

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

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GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

Cantus

Gilbert M. Martin

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

The Call To Worship

(Psalm 67)

Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
**for You judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**
Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You.

The Prayer of Adoration

All nations on earth shall bless You, O God, for You have redeemed Your people and brought them new life. Through Christ You have caused Your Word to shine on the just and the unjust. By Your Spirit all those who believe know of Your saving power. We come confessing that Christ is our Savior; we give You all glory for Your gift of redeeming grace. Praise be to You, O God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen

*The Hymn 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began. Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

*The Prayer of Confession

Suzi Bevan, liturgist

Loving God, You offer us Your whole self, and ask us to trust and obey. We confess that sometimes it is hard to trust and hard to walk Your path. Lord Jesus, You offer us not just healing, but wholeness. We confess that we're often not interested in that inner work, only in just enough to continue on our way without facing those things that keep us from You. Holy Spirit, You bring new life into every place. We confess that sometimes we like things just the way they are, and the newness is scary. When we ignore Your call and follow our own way instead, forgive us. When we allow fear to rule, rather than standing up with courage, forgive us. When we insist on seeing before believing, forgive us ... (time for silent confession) ... Holy God, fill us again with Your grace, Your hope, Your peace and help us to be Your faithful people in the world. We pray in the Name of the One who disrupts the world with love, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

The Gloria Patri (spoken)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.**

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshipping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of Your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by Your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the Good News of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 16:9-15*

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 67*

The Anthem

In the Sweet By-and-By

Howard Helvey

*There's a land that is fairer than day, And by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way to prepare us a dwelling place there.
In the sweet by-and-by, We shall meet on that beautiful shore;
We shall sing on that beautiful shore the melodious songs of the blest;
And our spirits shall sorrow no more, Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.
In the sweet by-and-by, We shall meet on that beautiful shore;
To our bountiful Father above, We will offer our tribute of praise,
For the glorious gift of His love and the blessings that hallow our days.
In the sweet by-and-by, We shall meet on that beautiful shore;*

The Epistle Lesson: *Revelation 21:10,22 – 22:5*

A Moment with the Children

*The Hymn 375 (8:30 a.m.)

Shall We Gather at the River

*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?*

*REFRAIN: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

*On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. REFRAIN*

*Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. REFRAIN*

*Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy hearts
will quiver with the melody of peace. REFRAIN*

Reception of Confirmands (11:00 a.m.)

Presentation and Questions of Membership

*The Apostles' Creed

Prayer

Charge

*The Hymn 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfil God's chosen end.*

*Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other's burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge,
said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.*

*So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm
that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith,
thus giving hope and confidence and peace.*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 14:23-29*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

A Macedonian Call
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The *Apostles' Creed* (8:30 a.m.)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness
of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The 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.**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME...

*The Hymn 295

Go to the World!

*Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Postlude

Bachiana

Gordon Young

The 2022 Confirmation Journey participants being confirmed at the 11:00 a.m. service this morning are Anders Bothel, Addie Huffman, Anna Oplinger, Emma Rexrode, Jackson Valasko, Wendy Whalen.

The **flowers** on the pulpit are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Deaderick by his wife, Caroline and children, Robert, Elizabeth, and David.

Session has called a **meeting of the congregation** for Sunday, June 5, beginning with the 10:00 a.m. service of worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Elders, Deacons, and other officers, and to vote on the pastor's request for retirement. This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid fashion. Details of how to participate via Zoom and an invite will be emailed several days prior to the meeting.

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Announcements for May 11-18

New Members - Confirmands

- Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
- Who is your Lord and Savior?
- Will you be Christ's faithful disciple obeying his word and showing his love?
- Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

These are the questions of membership that anyone joining the church is asked. Sunday is Confirmation Sunday. A group of six explorers will answer these questions to become full members of the church. They have met in class, taught by Della Hall, Brittany Harvey, and Tom Wimberly, each week over the past four months to consider the meaning of these questions. They have participated in fellowship and service activities. They have had the support of their families and their confirmation mentor. They have met with the session of the church, and now they will answer these questions in front of the congregation.

As these 8th and 9th graders answer these questions before the congregation Sunday morning, I invite you to consider what they mean to you. The explorers will join the church at the 11:00 a.m. service. Following the service will be a potluck picnic and reception to celebrate the explorers and the end of LIFT for the 2021-22 Christian Education year.

The explorers and their mentors are Addie Huffman, Ashley Raska; Anders Bothel, Will Hendricks; Anna Oplinger, Trina Parsons; Emma Rexrode, Sharon Humes; Jack Valasko, Bill Nix; and Wendy Whalen, Michelle Porter.

Brittany

Birthdays this week

- 22. Joyce Nichols, Pat Parkinson
- 23. Charles McDaniel, Tim Sullivan
- 24. Becca Mahon
- 26. David Johnson, Jerry Zekert
- 27. Alex Fino, Grace Fino
- 28. Lynne Rawlings, Lynn Hamb, David Betz
- 29. Sheila Baker, Jacob Veil, Mary Szymanski



Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern: Linda Baer, Tom Edwards, Carole Fariss, Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Donna Hughes, Alfred King, Sharon Moser, Lou Silvey

Our heartfelt **Christian love and sympathies** are extended to Irene Repanshek and family on the death of her husband, Larry, who died on May 12, 2022.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, May 22:

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;
Revelation 21:11, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or 5:1-9

Keep It Moving—Body & Soul

Mondays at 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall (with ample room to spread-out)

All are invited to join us for fellowship through moving in community. We open with prayer, and then Vicky Wilder leads us through movements which develop balance, strength, and flexibility. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Questions? Call Vicky 786-7227.

Weekly Meetings & Activities

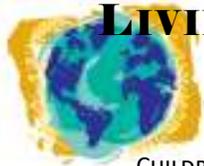
- Wed. (5/18) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Library)
Finance Cmte, 7:00pm (Con. Rm)
- Thurs. (5/19) — Women's Bible Study, 9:30am (Zoom)
- Sat. (5/21) — Memorial Service for Bob Deaderick,
11:30am, (Sanct./Youtube)
Community Dinner, 3pm (Fellowship Hall)
- Sun. (5/22) — Worship, 8:30 (Sanct./Youtube)
LIFT Hour, 9:45am
Worship, 11am (Sanct.)
Picnic, 12pm (Church Lawn)
- Mon (5/23) — Memorial Service for Larry Repanshek,
10:30am, (Sanct./Youtube)
Keep It Moving-group, 3:15pm (FH)
- Tues. (5/24) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30am
(Conf. Rm/Zoom) Contact [John Howe](#)
- Wed. (5/25) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)

Children made **bird feeders out of milk cartons** as part of our focus on Creation Care at the May 1, All Ages LIFT. They are now hanging around the church grounds to feed our bird (and squirrel) neighbors.



Looking Ahead:

- May 31: VBS Volunteer Orientation
- June 1: Pints & Parables - 6 bears & a goat
- June 5: Begin Summer Schedule (Worship at 8:30 & 10)
- June 12-16: VBS & Adult Camp
- June 21-24: Middle School Retreat at Massanetta
- June 24: Movie Night - The Birds
- July 17-23: Montreat Youth Conference
- July 31: Movie Night



LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER *For Creation*

LIFT Hour ~ Sunday, May 22, 9:45 a.m.

CHILDREN'S LIFT

Age 4 - 5th grade, Ed. Building. 2nd Floor

Child Care available for infants—age 3, Ed. Building 1st Floor

YOUTH & ADULT LIFT CLASSES

Parent Class - All Ages and Stages, Middle House

Faith & Movies, Church Parlor

Order of Worship, Undercroft

The **Marine Corps Historic Half** will return to the streets of Fredericksburg once again on May 22, 2022. Here is the link to [course information and a map](#).

A **VBS Volunteer orientation** is scheduled for May 31, at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who has already signed up to volunteer, or would still like to.

Register Today:

Under Construction! VBS and Grown-Up Camp

June 12 - 16, 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday,
5:30-7:30 p.m. weekdays.

Each day's program will begin with a catered meal for everyone in the Fellowship Hall. Children will then head to VBS where they will be learning and exploring what it means to be in community through Bible stories, and building projects led by Steve Eckel, Steve Spratt and Gary Vaughn.

Adults will have the choice between a Bible study class in the Middle House led by Dorothy Mondak, or a Lifestyle class with a different teacher and topic each day. The leaders are Marsha Lockett, Vicky Wilder, Robert Fidler, and Sherman Brown.

Our VBS/Grown-Up Camp will conclude on Thursday with S'Mores and a campfire for all.

Registration either at church or online through [Realm](#).

If you would like to volunteer, talk to Jen Rowe or Brittany Harvey.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Youth Group's Can-struction food drive and helped us reach our goal of 500 cans!

This past Sunday Evening, we completed the can-struction of our church. Be sure to check it out in the lobby. The structure will remain standing through early June, then we will take the cans good the Fredericksburg United Methodist church food pantry. If you want, you can still bring canned goods to the Lobby, it's not too late. Once again, thank you to all who contributed to the food drive that will go towards helping to feed our neighbors in our community!

This Sunday, we will celebrate the Confirmands and the start of summer with a Potluck **Church Picnic** immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service.

Please bring a dish to share. Chicken tenders and beverages will be provided.

In continuing our call to care for creation, we welcome you to bring your own reusable drinking glass/water bottle and utensils. We will certainly have paper and plastic cups and utensils available, but invite you to carry along your own if you'd like.

As it is a picnic, please feel free to dress in comfortable picnic clothes and even bring along your own camping chair or blanket if that feels more like a picnic than a metal folding chair! In case of inclement weather, we will move the picnic indoors to Fellowship Hall.



School Dressing Days is Back! After a two-year absence, the annual School Dressing Days event-sponsored by the Interfaith Community Council, will again take place for children in Head Start and elementary grades K-5 only.

July 29-30 (set up July 28)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints- 1710 Bragg Rd

Pre-Registration Dates: Wed June 22, Sat July 9, Wed July 20 – Fredericksburg United Methodist Church

Wed July 13, Sat July 23 – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

As always, there will be plenty of volunteer opportunities: pre-registration, shoppers (can be reimbursed with ICC funds), organizing and sorting items, set up on July 28, during SDD– July 29-30, more details and the link to a sign up genius will be coming.

TPC has been asked to coordinate the back pack portion of School Dressing Days; to donate backpacks; and boys and girls underwear (boxers/briefs for boys and hipsters/bikini for girls) and socks. Donations can be dropped off in the Education Building Lobby. Monetary donations to purchase these items can be mailed to Interfaith Community Council (memo line School Dressing Days) P.O. Box 1336, 22402 or put in the offering plate. To assist with backpack organization, please contact Becky Paul at 540-220-7161. Look for more information in coming weekly announcements.

High School Graduates

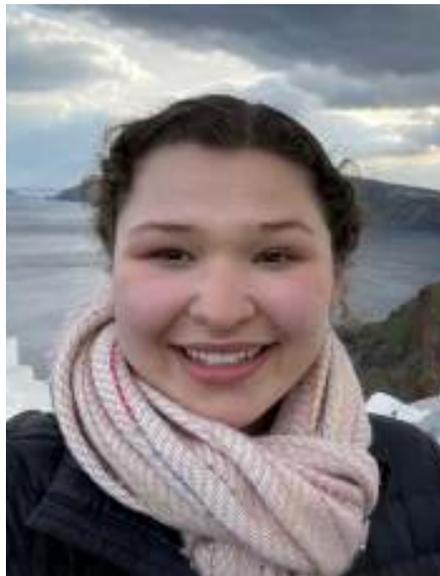
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Olivia Adams

Nellie Kate Dameron

Sophia Pineda



Kate Doherty
Virginia Episcopal



Katie Fidler
James Monroe



Evan Foresman
James Monroe



Alex Fino
Massaponax



Grace Fino
Massaponax



Sam Lewis
James Monroe



Eva Lewis
James Monroe



Barbara Nance
Riverbend



Bailey Nance
Riverbend



Jack Schneider
Fredericksburg Christian



Iain Whitford
Stafford



Jessica Conway, University of Virginia, B. A. in Art History —
Minor in Entrepreneurship — concentration in Innovation in Business

McCray Fidler, Randolph-Macon College — B.A. in Business
(concentration in Management) and Communication Studies

Allie Hall, Christopher Newport University, Master of Arts

James Luckett, Harvard extension school, Masters in Sustainability

Hanna Porter, Arcadia University, Masters in Medical Science