

∞ ORDER OF WORSHIP ∞

May 15, 2022 • 10:30 a.m.  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

*"It's often surprising to find the great heights that a person can attain by merely being on the level" -- Marjorie Holmes*

PRELUDE "Prologue" J. S. bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG "Only By Grace" Gerritt Gustafson

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)  
Leader: O Come, let us make a joyful noise unto the Rock of our salvation.  
**People: Let us come before His presence with singing.**  
Leader: Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.  
**People: To You, O Lord, we come, offering our joy, our gratitude, and our praise.**  
Leader: Let us worship God!

PRAISE SONG "Sanctuary" John W. Thompson & Randy Scruggs

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**O God, in this hour of worship we wait for some word from You that will give us new direction. We often are a doubting people seeking faith, an exhausted people seeking renewal, a lost people seeking Your guidance. Reveal the path we should follow and show us the way of life. Then send us forth into the world as Your emissaries of goodness and grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.** (moment for silent prayer).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)  
Leader: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are those who seek the face of God.  
**People: Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds.**  
Leader: Blessed are those who ask for forgiveness, for they shall be forgiven.  
**People: Blessed are those who repent, for they shall be freed to live fully.**  
Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

\*GLORIA PATRI Hymn No. 622

CHILDREN'S TIME/and to the young at heart

ANTHEM "O Brother Man" Robert Wetzler

SCRIPTURE Romans 2:16 -  
Ecclesiastes 12:14 -  
1 Corinthians 4:5 -  
Matthew 10:26

SERMON "Can You Keep a Secret?"

\*HYMN OF MEDITATION No. 201 "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY Hymn No. 625

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

\*HYMN No. 231 "Jesus Shall Reign"

CHORAL BENEDICTION "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" v.2  
J.E. Rankin, W.G. Tomer

POSTLUDE "Majesty" Max Reger

\*Those who are able, please stand.

### **Welcome to our church today!**

If you are a visitor, thank you for coming to worship with us. We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card, which you will find in the hymnal book holder in the pew. You may then put the card in the offering plate that will be passed to you during the offering. Please join us in friendship and a chance to say hello after the service. Let us know if we can assist you.

### **CWS Blankets**

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). God has blessed us with so much, and we have much to share. Share this love by providing CWS Blankets to those in need. Each blanket costs only \$10.00, but these blankets can be a vital resource for someone needing a little support, warmth and encouragement.

If you choose to donate, please use the enclosed envelope, or write a check to the church and put "Blanket Sunday" in the memo line. Each blanket is \$10. Thank you for your generosity in previous years.  
- - Presbyterian Women

### **Covid Policy**

We are updating our Covid restrictions to conform with state and county regulations. The use of a mask for services is a personal choice. Adjustments will be made as conditions demand.

### **WEB (Weekend Back Pack)**

The WEB program delivers approximately 50 bags of food to students in the Dryden School District who are food insufficient. Please donate *Yogurt on the Go* for the month of May. There is a basket in the administrative wing that is labeled WEB for your donations.

### **Flowers**

Providing flowers for the sanctuary during the worship service is another way to celebrate happy times or to honor/remember a loved one. If your flowers mark a special occasion that you wish to share with your church family, be sure to note that down on the flower calendar. Artificial flowers are a nice choice that can be used for more than one Sunday.

### **Rummage Sale**

The rummage sale returns on June 3-4, 2022. It's time to donate all the things you cleaned out during the pandemic. (but not electronic equipment or skis) Please bring your treasures on Wednesday and Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please consider donating your time during the sale. We always need lots of help.  
- - Presbyterian Women

### **For Prayer**

Dave Gross, Bob Sincerbeaux, Milo Jones, Christi LaPlant, William Merrill, Christopher DuPree, the family of Dottie Slocum on the passing of her mother, the family of John Palmer, on passing of his daughter Cheryl Palmer, Connie Walker, the family of Pastor Dale Francis at the death of his wife Peg, father of Brenda Carpenter

### **A Thank You Party**

With hearts full of gratitude, we will share a thank-you party for Pastor Hicks following the Sunday service on May 22. The sign-up sheet is in the social room for names, numbers, and a choice of food items for the dish-to-share dinner. Thank you for your assistance.  
- - Church Life Committee.

### **May 15**

Ushering: Joyce Day    Flowers: Joan Watros

### **Ushers**

Please think about being an usher. June offers many opportunities to serve. These are important ministries in the life of the church. An usher may be the first person a newcomer meets and can do a great deal to make that newcomer feel welcome. Please sign up to help!

### **Office Hours**

The office hours of Pastor Jim Hicks, temporary pastor, are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon.  
Pastor Jim Hicks – 607-898-5201- [hicksjam@verizon.net](mailto:hicksjam@verizon.net)

### **Worship for Next Sunday**

May 22, 2022

The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday before the Ascension  
Scripture: Acts 1:1-11  
Sermon: "Looking into the Sky"