

A worship bulletin  
for the Sixth Sunday in Easter, May 17, 2020  
with Barboursville First UMC

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(no services will be live on-site)

WORSHIP SERVICE at 11am  
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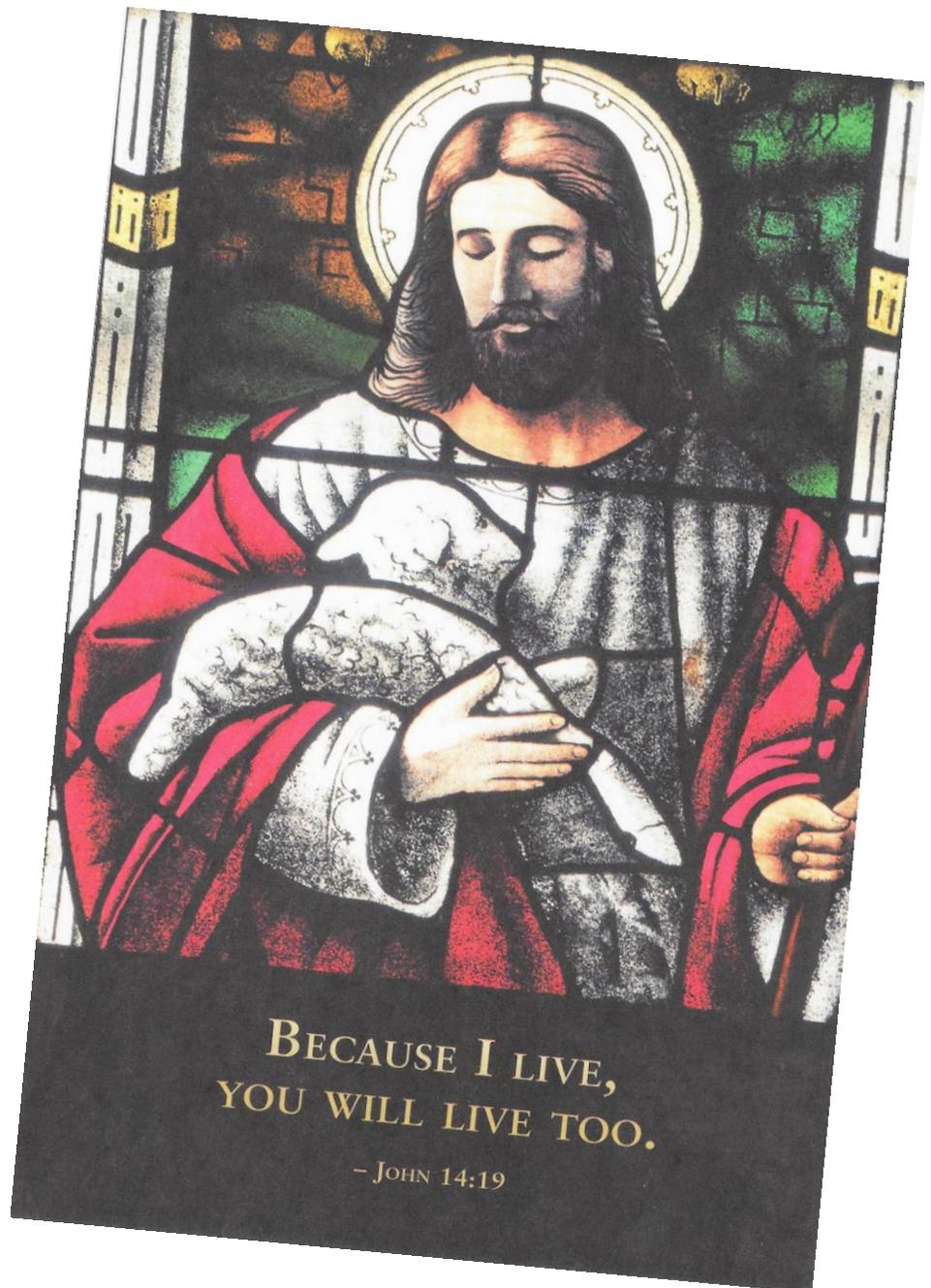
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1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:12-21

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*...to share the love of God with people in a hurting world...*

**May 17, 2020 11:00 a.m.**  
**Sixth Sunday in Easter**

We Gather For Worship

**WELCOME:**

Greetings in the name of the One who came that we might have life to the full: Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior, Redeemer, Resurrected One!

We welcome you to the service today, and pray that you experience the loving and active presence of God in our midst this morning.

Please join us online live at 11am ([www.facebook.com/FUMCWV](https://www.facebook.com/FUMCWV)) or later at the same site. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view the service in the afternoon.

**PRELUDE:**

“Christ the Sure Foundation”

Birchwood

**Responsive Reading**

Psalm 66:8-20

790-791

Bless our God, O Peoples, let sound of God's praise be heard,  
Who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

**For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.**

*You brought us into the net; you laid affliction on our loins;*

**you let people ride over our heads;**

**we went through fire and through water;**

**yet you have brought us forth to a spacious place.**

I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows.  
That which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

**I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings,  
with the smoke of sacrifice of rams;**

**I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

Come and hear, all you who worship God,  
and I will tell what God has done for me.

**I cried aloud, to God, who has highly praised with my tongue.**

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

**But truly God has listened,**

**and has given heed to the voice of my prayer.**

**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.**

## Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Opening Prayer

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Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Hymn Sing

### **"Amazing Grace"**

UMH378

WORDS: John Newton, 1779

MUSIC: 19<sup>th</sup> cent. USA melody

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun;  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

### **"Victory in Jesus"**

UMH370

WORDS: Eugene M Bartlett, 1939

MUSIC: Eugene M Bartlett, 1939

1. I heard and old, old story, how a savior came from glory,  
how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;  
I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning,  
then I repented of my sins and won the victory. *Refrain*
2. I heard about his healing, of his cleansing power revealing.  
how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;  
and then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"  
and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. *Refrain*
3. I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory,  
and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;  
about the angels singing and the old redemption story,  
and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. *Refrain*

*Refrain: O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!  
He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;  
he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him;  
he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.*

## “He Lives”

WORDS: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933

UMH310

MUSIC: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933

1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living whatever foes may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him, he always near. *Refrain*
2. In all the world around me I see his loving care, and through my heart grows weary, I never will despair. I know that he is leading through all the story blast; the day of his appearing will come at last. *Refrain*
3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up you voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find; none other is so loving, so good and kind. *Refrain*

*Refrain: He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.*

## “How Great Thou Art”

WORDS: Stuart K. Hine, 1953

UMH77

MUSIC: Stuart K. Hine, 1953

1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed. *Refrain*
2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*
3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce to take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! *Refrain*

*Refrain:*

*Then sings my soul,  
my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art,  
how great thou art!*

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**Scripture Lesson**

Acts 17:22-31

NRSV

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

*‘For we too are his offspring.’*

<sup>29</sup> Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.” ✨

**Special Music**

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Sandy Pearson

**Scripture Lesson**

1 Peter 3:15-18

NRSV

<sup>15</sup> ...in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and reverence.

Keep your conscience clear, so that when they mistreat you for your good conduct in Christ, your opponents may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good... than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit... ✨

**Response to the Word: What’s PK got to say?**

Write your thoughts here

## Hymn

### “My Hope Is Built”

UMH368

WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834

MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness,  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. *Refrain*
2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*
3. His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*
4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

*Refrain: On Christ solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sad;  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

## Prayers of the People

With 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 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.***

## Offering

Mighty God of Resurrection and Redemption,

we offer our gifts alongside our alleluias!

We offer our hands and feet and voices

to take the celebration out of this place into a world that needs hope so desperately!

May we go into the world with such energy, excitement, and power

that the ground shakes once again, that lightning flashes,

and that people see in us your redeeming love

and the triumph of light over darkness!

In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

*First Church thanks you*

*for your faithful giving.*

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### **Sending forth**

We are sent forth in the power of Christ's resurrection.

***Alleluia!***

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

***Amen.***

### **Closing Hymn**

“Blessed Assurance”

UMH369

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873

MUSIC: Phobe P. Knapp, 1873

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. *Refrain*
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of blood. *Refrain*
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long.*

### **Dismissal with Blessing**

### **Postlude**

“The Heavens Are Telling”

Beethoven

**We are...**

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Pastor:	Kerry W. Bart
Music Director:	Trina Smith
Organist:	Becky Baldwin
District Superintendent:	Okey Harless
Bishop:	Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball

<b>ACTIVITIES AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK</b>
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*Our calendar is so different as we are in an oft-changing state of lockdown. Nevertheless, Sunday worship can be viewed at [Facebook.com/FUMCWV](https://www.facebook.com/FUMCWV) and we're utilizing a computer group meeting program called **Zoom**. Zoom allows a group discussion in a closed setting. People can participate with or without video chat on their computers or smart phones, and can even phone in with a "regular" phone.*

**SUNDAY MORNINGS** 9:18 am **Morning Coffee** (on your own)

11:00 am **Morning Worship** at [Facebook.com/FUMCWV](https://www.facebook.com/FUMCWV)

**Sundays of May:** We will continue to offer online worship until our bishop advises that we can gather again in the sanctuary, pending national and state social distancing guidelines. We anticipate maybe returning to in-person worship with social distancing in June.

**PRAYER REQUESTS MAY 17, 2020**

**Please remember the following people with prayers,**

**Names are carried on this list for the calendar month.** Requests and changes can be reported in writing on worship prayer request cards or by calling the church office. All prayer cards must be dated and signed by the person who is sharing the information. Thank you for your ministry of intercessory prayer.

**NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING**

Virginia Chapman, Midland Meadows

Bob Maxwell, The Wyngate

Charles Gerwig, Huntington Health & Rehab

**HEALTH NEEDS**

Sara Alexander

Mary Gerwig

Winona Holbrook

Jim Mannon

Beryl Myers

Jim Myers

Linda Reid

Leo Savilisky

Millie Smith

Naomi Sparks

Sally Wells

**OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball

DS Okey Harless

The United Methodist Church

President Trump

our First Responders

Boedy Higson

Lushie Preece

Cindy Stickler

Triplett Family

Sarah Clay

Pat Lawrence

Bettina Doyle

Marianne Russell-Herr

Shane Summers

Carey Hasty

Rich & Donna Oderwald

Jack Day

Ashley Sinclair

Rick Clark

Sherry Hickey

Debbie Jackson

Corky Martin

Hannah Caserta

Joanie LaRosa

Luke White

Ann Handley

Martha Spaulding

Larry Clark

Lanny Adkins

Michelle Sinclair

Tommy Fife

Allen Bleigh

Brittany McComas

Ron White

Becky Wilson

Patsy McComas

Sonny Rice

Axl Colt Barber

Belinda Amos

Aunt May

Lilly Heath-Massey

Robin Darby

Bobby Sinclair

Mark Horwich

Brad Caserta

Roger Ray

Ricky Chapman

David McComas

Rusty Bowling

Brandy Facemyer

Flohouse family

Barb Ellis

Mary Alice & Rockie Holbrook

Unspoken

the pandemic

Pastors and congregations in transition

Brad Hooper

Donna M.

Huntington household devastated by fire

Uncle Harold

**REST IN PEACE**

Shelia Jordan Myers

John Minichan

Calvin Phillips

Blaker Bolling

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Our purpose is to continue becoming more Christ-like  
and to share the love of God with people in a hurting world.

We are a part of The United Methodist Church.  
Our mission as United Methodists is  
to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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Pastor Kerry's sermons are archived online at [www.WordsFromPK.blogspot.com](http://www.WordsFromPK.blogspot.com)

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DURING THIS TIME of GLOBAL PANDEMIC  
***PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE THE CHURCH***

Your prayers are needed.  
Your non-anxious presence is needed.  
Your devotion and witness are needed.

And yes, your offerings are needed.  
Our local church enables and empowers ministry  
because of your faithful giving.

United Methodist churches around the state of West Virginia  
enable and empower ministry around the state  
and around the *globe*  
because of your faithful giving.

Our financial giving is one of the ways that we participate in the body of Christ.  
Offerings can be mailed to First UMC, PO Box 293, Barboursville WV 25504,  
or dropped off at the church building (please call ahead to 610-304-5437 to drop off),  
or even picked up by a church member.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness.

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Please keep in your prayers  
West Virginia Annual Conference's elected delegates  
for General Conference 2020 and Jurisdictional Conference 2020.  
GenConf2020 will take place in Minneapolis, August 31 – Sept 10, 2021

<p><u>WVUMC Annual Conference</u> will take place August 1 and 2, 2020, in Buckhannon WV.</p>
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GC20 Laity: Judi Kenaston, Rich Shaffer, Erin Sears  
GC20 Clergy: Amy Shanholtzer, Jeff Taylor, Lauren Godwin

JC20 Laity: Rachel Flynn Fulton, Kristi Wilkerson, Royce Lyden  
JC20 Clergy: Mary Ellen Finegan, Mike Estep, Joe Hill

Laity alternates: Bree Moll, Judy Raines  
Clergy alternates: Sharletta Green, Joe Kenaston

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