

April 28, 2024 ~ 5th Sunday of Easter

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements ~ Pattie Benoit, liturgist

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Bless the Lord, our rock and salvation!

People: For God has lifted us out of darkness and brought us into light.

Leader: Therefore we sing to the Lord and proclaim the goodness of God for all to hear.

People: Hallelujah, thank you God, our help and Redeemer! Amen.

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

**Hymn ~ "Blessed Be Your Name" (M. & B. Redman)*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Jesus, you have saved us and you walk with us through our lives. We confess that in times of pain and difficulty we have often sought other things rather than you and your life giving grace. Forgive us, Lord, and teach us hope, patience and perseverance in prayer. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus ~ *"Because He Lives"* (refrain)

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone.

Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #286 ~ *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"* (v.1)

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Offering Prayer

**Doxology ~ "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Avery and Marsh)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Psalm 22:25-31

Special Music ~ *"The Blood of Jesus"* (D. Mattix) ~ Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ Romans 12:9-18

Message ~ "Persevere in Prayer"

*Hymn #819 ~ *"Be Still, My Soul"*

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

Congregational Response: Lord, hear our Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer ~ *in 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.

*Hymn #840 ~ *"When Peace like a River"*

*Benediction

*Choral Response #80~ *"You Shall Go Out with Joy"*

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,

the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;

there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands;

the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

Postlude

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Redford Interfaith Relief Presents...THE BIG EVENT! May 2, 2024 from 6-8PM at Matick Chevrolet in Redford. Online auction from April 29-May 2. \$50.00 admission includes hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Tickets available at www.redfordinterfaithrelief.org. 313-387-9802. This is their 25th Anniversary Fundraiser. Don't miss out on their special guest speaker, Coach Greg Kampe, the Head Coach of Oakland University's Men's Basketball Team. This is a chance to not only hear more about Coach Kampe's

remarkable career, but to also support Redford Interfaith Relief in order to help feed those in need within our community.

**The Annual Offering for the Foundation will be Sunday, May 5.
An envelope is provided in your packet. Checks are payable directly to the
St. Paul's Foundation.**

**The next ROMANS event will be at noon on Wednesday, May 22.
Mark your calendar. All are invited. Lunch will be provided.**

Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE!



Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin
August and Faith Kornowicz, Karen Bright, Steve Boyak, Sheldon Davis, Pam Phillips
Suzanne Tabaka, Jim Roye, Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell
Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips, Anna Richardson, Nate Statly (MSU shooting victim) ~ friend of Joey Nicholas
Linda Handyside ~ daughter of Carol Falle; Kris Purdy ~ niece of Grace Erwin
Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips
Elizabeth ~ sister-in law of Pat Garvey and Andy ~ nephew of Pat Garvey
Linda Thompson and her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Joan Velis and family; John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski
Dominick Riley and his wife, Logan ~ great nephew and his wife of Meta Tulley
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol and Mike Graham
Cousins of Terry Earnley and Jennifer Speiles ~ friend of Terry Earnley
Lois Wludyka and John Candiloro ~ friends of August Kornowicz
Ray and Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don and Meta Tulley
Richard Rosenberg and Mike Hyatt ~ friends of Judy McGregor
Sarah and Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor
Jennifer ~ friend of Judy McGregor
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August and Faith Kornowicz
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie and Marc Whitlock
Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen, Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean
Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit; Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt
Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike and Carol Graham
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of the late Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling and Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron and Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon and Marion Davis