

Sewickley United Methodist Church  
May 5, 2024

Jesus  
IS MY <sup>+</sup>  
Best  
FRIEND

**Order of Worship  
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

PRELUDE .....“Down to the River to Pray” with “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

GREETING

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come,

**People: welcomes all of us to this place.**

Leader: As one body, with one voice, we honor and glorify the giver of wisdom,

**People: We honor and glorify the giver of counsel, knowledge, and joy.**

**All: In the name of Jesus, our friend. Amen**

**\*OPENING HYMN** ..... “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Attr. To William Kethe and Louis Bourgeois ..... No. 75 (v 1, 2, 3 & 4))

- 1) All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; come ye before him and rejoice.
- 2) Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
- 3) O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.
- 4) For why! the Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INTROIT .....“I Sing Praises to Your Name”

.....SUMC Singers

SCRIPTURE LESSON ..... Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup> Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has done wonderful deeds. His right hand has won a mighty victory; his holy arm has shown his saving power! <sup>2</sup> The Lord has announced his victory and has revealed his righteousness to every nation! <sup>3</sup> He has remembered his promise to love and be faithful to Israel. The ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. <sup>4</sup> Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy! <sup>5</sup> Sing your praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song, <sup>6</sup> with trumpets and the sound of the ram's horn. Make a joyful symphony before the Lord, the King! <sup>7</sup> Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise! Let the earth and all living things join in. <sup>8</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands in glee! Let the hills sing out their songs of joy <sup>9</sup> before the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with justice, and the nations with fairness.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God;

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand in body or in Spirit*

\*RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD..... "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"  
African American spiritual, adapt. By William Farley Smith ..... No. 521 (v 1, 2 & 3)

- 1) I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me.  
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 2) In my trials, Lord, walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me.  
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 3) When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.  
When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY ..... "Sing to the Lord"  
Antonio Vivaldi, arr. By Hal H Hopson ..... SUMC Singers

\*DOXOLOGY.....No. 95

#### \*PASTORAL PRAYER

MESSAGE....."You Are My Friend"

#### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, that we should always and everywhere give thanks to you, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who rose victorious from the dead and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and juice. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your

Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray together:

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 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, forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

\*PARTING HYMN..... "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"  
Joseph M Scriven and Charles C Converse ..... No. 526 (v 1, 2 & 3)

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ..... "Declaration"  
Fenton Groden..... Erik Kolodziej

**TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS**

PASTOR .....	Rev. Hannah M. Loughman
LITURGIST .....	Lynn Colosi
MUSIC .....	Erik Kolodziej
CS WORSHIP COORDINATOR.....	Kelly Herman
A/V .....	Jack Moffett and Pam Honeychurch
NURSERY .....	Amanda Pelphrey, Sharon Cowden and Kim Benjamin
CHILDREN'S CHURCH.....	Andrea Lewis and Owyn Loughman
USHERS.....	Ben Ward and Ray Pluechel