

Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ May 12, 2024

Abiding Hope Lutheran Church

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The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

PRELUDE ~ *An den Fruh* (In the Spring) -E. Grieg

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ We thank Howard Lyon for providing special music this morning.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit call us together as the people of God

Please stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ~ ELW 526 *God is Here v.1,2*

GREETING

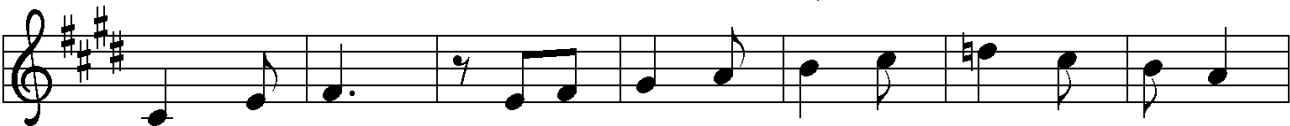
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN of PRAISE ~ *Now the Feast and Celebration*

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

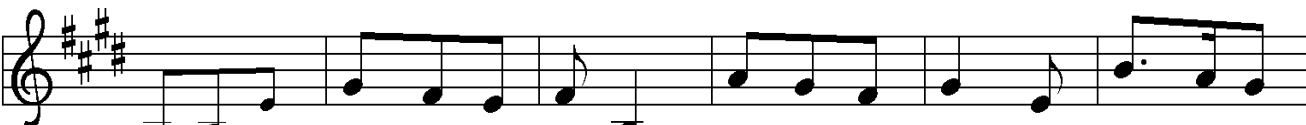


1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

PRAYER of the DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let's Pray Together. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.* **Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:15-17,21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 1 **Sung Responsively** **Tone 7**



¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel ¹ of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats ¹ of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law ¹ of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching ¹ day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that ¹ do not wither; everything they ¹ do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so ¹ with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind ¹ blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when ¹ judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council ¹ of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way ¹ of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall ¹ be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

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

GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

The holy gospel according to John, Chapter 17. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

cont'd

¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON ~ Pastor Karen Parsh

Please stand

HYMN of DAY ~ **ELW 482** *I Come With Joy*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. *A brief silence.*

You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacon to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those grieving or with any affliction. We pray especially for: The Family of Delores and Pattie. Diana, Jackie, Chris, Ed, Harry, Bill & Carol, Dan & Peggy, Shirley, Don & Donna, Maury, Matt & Sally, Ruth, Stephanie & Family, Damian & Marcia, Pastor Karen & Dave, Tammy, Evelyn, Ruth. Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith. Inspire us by their witness. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please be seated

OFFERING and PRESENTATION of GIFTS

OFFERING ~ Choir: *A Mother's Love* -B. Bacon

Please stand

OFFERTORY HYMN ~ ELW 465 *As the Grains of Wheat*

Refrain

Congregation:

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in - you.

Verses

1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, _____
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when
To refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. **Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

THANKSGIVING at the TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

Please be seated

INVITATION to COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

At Abiding Hope all believers are welcome to share Holy Communion at the table of the Lord.
After receiving the bread, (gluten free) you may receive wine from the chalice poured into individual glasses or you may choose pre-poured grape juice (in center of tray) as an alternative.

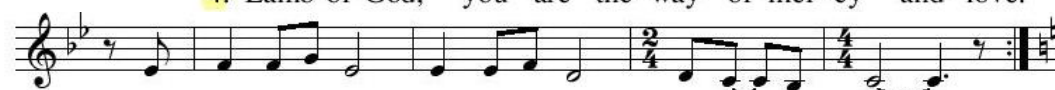
COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

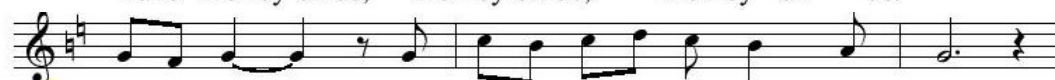
LAMB of GOD v.1,4,5



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



5. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS ~ Instrumental Music

Hungry, I Come

Make Us One

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Hungry, I Come



Hun - gry, I come, thirst - y, I come; Hun - gry, I come to You.



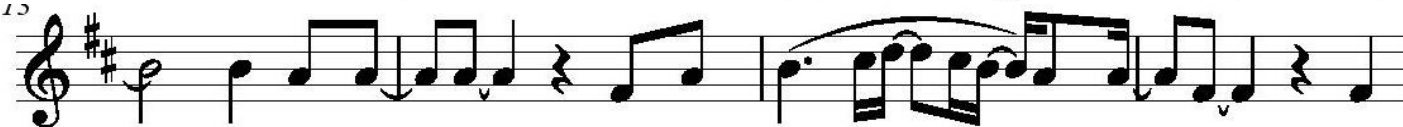
Hun - gry, I come, thirst - y, I come; And I



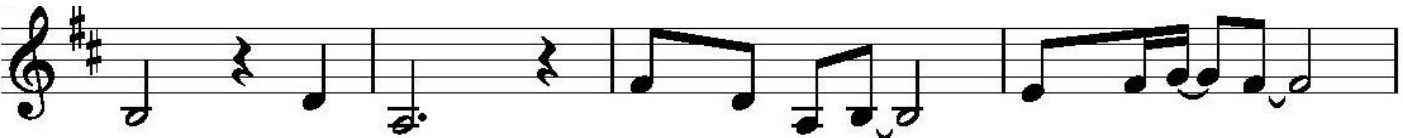
feast with wine and bread. By Your mer - cy I am fed.



For the bread of Your bod - y, for the wine



of Your blood, for Your Word in - car - nate I



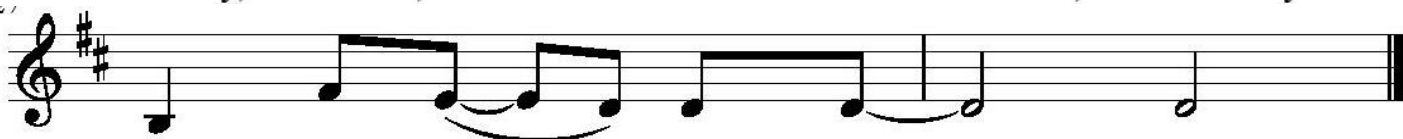
come, I come. Hun - gry I come, thirst - y I come;



Hun - gry I come to You. Hun - gry, I come,



thirst - y, I come; And I feast with wine and bread, by Your



mer - cy I am fed.

Make Us One



1.4. Make us one, ___ make us one; Make us _ one, un - di - vid - ed
 (2. Make us) love, ___ make us love; Make us _ love, so the _world will know _ we
 (3. Make us) pure, ___ make us pure; Make us _ pure, and _right-eous, make _ us

1. 2. 3.



bod - y. Make us one, ___ make us one. ___ For the _ sake of ___ Your _Name, make us
 love _ You. Make us love, ___ make us love. ___ For the _ sake of ___ Your _Name, make us
 ho - ly. Make us pure, ___ make us pure. ___ For the _ sake of ___ Your _Name, make us

4.



one. 2. Make us sake of ___ Your _Name, make us one. ___ For the _
 love. 3. Make us
 pure. 4. Make us

ENDING



sake of ___ Your _Name, 'til You come, ___ for the _

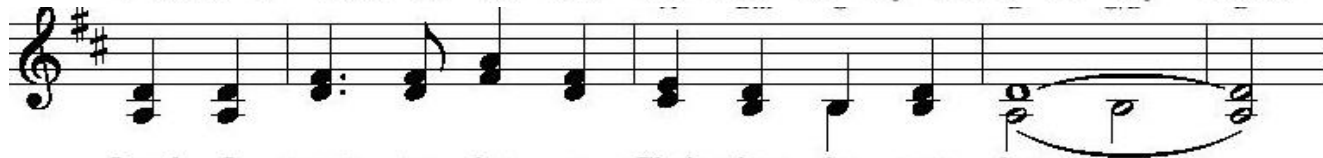


sake of ___ Your _Name, ___ make us one.

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian



1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.



In my heart, in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our † Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. **Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Please Stand

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ~ How Can I Keep from Singing



1. There is an end - less song, ech - oes in my soul, I hear the mu - sic
(2.) lift my eyes in the dark - est night, for I know my Sav - ior



ring. And though the storms may come, I am hold - ing on,
lives. And I will walk with You know - ing You'll see me through, and



to the rock I cling. How can I keep from sing - ing Your praise? How can I
sing the songs You give.



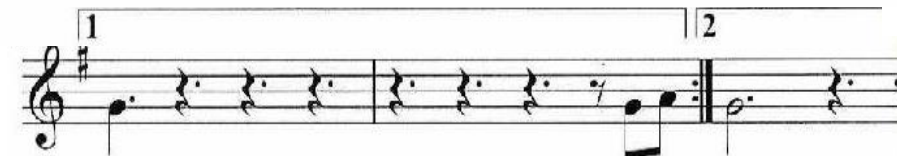
ev - er say e - nough how a - maz - ing is Your love? How can I keep from shout - ing Your



name? I know I am



loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to



sing. 2. I will sing.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE ~ Allegro -J.H. Fiocco

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PARISH NOTES ~ May 12, 2024

Happy Mother's Day

*Flower arrangements, are given to the Glory of God,
in Memory of Pauline Jenkins
from Lon Jenkins.*

Please pray for: The Family of Delores Hammer (Jane Penna's Mother) and the Family of Pattie Fromknecht (Carol Korn's niece). Diana Stoker (COVID), Jackie Seib (fractured back), Ed Tropper, Chris Gallagher-Michele Rion's Dad, Dan (struggling with leukemia) & Peggy Kaeberlein, Harry Speakman (struggling to control his oxygen levels), Stephanie Voland (doing well, continues preventive Chemo until August) & family, Matt (doing well at home after serious knee infection) & Sally Zill, Damian (recovering at home and feeling better) & Marcia Santabene, Don (struggling with Alzheimer's) & Donna Holder, Pastor Karen & Dave (now a resident at West Lake Woods), Ruth Hinkson (now a resident at Elmwood Gardens), Evelyn Senger (doing well at home), and Tammy Sharp McIntyre.

Sunday, May 12: Bible Study: 11a Choir: Warmup, 9a. Rehearsal, 1045a.

Wednesday, May 15: AHLC Men's Night Out, 6:30p @ Chico's east of Fairview on West Ridge Road. ALL are invited. No RSVP necessary.

Thursday, May 16: All ladies welcome to attend "**Ladies Night Out**", 5:30p at **Madeline's**, Rte. 18 in Cranesville. **Sign-up** sheet in narthex or **RSVP** to Jacque Holmberg **by Monday, May 13**. Also, if you need a ride let her know. Rides leave AHLC @ 5:00p

Sunday, May 19, Pentecost: Wear RED. If you wish to donate to KAFP, order forms are on the table in the narthex. Today is **last day** for request forms in **offering plate** or to the **office by tomorrow, May 13**.

Bulletins: There will now be **two** available with enlarged copies of hymns that are not printed in the bulletin.

Little Free Outdoor Library: Thank you! for the BEAUTIFUL hand-crafted bookmarks that have already been donated, as well as books. The library is being used effectively and a camera has been installed to monitor activity. The Little Free Library/Pantry organization has suggested that during warmer months to donate dried items for the pantry such as: rice meals, dried cereals, fruit filled bars (without honey/chocolate that will melt), dried fruit: cranberries/raisins/blueberries; peanut butter & jelly IN PLASTIC containers only, pretzels; vegetable chips/sticks & nuts.
– Connie Kerr-Vogt

CAMP LUTHERLYN is now open for registration. Camp begins June 16 for one-week sessions until August. **\$100 off-FIRST** time campers. Additional information for registration and weekly camp sessions is on table in narthex or go to www.lutherlyn.com/camp.

Bethany Outreach: Collection of used clothing and household items continues as well as collection of shoes (pairs only) in good condition for **The Chosen**. Baskets on the shelf in the Heritage Room.

KAFP Project Dignity: **May** item, **shampoo**. Donations can be place in the basket on the shelf in the Heritage Room.

Altar Flowers: Anyone who wishes to **donate flowers** for Sunday worship, weekly sign-up and request forms are on the table in narthex. Arrangements- **\$20.00 each**. Place the **completed form and payment** in the offering plate, or to the office at least two weeks, no less than one, prior to your chosen Sunday.

Abiding Hope Lutheran Church

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Office Hours: Mon., Tues., 9:30a-3:30p. Wed., 9:30a-12:30p.

FINANCES

| | <u>APRIL</u> | | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|------------|---------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| Income | \$ 8,577.50 | Income | \$43,001.03 |
| Expenses | \$10,546.77 | Expenses | \$44,672.75 |
| Difference | \$-1,969.27 | Difference | \$-1,671.72 |
| | | YTD Budget | \$45,213.36 |

Worship Leaders May 12, 2024

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| Videographer | Andy Saska |
| Greeter/Coffee | Mary Randall |
| Lector/Prayers | Rick Penn |
| Assisting Min/Acolyte | Jeanne Tropper |
| Communion Assist/Cups | Emily/Kayla Miller |
| Communion Assist/Tray | Carol Korn |
| Presenter | Volunteer |
| Presenter | Carolyn Hayes |
| Usher | Rich Filson |
| Usher | Andy Saska |
| Counters | Lois & Andy |