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May 10, 2015 6th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

GATHERING & WELCOME *PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

L: The Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Please pass the Peace of Christ to your neighbor.

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BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

MUSIC OF PREPARATION 8:15 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

10:45 "Peace" - Temple Bells

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Alleluia! Even the ends of the earth see the saving power of our God.

P: The sea roars with joy, and the floods clap their hands. Trumpets sound and horns celebrate with song!

L: Alleluia! The Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word of God.

P: When God shows such generosity, how can we withhold our love?

L: Alleluia! Jesus has extended to all people the friendship of our God.

P: We were strangers and then servants, but now we are God's friends.

*UNISON PRAYER

Holy God, you make us Easter people – a people transformed by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus. Your first and final word to us is Love. You reach out to us, offering joy and wholeness. Yet we often greet your resurrection by grieving at the tomb, doubting the good news we hear, or quaking in fear as we hide in our upper rooms. Still, you call us deeper into Easter, answering our resistance with your loving presence. You claim us as your friends. As we gather now to worship, teach us once more to abide in your love, that our joy may be complete. Amen

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 191 "Jesus Loves Me"

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

(Our Children's Collection this morning will be used to assist Blackburn Center. Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM 8:15 "Far Above Riches"

10:45 "I've Been Working for the Savior" – SonShiners

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 10:44-48

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

8:15 "In the Shadow of the Almighty"

10:45 "Far Above Riches" - Connie Bickerstaff

*DOXOLOGY No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise Him, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS

O Lord, you are the victorious King! You have revealed your victory over death through Jesus' resurrection. With joyful songs we rejoice in your marvelous deeds. Let our voices and actions reflect your saving power. Use our gifts to help more people to know your steadfast love in Christ, until the day when this world is made new in your kingdom. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 395 "Take Time to Be Holy"

The Altar is open during the hymn.

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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

SERMON SCRIPTURE (NRSV) John 15:9-17 SERMON

*HYMN OF PARTING No. 480 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

*BENEDICTION

*MUSIC OF PARTING "God Bless the Mothers"

*Those who are able, please stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collections this week will be given to Blackburn Center for use in assisting abused women & children in our area. Blackburn Center advocates for the rights of all individuals to live free from domestic and sexual violence in their homes and communities by eliminating the root causes of this violence and providing for the well-being and safety of survivors/victims.

District \$1.00 Offering: 5/3 - \$223.00

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, May 10 6th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

8:00 Prayer Time 8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School

9:30 Confirmation Class

10:45 Worship

No FISH & CHIPS Monday, May 11

1:00 UM Women @ Redstone

6:00 CSA

6:30 Grief Support

Tuesday, May 12

6:15 TOPS 7:00 Trustees

7:30 NA

Wednesday, May 13

10:00 Women's Bible Study

7:00 Yoga

Thursday, May 14

7:00 Disciple

Saturday, May 16

6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, May 18 7th Sunday of Easter Confirmation Sunday

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship

2:00 FISH & CHIPS



THE SPUD BAR was a big success for the Outreach Committee. Thanks to everyone who donated their talents to make it a success and to all those who enjoyed the spuds. Because of your generosity, we can continue our work to help our local community.

CLEARANCE FORMS: Many people who applied for the State Police criminal background check (Act 34) and the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (Childline, Act 33) are receiving them in the mail. Please remember that when you receive your clearances *the office staff needs to see the original and make a copy*.

<u>MEN NEEDED</u>...The Trustees are planning to meet at the church Saturday morning, May 16th at 9 AM to clean out the bell loft. If you are able to help with this project, it would be appreciated. It should only take an hour or so. Buckets of fallen plaster will be removed from that area.

RICHARD SIMMS MEMORIAL WORK TRIP 2015: This year's project will help the Lance family, Kathryn and David and their 14 year old son James. We will be doing a room addition on their existing mobile home for the parents. Additional work will involve replacing a bathroom window, entry door, sealing the roof, and building a small deck off of the room that we will be building. Estimate for the project material is around \$4500.00. Enclosed in the bulletin is an order form in which you can designate your donations (lumber, roofing, drywall, windows, doors) to be in memory of, in honor of, or to the glory of God. The designated materials will be marked prior to the building of the



project. Work trip envelopes are located in the pews. From the message on last year's t-shirts - the church is ready to leave the building – again!

2015 Work Trip T-Shirt

The congregation is welcome to purchase one of the official 2015 Work Trip T-shirts.

The order forms are on the table in the Narthex.

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Orders can be placed in the "Food Bank" mailbox in the church office.

Sizes Youth Small to Adult X-Large are \$7 per shirt

Sizes Adult 2XL and 3XL are \$9 per shirt

THE UPPER ROOM: The May/June Upper Room devotionals are in the Narthex. This booklet helps us grow in our faith and understanding of God. Pick one up today.

<u>CAMP NEWS...</u>Are you wondering about going to camp this year, but not sure where you'd fit in, or what you'd enjoy if it's your first time camping? Jumonville now has a page on their website that is broken down "Camps by Age" - Ages 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 & Adult. There is also a page titled "Camps by Type" All, Adventure, Creative, Family, General, Leadership, Mini, Recreation, Special Needs & Sports. If you go to info@jumonville.org you can get this information to help make your decision. There are so many fun camps available at all three of our UM Camps - Jumonville, Allegheny & Wesley Woods. Register for camp this year...it will be the best week of your summer!