



Beloved, let us love one another because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten of God and has knowledge of God. Those who do not love have known nothing of God, for God is love.
1 John 4:7-8 (The Inclusive Bible)

April 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

Gathering to Celebrate in Worship

Welcome Birthdays, Anniversaries, Announcements

Call to Worship with Psalm 22:25-31 p.753 Invocation

Praise and Prayers

† Hymn of Praise #89, vss 1,3,4 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Praise and Testimonies

Prayer Concerns *Solidarity with Virus, War and Storm Victims and Suffering Children*

Health Care Workers: Melissa Milam, Donna Smith, Anna Tankesley, Hannah Lake-Rayburn, Ann Waldrop, Greer Waldrop, Joy Crook, Susie Schumann

Homebound: Freda & Dan Wyatt, Dianne Stallion, Mike Thomas

Military Families

Jason Willett, Randy Bagwell, Dylan Field, Kale Merrick, Matthew Petway, Sarah Petway, David Pace, Christopher Telle, Brittany Jones, Bryar Fortner

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

Prayers of the People

For all the blessings of this life, we give thanks to You, Creator God. For all who nurture us, that the love of God may grow within. That Your love, your Word, like a seed, may grow to produce in us, good fruit.

R **May your love be like a seed,
taking root and growing strong.**

May your grace bring peace and safety to all people, one to another. May your mercy shower each of us with healing mercy and love. **R**

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation

Words of Assurance, Pastoral Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness †*Doxology*

Proclamation of the Word

A Creed in the Words of St. John

United Methodist Book of Worship, 1968

We believe that God is spirit, and they that worship God must worship in spirit and in truth.
We believe that God is Light,
and if we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.
We believe that God is Love, and that everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in God's Son.
We believe that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life, and that all who believe in Jesus, though they were dead, yet shall they live.
We believe that we are children of God, and that God has given us God's own Spirit.
We believe that if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
We believe that the world and its desires will pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever. Amen.

The Hebrew Text

Acts 8:26-40

The Epistle

1 John 4:7-21

The Gospel

John 15:1-8

† Hymn of Celebration #369

Blessed Assurance

Passing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon by Steve Milam

Responding to God's Call on Our Lives

Invitation to Christian Discipleship *The altar in our heart is always open*

† Hymn of Dedication #384, vss 1,3,4 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Continuing in Ministry with Our Community

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." *Jesus, Mark 16:15*

Going Forth to Love Others as Christ Loves Us

† Choral Benediction #328

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Resist evil in all its forms:
Racism, Discrimination, Exploitation, Violence



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Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 pm — Online
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Marshall County Needline Wed-Fri 9-4
Paducah Cooperative Ministry Mon-Thu 9-12 & 1:3-30

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Next Week's Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:12 (The Inclusive Bible)

Beloved

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God is Love.

1 John 4:7-8