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If you are straight, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning...
If you are married, single, divorced, widowed....
If you are a believer, a questioner....
We Are So Glad That YOU Are Here!

SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY

MAY 4, 2025 AT 10:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JENKINS

REV. STANLEY

PRELUDE

KVITKO

SERGEI

CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM PSALM 30)

STEVE WARNAAR

We glorify you, O Lord, for you have lifted us up.

Our Lord, our God, we cried out to you and you healed us.

Sing praises to the Lord, O faithful ones, and praise God's holy name.

For God's anger is but for a moment, but God's favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

O God, you have turned our mourning into dancing!

Let us worship God!

++ HYMN #369 [GTG] Blessing and Honor

Fittingly titled, "The Song of the Lamb" by its author, this hymn is a paraphrase and expansion of Revelation 5:12. It is set here to a resonant French tune of a kind that flourished in the transition from the older chant style to the harmonies and rhythms of modern hymns.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

STEVE WARNAAR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, in Jesus you have shown us love— love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things. You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives. Yet we turn away from what you would have us do. We confess that the ways of love are not our ways. We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject. Have mercy on us. Help us to receive your love so that we can love others. Help us to receive your love so that we can love ourselves.

The resurrection of Jesus shows us the grace of God is stronger than death and the love of God has no boundary. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

++ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #591 [GTG]

***Halle, halle, halle- lujah! (three times)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

++ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

STEVE WARNAAR

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Be still and know that I am God (three times)

GREENING OF THE CROSS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MS. MEGAN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

STEVE WARNAAR

Gracious God, Living Word,
as you revealed yourself to Mary
that Easter morning,
so reveal yourself to us.
By the power of your Spirit,
give each of us faith,
that hearing your Word
we, too, may proclaim,
"I have seen the Lord!" **Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 9:1-6

STEVE

WARNAAR

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus,

whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHORAL MUSIC “All Things New” by Elaine Hagenberg

*Light after darkness, gain after loss, strength after weakness, crown after cross;
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears, home after wandering, praise after tears.
Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, He is making all things new.
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear. He is making all things new.
Sight after mystery, sun after rain, joy after sorrow, peace after pain;
Near after distant, gleam after gloom, love after loneliness, life after tomb.
Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, He is making all things new,
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear, He is making all things new.*

GOSPEL READING John 21:1-19

REV. STANLEY

JENKINS

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. 2 Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.3 Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.”6 He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. 8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.10 Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the

disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” 16 A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” 17 He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” 19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

SERMON

JENKINS

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++HYMN #720 [GTG]

Jesus Calls Us

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

THE SACRAMENT OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER (all bread served is gluten free)

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

and also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Sanctus (sung in unison) #552[GTG] Holy, Holy, Holy
**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!**

... Let us proclaim together the mystery of faith:
The Mystery of Faith (unison)
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Invocation of Holy Spirit

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

Lord's Prayer (**unison**)

**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.**

Words of Institution

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The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

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Responsive Prayer after the Supper

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

You have given yourself to us, Lord;
Now we give ourselves for others.
Your love has made us a new people;
As a people of love we will serve you with joy.
Your glory has filled our hearts;
Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

CHORAL ANTHEM "The Time of Singing" by Anne Krentz Organ

The time of singing has come. Arise, my love, my fair one, arise and come away:

*For now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.
The time of singing has come.
The flowers appear on the earth: the vines are in blossom, giving forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one, arise and come away.
The winter is past, the rain is gone.
Arise and come away*

++Doxology #608 [GTG]

***Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN #314 [GTG] Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (Verses 1, 2 and 5)

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.

BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds #306 [GTG]

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

POSTLUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

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INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PASTOR:
JENKINS
LITURGIST:
WARNAAR
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:
HIGLE
ORGANIST:
KVITKO
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:
ELDERS

REV. STANLEY

STEVE

MEGAN

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CHURCH

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This Week at a Glance

Sunday May 4 (Greening of the Cross)

10:00 a.m. Worship service – Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall

11:30 a.m. Children's Faith Formation
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel
4:00 p.m. Piano/Voice Recital (Megan Hagle Studio) - Chapel

Monday, May 5

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
10:00 a.m. Staff meeting – Library
2:00 p.m. Adult Education - Library
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room
6:30 p.m. Bells of First rehearsal – Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Membership Committee meeting - Zoom

Tuesday, May 6

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
10:00 a.m. Library Committee – Library (tentative)
6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe band rehearsal – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal - Chapel

Wednesday, May 7

8:30 a.m. Counting Group – Library
9:00 a.m. GIL classes
10:30 a.m. Lectionary Bible study – Zoom
5:30 p.m. Yoga – yoga room
6:00 p.m. Wired Word Bible study – Zoom
6:30 p.m. Mission Committee - Zoom
7:00 p.m. Youth Education - Library/Zoom

Thursday, May 8

9:00 a.m. NWI food distribution – Litten Hall
9:00 a.m. GIL classes
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Bible Study - Library
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Friday, May 9

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room

Saturday, May 10

Sunday, May 11

10:00 a.m. Worship service - Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Adult Education - Litten Hall
11:30 a.m. Children's Faith Formation
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

WELCOME to Annika Hauser-Brydon, our new Church Administrator/Office Manager!

Annika is a welcome addition to our church staff!

Per Capita Reminder: The annual per capita payment to the Lake Michigan Presbytery for 2025 is **\$42 per member**. This is for every member to consider. The check can go to the church noting "per capita." Please consider paying a per capita for those who cannot afford to.

□ **Share Your Musical Gifts This Summer!** □

Do you sing or play an instrument? We'd love for you to share your talent with our church family during Sunday Worship this summer!

Throughout June, July, and August, members of our congregation offer special music during the service. It's a beautiful way to contribute to our worship and uplift our community.

If you're interested, please connect with Megan Higle, Director of Music, to be added to the summer music schedule.

Let's make this summer filled with joyful sound!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (INCLUDING ADULT FORUM AND CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION)

11:30am-12:30pm after worship service in Litten Hall (adults) and Sunday School room (children)

Childcare is available through this time - please let Childcare staff know if this is needed.

MAY 4

Adult Forum - CARE FOR CREATION. "Recycling" Join the FPC Green Team on ways to recycle, how recycling is helping creation and what you can do in our church, our homes and in our communities.

Children's Faith Formation - CARE FOR CREATION: "Grow and Till". Ms Kathy, teacher

MAY 11

Adult Forum - CARE FOR CREATION "History of the Red Cedar". Join FPC Green Team as we learn about the history of the Red Cedar River and what programs are available to help care for this part of our community.

Children's Faith Formation - CARE FOR CREATION "Care for Animals". Pr. Bob, teacher

MAY 18

Graduation Sunday & Potluck!

See You in September!