 PM	Session Meeting
WED 5/15	10:00 AM	Ladies' Bible Study Breakfast
SUN 5/19	8:00 AM	Worship Committee Meeting
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service

Important Upcoming Events

TUES 5/21	7:00 PM	Ministry Chairs Meeting
WED 5/22	6:30 PM	VBS Meeting at Valpo Mennonite Church
SUN 6/02	12:00 PM	Annual Church Picnic

Serving the Lord

	5/12	5/19	5/26
S.S. Nursery	R. Kern	L. Hrivnak	B. Hrivnak
AM Nursery	F. Armstrong Aaron L.	B. Schoon, Emily S.	V. Lash, Aaron L.
Greeters	Stechly	Lauer	Lindborg
Bring Treats	J. Rogers	Lauer	Hrivnak
Server & Clean-Up	Lash	Lauer	Hrivnak
Audio	B. Schoon	J. Martin	B. Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Stoltzfus	Hrivnak	Schoon

Announcements

☞ **Guest Pastor:** This morning we welcome Rev. Hans Deutschmann to our pulpit. He was our guest pastor for the month of August in 2016 when Rick was taking his sabbatical. Pastor Hans emigrated from Germany in 1958 and was raised in Wisconsin. After serving with the U.S. Army, he obtained his MA from the University of Wisconsin. He taught school in Wisconsin. Desiring to know God and His Word better, he attended Covenant Theological Seminary and graduated with an M.Div. in 1980. He served as pastor, teacher, youth leader, and counselor at Cono Christian School in Iowa until 2000. Sensing an urgency to share the Gospel with the Czech people, Pastor Hans and his wife, Gretchen, served with Mission to the World for over 12 years. They retired from MTW at the end of 2012. Pastor Hans was the Associate Pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Holland, MI, but is now honorably retired. He and his wife Gretchen will be with us for the next three weeks.

☞ **Ladies' Bible Study Breakfast:** The Ladies' Bible Study Group is hosting a breakfast this Wednesday, May 15 at 10 am at the church. There is no study that day - it's just a time for fellowship. Please bring a breakfast or brunch item to share. If you're interested in attending, please contact Denise O'Neal or Valerie Lash.

☞ **Ministry Chairs Meeting:** Chairpersons and/or other designated members are requested to please attend this meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, May 21, at 7 pm. The goal is to communicate, coordinate, and plan together upcoming ministry activities. This is especially important as summer activities are being planned! These Ministry Chair meetings have served this purpose well, so please come and bring ideas. Each committee should have 1-2 representatives at the meeting.

☞ **Graduations / Open Houses:**

- * Kara O'Neal graduates from Moody Bible Institute on May 18 with a BA in Youth Ministry. In the fall she will be working for *By the Hand* ministry with at-risk inner city kids, most likely middle school age students.
- * Elyssa O'Neal graduates from Boone Grove High School on May 31. She will work in NY for the summer as a camp counselor and then will move to Chicago with Kara and attend Makeup Artist School. Everyone is welcome to her open house at the O'Neal's house on Saturday, June 1, 1-6 pm.
- * Jackson Greene graduates from Valparaiso High School on June 2. Jackson plans to attend Indiana University in the fall. Everyone is invited to Jackson's open house on Saturday, June 15, 2-6 pm at the Greene's house. RSVPs appreciated (RLEGreene@gmail.com)
- * Sophia Severson graduates from Valparaiso High School on June 2. Sophia plans to attend Valparaiso University and study Nursing.

☞ **Scripture Reading During the Worship Service:** The Session is wanting to open the scripture reading to any member of Good Shepherd. If you would like to read scripture during the service, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

☞ **VBS Meeting:** We will have a VBS meeting on Wednesday, May 22, at 6:30 pm at the Valpo Mennonite Church. Please plan to attend this meeting if you are volunteering at the VBS. We will have introductions and discuss the format of the VBS and get a tour of the building to familiarize ourselves with their classrooms, kitchen, sanctuary, craft room, and outdoor space. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa at 309-5092. Thanks again for your willingness to volunteer!

☞ **Donate A Tablet to McAuleys:** Luke is looking for eight old tablets that could be donated to their ministry. They need them to reduce the cost of printing forms and increase their accuracy for follow-up with people. Luke's parents are going to visit them soon and could take the tablets with them. Please contact Nelson Schoon if you have one or know of someone who would be willing to donate one for a very good cause.

☞ **Annual Church Picnic:** The church picnic will immediately follow the morning worship service on Sunday, June 2. A charcoal grill, cups, plates, cutlery, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and meat to grill for you and your family. This is a great event to invite your friends and neighbors.