

## Bible Reading for May 16

John 17:6-19

### Discussion Questions

• *Is there anything in particular that you find difficult in this passage? What do you think Jesus means when he says his disciples "do not belong to this world"? To whom or where do we belong? What do you think it means that we have been "sent into the world"? How does this connect to last week's (5/16) scripture? —*

**Flowers** given by The Littrell Family in memory of Katherine Wilks and Betty Littrell.

**"GARAGE SALE"** May 1st thru May 9th Rooms 209 & 214. The church wide clean out project is coming to a close! We would like to give our members a chance to purchase any of these items first before what is left is donated. Leave a donation for your items with Lori, or in Lori's door drop basket. Check, cash, or PayPal can be used. Clearly mark your form of payment as money for "Garage Sale". If you want to shop while someone is there to assist you, please come at these dates and times: May 4th - 10am-12pm, May 5th - 6-7 pm, May 6th - 10am- 12pm

**The Church Council meeting** will be Sunday, May 16th, at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Please wear red** in honor of Pentecost Sunday on May 23rd. Feel the Spirit of Pentecost Sunday!

## Easter Sermon Series: Living the Resurrection

*Can we hold onto the joy of Easter? How might that change our lives?*

May 9—John 15:9-17 We are Yours



## May Financials

Needed Weekly \$15,559  
Received May 2 \$8,112  
Needed for May \$62,235  
Received through May 4 \$10,112

## Last Week's Attendance

In-person: 153  
Online: 75

## Calendar

### Sunday, May 9

9:15 AM Crusaders (Rm 211)  
9:30 AM Sunday School, Children, Youth (3rd FL), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L)

10:30 AM Worship Service  
6:00 PM Youth, 3rd FL

### Tuesday, May 11

8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH  
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study, L  
2:30 PM Prayer Team, L  
5:30 PM Small Group Music, S

### Wednesday, May 12

6:00 PM Youth, 3rd FLR

CH- Chapel  
FH- Fellowship Hall  
LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall  
S- Sanctuary  
L - Library

**We now have wifi in the Sanctuary!**

Wifi name: CUMCSanctuary  
Password: Psalm100

Music Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

Pre-service Music: Virginia & Andrew Paul

Vocalists: Lila Hollenbeck Powell, Leslie Smith, Lindy Smith, Rev. Miriam Smith, Kay Woller, Melinda Woller, Patricia Woller, Suzanne Woller

"The Water Is Wide" - arr. Vandall c. 1999 Myklas Music Press

"Joyous Sound" - Vandall c. MMII by Myklas Music Press. C. assigned MMIV to Alfred Music

"Across the Lands" - Getty/Townend c. 2002 Thank you Music.

"Shine on Us" - S.S.A. Arr. By Tom Fettke c. 1996 Lillenas Publishing Co.

"Psalm XX" - Young c. 1993 The Sacred Music Press

Call to Worship: *Ruth Duck, Bread for the Journey, Ruth Duck, ed., Pilgrim Press, 1981, p. 44.*

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Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers

**Stephen Ministers**—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastors can get you in touch with one.



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Serve the world

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Worship – 10:30 AM



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**May 9, 2021**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

*Please silence electronic devices.*

*\*Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.*

Musical Gift "Joyous Sound"

*arr. Vandall*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

**By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain among us.**

Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech but in deed and in truth.

**Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life.**

**(All) This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ. Amen.**

\*Hymn #469 "Jesus Is All the World to Me"

Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all;  
he is my strength from day to day, without him I would fall.  
When I am sad, to him I go, no other one can cheer me so;  
when I am sad, he makes me glad, he's my friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, my friend in trials sore;  
I go to him for blessings, and he gives them o'er and o'er.  
He sends the sunshine and the rain, he sends the harvest's golden grain;  
sunshine and rain, harvest of grain, he's my friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, and true to him I'll be;  
O how could I this friend deny, when he's so true to me?  
Following him I know I'm right, he watches o'er me day and night;  
following him by day and night, he's my friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better friend;  
I trust him now, I'll trust him when life's fleeting days shall end.  
Beautiful life with such a friend, beautiful life that has no end;  
eternal life, eternal joy, he's my friend.

Affirmation of Faith *Apostle's Creed*

**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 Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
The third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at 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 Spirit; the holy catholic\* church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*universal*

\* Greeting

Hymn "Across the Lands"

Getty/Townend

You're the Word of God the father, from before the world began;  
Every star and every planet has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation hold together by the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory; let the land and seas rejoice.

**Refrain**

*You're the Author of creation; You're the Lord of every man,  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost  
And exchanged the joy of Heaven, for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You calmed the sea;  
Yet how silently You suffered, that the guilty may go free.

**Refrain**

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave  
And ascended into Heaven, leading captives in Your way.  
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home.

**Refrain**

Prayers of the People

**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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory for ever. Amen.**

Children's Message

Kathy Littrell

Special Music "Shine on Us"

arr. Tom Fettke

Bible Reading — John 15:9-17

—[Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

“As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. No

one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

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The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message — "We Are Yours"

Rev. Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn #526 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

\* Sending Forth

\* Musical Gift "Psalm XX"

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