We know that many are anxious about the spread of this new virus, but we want you to remember that this is a respiratory virus very similar in both transmission and symptoms to the Flu. We can prepare ourselves and protect others best by remembering the good practices that are true every year during Flu season. Here is what the Centers for Disease Control recommends:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then toss the tissue in trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

COVID-19, Flu & Illness Prevention

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9th, 2021

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Victoria Lasley

Prelude: What Brought Us Together arr. Ryan Morrow

Introit: Built on a Rock the Church Shall Stand arr. J.D. Williams

Liturgy: Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6


Sermon: "This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Offertory: Go Forth, My Heart, and Seek Delight August Harde, Reinhardt Heyden

Soloists: Brigitte Woloszyn, recorder, Jonathan Williams, violin

Psalm 98, Come Down, O Love Divine

Praise to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm 98, #492, Come Down, O Love Divine

Prayers of the People: Mother’s Day Litany (see insert)

Hymn: #669, Loving Spirit

Benediction: Join We All with One Accord Karoly Kope

Happy Mother’s Day: Women’s Fellowship is celebrating all ladies today with roses. Thank you for your dedication to church, family, friends, and community.

Enjoy your day doing what you love!

Save the Date—VBS for All Ages June 27–July 1

More information coming soon about this week of evening gatherings for studying water stories from the Bible and Maranian Mission Projects—both nearby and around the world!

Scripture

Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory, The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, or they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Announcements

Lifting in Prayer:

Jesi Mock, one of our Preschool teachers, as she recovers from a scheduled C-section and their family welcomes baby Elena.

May Youth Gathering Opportunity:

On Saturday, May 22 at 200 we will have another get together for youth & their families. We will be putting together 25 snack bags for City with Dwellings.

We are asking everyone to bring some of the following to put in the bags: peanut butter crackers cans of Vienna sausage breakfast bars Little Debbie Oatmeal cakes

We will furnish the water bottles and gallon bags. When we finish with the bags we will have snacks for us to enjoy, and maybe some time for recreation. Hope to see you there!

Mark Your Calendars for Church Council—Sunday, May 23rd

A few of the pertinent details of this council were changed per decisions at the meeting on Sunday, May 2nd.

Here’s what you need to know about this meeting of Council:

Time: 11:15am. Immediately following 10am Morning Worship

Location: Sanctuary

Agenda:

1) Balloting/Voting on the Motion to adopt the proposed changes to the congregation’s Rules and Regulations as discussed on May 2

2) Balloting/Voting on 2 seats that have been vacated early on the Board of Trustees—Term of office runs June 2021-December 2022

Current Slate for these seats: Monte Bredal, Sherry Evans

Nominations from the floor will be accepted, please ensure that any nominees are willing to accept the office if elected prior to putting their name forward.

While we still need a quorum of 35 people at this meeting to elect and ratify any action, it was decided by Council on May 2nd that we would allow for “drive by balloting” as a number of our sister churches have done during Covid, so that we can include the voices of those not comfortable attending in-person in the Sanctuary.

We will accept “drive by ballots” in 3 forms between May 17-21:

1) Stop by and fill out a paper ballot in the church office between 10am—2pm on Monday, the 17th —Friday, the 21st

2) Call the church office so that an Office Angel can write in a ballot for you between 10am—2pm on Monday, the 17th —Friday, the 21st

3) Use the link information provided in an email you will receive on May 17th to record your ballot through an online form by Friday, the 21st

All “drive by” ballots will have the option to write in a nominee (who has confirmed their willingness to serve) and cast a vote for that nominee. Any write in nominees will be confirmed and offered as a nomination from the floor at the May 23 meeting.