

May 22, 2022 ~ 6th Sunday of Easter

## Welcome and Announcements

Introit - *"Seek Ye First"* ~ St. Paul's Ringers and Karen Danke  
Congregation, when invited, please sing...

***Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia, alleluia.***

## Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: O worship the Lord and sing gladly God's praises,

People: for the Lord is good and God's love endures forever.

Leader: Remember the love that the Lord has shown to us through Christ.

People: Through the Cross and resurrection, we have been brought back into the  
loving arms of God. Amen.

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

*\*Hymn #35 ~ "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

## Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

God our Father and Creator, you have shown your love for us throughout our  
lives. You call us to follow you, yet at times we stray from you. Forgive us Lord,  
and renew us with your love. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #240 ~ *"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"*

***Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.***

***Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.***

## Passing the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #267 ~ *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"* (v. 1)

***Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!***

***Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!***

***Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!***

## Offering Prayer

**\*Doxology - "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Avery & 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.***

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Hebrew Scripture - Psalm 67**

**Special Music - "I Surrender All to You" (M. McDonald) - Celebration Choir**

**Christian Scripture - John 14:23-29**

**Message - "The Peace and Advocacy of God"**

**\*Hymn #627 - "I Love You, Lord," (x2)**

**Community at Prayer**

**Prayer Preparation #286- "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"**

***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.***

**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 #353 - "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response #232 - "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (v. 4)**

***Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!***

**Postlude**

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**Highlights from the May 17, 2022 Session Meeting:**

- 1- There will be an outdoor Worship Service, Sunday, June 26th.
- 2 - VBS will be June 27th -30th

3 - The old choir robes will be contributed to the Salvation Army and the old music boxed and given away.

The Faith Formation Committee invites you to join in our annual Appreciation Sunday following worship in the lobby for a reception to say thank you to all those that served in Faith Formation ministries from June 2021 - May 2022! We want to express our thanks to all those who served in education classes, Vacation Bible School, Fall Fun Festival or other ministries that introduce Christ and/or encourage spiritual growth throughout the year. So, please join us after church for ice cream cake (compliments of the Davis') & fellowship with your church family!

***Moving With the Spirit***, led by Karen Barsy, will meet on May 24, May 31, June 7, and June 14 from 10:30AM until 11:30AM, with optional floor exercises from 11:30AM - 12 noon, in room 11.

Fee, **payable directly to Karen**, is \$20.00. The next sessions will be for 8 weeks each, July 5-August 30 (no class on August 23) and September 20 - December 13 (no class on November 22). Fee: \$40.00

**If you have not yet done so, please consider making the \$32.00 donation to the Per Capita Fund. This is the amount assessed per member for 2022.**

**In partnership with CARES in Farmington Hills, the Deacons request donations of 4-Roll packs of bathroom tissue (this size is necessary for distribution purposes) and Laundry detergent. These items may be dropped off in the lobby. The collection will continue until the end of this month at which time the items will be delivered to CARES.**

**The Board of Deacons thanks you for your support!**

**Vacation Bible School 2022 "Put on the Armor of God!"**

Monday - Thursday, June 27 - 30 ~ 9am - 12 noon daily

Children age 3 years through 5th grade are invited to this year's Vacation Bible School where we will be learning about **God's provision, protection & equipping of his children for life**. We will learn to pray on every occasion & to stand firmly upon the strength & power of God. God provides the armor:

The **belt of truth**,

The **breastplate of righteousness**,

The **footwear of the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace**,

The **helmet of salvation**,

The **shield of faith**, &

The **sword of the Spirit...the Word of God...**

So that we might live victoriously for Jesus!

**Be praying about who you might share this opportunity with...**

Your children, grandchildren, other relatives, friends, neighbors.

Flyers will be available soon to share!

Registration will be opening May 24th.

Cost: \$15.00/first child in a family; \$10.00/second child in a family; \$5.00/each additional child in a family

**Be praying about the possibility of you volunteering during VBS!**

We are in need of people to guide the children through activities and to assist in specific areas!

**Be praying about sponsoring a child!** \$30.00 will provide 1) a toy set of The Armor of God, 2) an Armor of God devotional book to take home at the end of the week to continue their spiritual understanding & growth, & 3) an Armor of God t-shirt for a child.

**If you are interested in volunteering &/or sponsoring a child for VBS,** or have any questions, please contact Kathy Potter at christianeducator@stpaulspresbyterian.church or at 313-719-8467 asap.



Grace Erwin, August Kornowicz, Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Joyce Barton  
Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone  
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips  
Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff  
Ray & Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don & Meta Tulley  
Mark Feely, Phil Decker, & Vickie McVeigh ~ friends of Judy McGregor  
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August & Faith Kornowicz  
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock  
Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen  
Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham; 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  
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham  
Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet  
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob 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 & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank  
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

**Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.**

## 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found, dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27 / Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.



## I Love You, Lord

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I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to

wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take

joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a

sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

This simple song of adoration provides a significant blend of individual and communal considerations, for although the text is written in the voice of one person, the music involves multiple voices singing in harmony. The resulting experience seems more shared than solitary.