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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2015

Please remember to turn off your cell phones during the Worship Service. Thank you.

Preparation Music

(Please be seated and prepare yourself for worship)

The Entrance of the Light

Welcome

Moments of Concerns and Announcements

*Ringing of the Bell

***Gathering Music-Please stand and join the choir in singing:**

Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose up from the dead.

Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose from the dead.

Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose up from the dead,

And God's grace will bear my spirit home. (sing twice)

*Opening Prayer

***Hymn: # 4 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"**

Reading of Scripture: John 15:1-11

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: O God, we are so worried about future generations.

We worry that we won't be here to tell them about you.

We are worried they won't know about your love.

Remove this bad fruit of worry from us, O God.

Trim away our useless vines so that rather than worrying we might take immediate action as messengers of the Gospel of Peace.

Remain with us so that we might show your glory as we seek to live out our mission: Gathering as followers of Christ, Growing in body and in spirit and Going to share Christ's love.

Feed us with your Word so that we might find the new life we need. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie # 750

All: Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance:

*Act of Praise..... #760

(Please stand)

All: Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)

Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)

Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen!

Amen we praise your name, O God!

*The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please share a greeting of Christian love with those sitting around you.

Children's Time: "Grapes Make Juice"

(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery)

Sermon: "Abiding In Love"

***Hymn: #270 “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”**

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in honor of USMC Chief Warrant Officer Ryan Eckroth, and as a prayer for all military personnel and first responders, especially those in harm’s way.

Call to Prayer “Pray”

Pray___, pray___, pray___ for peace within our world_____.

Pray___, pray___, pray___ for peace within our souls_____.

Pray___, pray___, pray___ for love and unity_____;

Quiet our busy hearts, Pray___, pray___, pray___ .

Pray___, pray___, pray___

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer,

Prayer of Our Savior (spoken)

All: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,

and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Our Time of Sharing

Invitation to the Offering, The Sharing of Gifts

Offering Music

*Offertory Response “We Are Giving in the Light of God” (526)

All: We are giving in the light of God,

We are giving in the light of God (Repeat previous 2 lines)

We are giving, giving, we are giving, Oo,

We are giving in the light of God (Repeat previous 2 lines)

Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Children are welcome to receive Communion at the discretion of their parents. Gluten free wafers are found in the center of the plates of bread.)

The Invitation

Anthem: “In the Bread Broken”

The Communion Prayer

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: O Holy One, there are no words to describe the mystery of this bread and cup. There are no sighs too deep to reveal what we feel in sharing in this feast. Thank you for gathering us together to remember that you are always present among us. We lift our hearts as we praise the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

***Hymn #337 “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”**

*The Benediction

***Benediction Response**

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Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose from the dead.

Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose up from the dead,

And God’s grace will bear my spirit home. (sing twice)

*Postlude

Readers for today are Dave Conner, Bonnie Malovitz and Art Long

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ

Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison.....Pastor

Irina Thomas.....Organist and Keyboard

Kelly MillarChoir Director

Rheba Salac.....Administrative Assistant

Wade Anderson.....Sexton

Did you know that we received a total of \$890 for the “Food4Kids Backpack” program? Thank you for your immense generosity. The money that was not needed to buy food right now will help to stuff backpacks with food in the fall.

This week:

Monday-Consistory 7:00PM

Thursday-Choir 7:00PM

THERE IS NO SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK.

Attendance for April 26: 63

Offering for April 26: \$2,085.00

Bus Trip to General Synod

The General Synod, which is the biennial meeting of the United Church of Christ, is rarely so close! This is a unique opportunity to attend the worship service! Bus transportation is being offered to Cleveland on June 28. This is an all day event so please plan for a late return and the bus will stop for dinner (on your own). The bus will depart from First Reformed Church in Greensburg, PA at 11AM. There are only 53 seats available! Registration with payment is due by May 17th. Forms are on the back table in the Sanctuary.

The Veteran’s Administration will be collecting clothing and small furniture and household items on Thursday, May 7 at the Sexton’s house. If you have something to donate, please leave it on the front porch of the house before the 7th. Thanks!

From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ

"God's Good Pleasure"

"Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for God's

good pleasure." - Philipians 2:12-13

This passage reminds me of those jokes in which someone asks, "I've got some good news and some bad news. Which do you want to hear first?"

I'm inclined by temperament to want the bad news at once, so the bad news from Paul comes first: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Uh oh! This sounds to me like a counsel of despair, for who among us has the power to save ourselves? Is this the ultimate bad self-help advice? And that "fear and trembling" part is scary.

So what's the good news? The good news is that Paul knows this salvation process is a collaboration with God "who is at work in you."

That's sounds much better, because only with God at work in us can we ever choose and accomplish the things that please God.

And what pleases God? Today's passage follows directly after a beautiful hymn that describes how Jesus, in humble obedience to God, emptied himself of privilege and power to become a servant. Apparently that is the sort of thing that contributes to God's "good pleasure."

Prayer

O Jesus, before your name every knee should bend on heaven and earth, help us day by day to follow in your way, that both our will and our works may please God.

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The Nepal Earthquake



By The Numbers

- 7.8 Magnitude Earthquake
- Over 5,000 confirmed dead
- 10,000 Injured
- 70,000 Homes Destroyed
- 530,000 Homes Damaged
- 8 Million Affected (over 1/4 of the population)
- Worst Earthquake in Nepal in 80 years

Situation

On April 25, 2015 a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal causing significant damage and destruction in Kathmandu and surrounding areas. Since Saturday's quake, our partnership through the ACT Alliance has been responding and working hard to help stabilize the situation through provisions of food, water, medicine and temporary shelter.

UCC Disaster Ministries is supporting these essential on-the-ground efforts, as the death toll continues to rise. Currently it is reported more than 5,000 have died as a result of the earthquake. The earthquake, the worst to hit Nepal in over 80 years, also triggered a deadly avalanche on Mount Everest.

The avalanche buried part of the mountain's base camp, which was full of mountaineers who had come for the start of the main climbing season. An army spokesman told Reuters that at least 18 bodies had

been found on Mount Everest. Google executive Dan Fredinburg was among those killed in the avalanche, CNN reports.

Powerful tremors also rocked neighboring countries, impacting people in India, Tibet, Bangladesh, as well as two Chinese citizens on the Nepal-China border. The earthquake's epicenter was 50 miles east of Nepal's second-largest city, Pokhara. Geoscientists noted that the shallowness of the quake amplified the power of its tremors at the surface, adding to the destruction. Strong aftershocks continued throughout the afternoon, as rescue teams scoured the rubble for survivors.

Nepalese authorities struggled to assess the full scale of the damage across the remote Himalayan nation, with communications systems down in many areas. "We are totally cut off from most parts of our country," Nepal Disaster Management Authority official Ram Narayan Pandey told Reuters.

Thousands of people rushed into the streets of the capital in an effort to remain safe, The Guardian reported, with many too afraid to return as the city was rocked by aftershocks.

Hospitals in the capital were flooded with the wounded, with one converting its parking lot into a makeshift clinic, according to The Associated Press.

In neighboring India, people rushed out of their homes as tremors rippled through the country, HuffPost India reported. India sent a 40-member rescue team and three tons of relief supplies to Nepal by plane to aid relief efforts. Pakistan also offered "all possible help" to the devastated nation.

How You Can Help . . .

Generous donations to the International Emergency Fund allow the **UCC Disaster Ministries** to respond to global disasters – **your Bulletin today includes an envelope for the Nepal Earthquake** – thank you for your help!

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