

GET INSPIRED

PRELUDE *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* Arr. Wilhelmi

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Adapted from the Iona Community*

Leader: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,
People: **to the rising of Life itself.**
Leader: Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,
People: **the hand of God between us and each hand,**
Leader: the pain of Christ between us and each pain,
People: **the love of the Spirit between us and each love.**
Leader: O God, who brought us to the bright light of this new day,
People: **bring us to the guiding light of your Life!**

***OPENING HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 358

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Prayer Song *Sanctuary* No. 482
(Sung twice before and once after prayer)

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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 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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Clarion Call* M. Joy
FCC Ringers

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 12: Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except

by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be?

As it is, there are many members yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

John 15: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

MESSAGE *You Are a Branch* Rev. Alan McNamara

***CLOSING HYMN** *They'll Know We Are Christians* No. 595

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Shine, Jesus, Shine* Arr. Carter

*please stand if able

GET TO WORK

Our mission for April is the Hilltop Harvest Food Garden. Over the last 4 years, our Hilltop Harvest Food Garden has donated almost 13,000 pounds of produce to the F.I.S.H. Food Pantry in Carpentersville. As in previous years, we are offering a Sponsor a Bed program, through which a gift of \$100 will fully support one garden bed including all plants. Gifts of all amounts are very helpful and will be received with gratitude.

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for:

Elliott Bobbe
Leandra Mukite
Lynn Kruse
Tim McCory and family
Andy Raupp
Wendy and Manuel Vega
Rae Couvillion
Bill Ziletti
Kerry Jean Akers
Jenny McCarthy
Brian Anderson
Dick Wistar
Kim Connelly
Scott Babica
Frank Lucchesi
Dee McAfee
Courtney Gurion
Carleen Kriz
Matt Chen
Marlene Standley
Inspired Therapy
Andy Roberts
Sue Chen Hicks
Patty Jablonski
Jennifer Behrens
Debbie Drainer
Sarah Milbrath
Kristin and Noah Kilian
Keith Stark
Renee Kashawalic
Bob Taylor
Don West

Offered by:

Ken and Danis Bobbe
Lisa McCarthy
Diane Fuqua
Jim Gromer
Dale and Judy Pate
Mallary Babica
Christine Fuqua
Dave Ruby
Laura Akers and Myra Gresko
Clancy and Lisa McCarthy
Tammy Ray & Janet McManus
Clairan Wistar
Carol Smith
Kevin Babica
The Anderson/Hilton Families
Pat Storer
The Brousseau family
Babica Family
Mela Chen
Janet McManus
Melissa Pazen
Lovey Marcus
Dave Ruby
Pat Storer
Donna Badame
Jan Kees
Alice Crumley and Lisa Naylor
Janet McManus
Jean Stark
Kristen Hilton
Pat Storer
Gary Johnson



Sunday Worship

April 28, 2024

Senior Pastor – Rev. Aaron James
Guest Preacher - Rev. Alan McNamara

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