

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

APRIL 24, 2016

9:00 am

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Bold Print - Please Say In Unison

*Easter is not just one Sunday – Easter is a season of 50 days. It begins on Easter Sunday and continues for seven full weeks. This seven-week cycle is known historically as the Great Fifty Days or the Week of Weeks. During this time, the church celebrates the Lord’s resurrection, His appearances to the disciples after Easter, His post-resurrection teachings, His ascension into heaven, and the disciples’ eager anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. We are Easter People who celebrate God’s love for us during this season and remember whose we are.*

**WELCOME -Please sign the Pew Pad & pass it to the next person**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**            *The Gift of Love*, American Fold Tune, arr. Hal Hopson  
Nancy Dickinson, Organist/Keyboard

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Praise the Lord, all you people!

**P: Praise the Lord, all you men, women, and children!**

L: Praise the Lord, all you citizens of God!

**P: Praise the Lord, all you young and old alike!**

L: Praise the Lord, all you creatures!

**P: Praise the Lord, all you sea monsters and fish of the deep!**

L: Praise the Lord, all you lands!

**P: Praise the Lord, all you mountains, forests, and meadows!**

L: Let everything that is praise the Lord.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

### \*OPENING PRAYER

**Alpha and Omega, you make your home with us, you dry our tears and quench our thirst, you are the tender love that welcomes all people. Like a mother, you nurture your children, giving them life, teaching them to love. Come and dwell among us, and make all things new. Amen**

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

**\*HYMN**            *I Love to Tell the Story*            UMH #156

### PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER

### READING FROM ACTS OF THE APOSTLES –

**THE STORY OF THE EARLY CHURCH**            Acts 11:1-18

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all people, our hearts are too narrow, our perspectives are too small. We reject those who are not like us—those with different political opinions, those who struggle with mental illness, those who disagree with us. We forget that ALL are your beloved children, and neglect your call to love one another. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we have failed to be a people known by our love. Show us how to be more caring. Teach us how to love one another, and make us faithful disciples. Amen.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God dwells among us, giving to all who believe the repentance that leads to life. Rejoice in the Lord, for we are a forgiven people.

**HYMN**            *Help Us Accept Each Other*            UMH #560

**THE GOSPEL OF LUKE**            John 13:31-35

**MESSAGE**            “The 11<sup>th</sup> Commandment”            Pastor Barb

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God has given us the gift of faith. Through this gift we see all people as God’s children. Respond to God’s generous love, that we may love one another as God has loved us. Let us share this love as we bring our tithes and offerings.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**            *Joy in the Morning*, Natalie Sleeth

**\*DOXOLOGY**            “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow”            UMH # 94

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION – Loving God, you have given us the task to love one another. May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others. May the love we share bring hope to a world that has forgotten how to love. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**            *Bind Us Together*            TFWS #2226

### \*SENDING FORTH

**POSTLUDE**            *How Majestic Is Your Name*, Michael W. Smith  
Please remain seated until the Postlude has ended.

*Thank you for worshipping with us. We invite you to join us for coffee and friendship following this worship service in Fellowship hall – downstairs below the Sanctuary.*

Our Mission is:  
"To Make Christ Known"

Our Church serves our community and the world, by realizing and sharing the satisfying and abundant life Christ brings to all people. Our Church is a place where love is present, hurts are healed, joys and concerns are shared and supported by prayer.

### WE WELCOME YOU!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are glad you are here! Please complete the information in our Friendship Book (black folder) located at the end of the pew along the center aisle. Our Worship Services are 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday and 6:00 PM Wednesday Night in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a potluck supper at 5:30 PM.

### CHILD CARE

Children's Church is celebrated at the 9:00 AM Service. Children from pre-school through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade attend the beginning of Service then leave with Barb Gausman after the Prayers of the People and Time with the Children. Younger and older Children are encouraged to sit in Worship with their family. There are cloth bags in the back of the sanctuary with crayons and activities and also a basket of small toys for your child to use if they remain in the Sanctuary.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kid's Club, Christian Education for Children, Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, takes place on Wednesday Nights from 6-7 during the school year in Classroom 203. A Pre-school class is also available in the Nursery across the Hall from the Kid's Club Room.

### COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 am worship service and prior to the 10:30 am worship service, for coffee and snacks. This is a great time to greet visitors and connect with your church family.

### HOW TO REACH US

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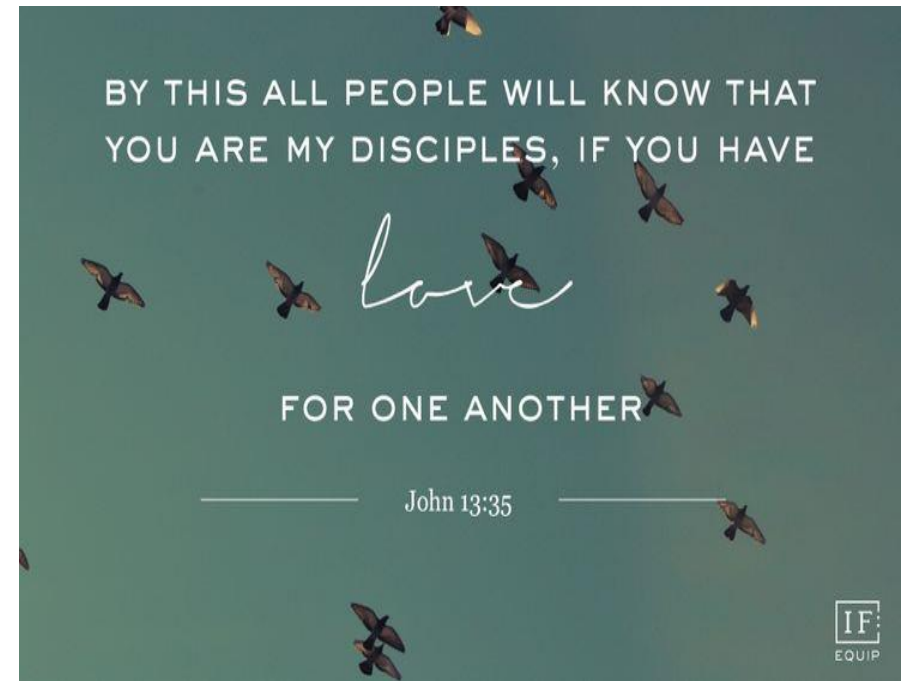
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To make an appointment with Pastor Barb, call her at 608.931.6804

## *Fifth Sunday of Eastertide*



*9:00 AM Worship Service*

*April 24, 2016*

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