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Church of Monroe

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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

**We invite all who are able to stand where there is an asterisk.*

OPENING WORDS

The death of Jesus is for us nothing if we have not died with him.

The resurrection of our Lord is for us nothing if we have not been raised with him.

Christ is risen. Hallelujah!

And we have been raised with him. Hallelujah! Amen!

PRELUDE

“Andante”

G.F. Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless God, all people, and let the sound of God's praise be heard.

God has kept us among the living and has prevented our feet to slip.

Even though we have been tested by fire and been led through dangerous waters,

God has brought us unto a spacious place.

Let us praise God!

Let us praise God indeed!

*OPENING HYMN #234

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we approach you with hesitation and ambivalence: we confess to hardness of heart, poverty of spirit, and weariness of soul. We have resisted your grace and depended instead on our own virtues. We have rejected your laws and followed instead the desires of our own hearts. We live at some distance from the life-giving mercy that can renew us.

Hear our prayers, spoken and unspoken. Draw near to us and grant us the peace of communion with you and others.

SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Come to me,” Jesus says, “and I will give you rest. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Hear the good news of Jesus' invitation. Receive the gift of abundant life in him.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*SONG OF AFFIRMATION #817 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” vs. 1-2

*We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as one e'er spoke, “My peace be with you here.”
We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice and cry, “My Lord and God!”*

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children 3rd grade and younger are welcome to continue worship in the Wee Believers Room, #159.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Acts 10:44-48

NT p. 130

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – John 15:9-17

NT p. 109-110

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Last Class”

Sr. Kathie Budesky

HYMN #703

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

“Seek Ye First”

arr. John Wilson

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness. And all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia. Take ye no thought what tomorrow will bring, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink, for he knows you have need of these things; Alleluia.

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Take from our hands what is yours, O Lord, to build up your church in worship and mission and love. And return to us your peace that we may be a walking witness of you. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH —Apostles' Creed (traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Postlude in G”

G.F. Handel

TODAY

Guest Preacher this morning



We welcome again to our pulpit Kathie Budesky, IHM, a native Detroit, who graduated from Loyola University of Chicago with majors in History and Theology. She holds Masters Degrees in History (University of Illinois at Chicago) and in Religious Studies/Spirituality (Mundelein College).

Congregation Appreciation Dinner

The Congregational Life Committee and the Deacons will be sponsoring the Congregation Appreciation Dinner after worship today. Please join us!

Welcome to FPC of Monroe!

We are glad you are here today! We hope you find this a community of faith where you experience God in Jesus Christ. Childcare is always provided on Sunday mornings and the nursery is located near the parking lot entrance of the church. Hearing assistance is available.

Study Leave

While Pastor Annemarie is away until **May 8**, please contact the Moderator of Deacons Ann Lux for any pastoral care needs.

Martha Mary Circle Mother's Day Luncheon

All ladies of the church are invited to attend a Mother's Day Luncheon at the Monroe Golf & Country Club tomorrow, **May 7** at 12:30 p.m. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Property Meeting

The Property Committee meeting will meet tomorrow, **May 7** at 9:00 p.m. instead of May 9.

New Youth Group and Confirmation Class

We have kicked off our new youth group. The next meeting is on Wednesday, **May 9** from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the youth room. It includes a time of prayer, bible study, fun, and fellowship. We meet every other week in the Teen Room. Feel free to bring a friend!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday, **May 12**, at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in the CE Lobby.

Opera Tickets to Ohio Light Opera

Please order your opera tickets to the Pajama Game by **May 25**.

Adult Education Classes in the Cairl Room

Exodus: From Bondage to Freedom

The second book of the Bible is Exodus, which chronicles the story of the Israelites' deliverance by God from Egyptian bondage unto freedom. But once they escape, the people are left to wander about in the wilderness for forty years. It is during this time that their leader, Moses, receives the Ten Commandments, that we hear the grumblings of the people, and that we find the ten plagues, including the passing over of the angel of death. Exodus is a foreshadowing of our own history of salvation through Jesus Christ, the Passover lamb. This class will meet on **May 6** and **May 13**. The facilitator will be Dallas Dieckmann.

Pentecost: The Power from Above

The feast of Pentecost is typically viewed as the birthday of the church. But what did really happen on that day? What is the meaning of the Jewish feast of Pentecost. And how do we experience our own Pentecost and "Pentecostal" power in our life? This class will meet on **May 20**. Our facilitator will be Pastor Annemarie Kidder.

Socialites

The Socialites will be meeting on **May 19** at the Schroeder residence at 5:30 p.m. Please join us!

200th Anniversary Celebration

The next meeting is **May 21** at 7:00 p.m. in the Cairl Room. We will divide responsibilities and appoint a chair and co-chairs.

Public Luncheon

Please come to the next Public Luncheon on **May 24** at 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Invite a friend!

Bible Studies

On Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Dallas and Donna Dieckmann will lead the Jesus Calling book study of Experiencing God's Presence. On Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Alice Kostoff will lead the Jesus Calling book study on Putting Jesus First. The study groups will continue during May and June.

Mission/Oaks of Righteousness

Mission and Outreach is collecting any flavor of jam for the Oaks Homeless Shelter this month. Please place your items into the blue bin located in the office lobby. Thanks for helping out.

Prayer Team

Lois Barnes is heading up the Prayer Team. Please direct any prayer requests to her. You may text or call Lois at 419-308-0262. Information shared is confidential!

Sermons

Printed copies of the weekly sermon are available in the church office in the mailbox labeled Sermons.

Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder; **Director of Music Ministry:** Susan Barker;

Administrative Assistant: Sara Jones; **Financial Secretary:** Suzanne Bondie;

Sexton: Gary Bogedain; **Childcare:** Suzanne Bondie, Amy Morgan;

Custodian: Sean Farris

Pastors Emeriti: Rev. Dean McGormley, Rev. Dr. Ellen McGormley

Liturgist: Dale DeSloover

Ushers: Carol Rabun, Kim Hooper, Gary and Jo-Ann Follbaum

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are from the Lectionary. We invite you to take time each day to read the Bible passages in preparation for Sunday morning.

Sunday	John 15:9-17	Love one another
Monday	Acts 10:44-48	Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit
Tuesday	1 John 5:1-6	Faith conquers the world
Wednesday	Isaiah 61:1-11	Good news of deliverance
Thursday	Romans 12:9-21	Love with sincerity
Friday	1 Thessalonians 1:2-10	The church's faith and example
Saturday	Psalms 98	Make a joyful noise
Sunday	John 17:6-19	Christ's prayer for his disciples

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Congregation Appreciation Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY	12:30	Martha Mary Circle Mother's Day Luncheon at Monroe Golf & Country Club (Open to all Ladies of the church)
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	8:00	Eden Garden Club
	11:00	Staff Meeting
	2:00	Rhythmic Ringers
	2:00	Prayer Shawls
	5:30	Congregational Life Committee
	6:00	Finance Committee
	7:00	Mission and Outreach Committee
WEDNESDAY	8:00	Eden Garden Club
	9:30	Chair Yoga
	12:00	Homeopathy Class with Maurine (Boyd)
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	6:00	Homeopathy Class with Maurine (Boyd)
	6:00	Confirmation Youth Group
	6:00	Bible Study (Library)
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:00	Property
	7:30	Choir
THURSDAY	10:00	Bible Study (Cairl Room)
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
	6:00	Personnel Committee
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	8:30	Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship
	12:15	Deacons Meeting