

Church of the Messiah

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9 May 2021

9:30 am



PRELUDE/ENTRANCE *For Me, To Live Is Jesus*
Pachelbel

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson *Acts 10:44-48*

After the Lesson, the Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

- ¹ Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- ² With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- ³ The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- ⁴ He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- ⁵ Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

- ⁶ Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
⁷ With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
⁸ Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
¹⁰ In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Second Lesson 1 John 5:1-6

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GRADUAL ANTHEM *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Trio: Patti Saunders, John Sprouse, Brenda Weir

The Gospel is introduced: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel John 15:9-17

The Gospel is concluded: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon *An Abode of Love and Joy*, The Rev. Keith A. Marsh, Rector, Church of the Messiah

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The congregational response to each petition: The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Exchange of the Peace

On this glorious morning, this day of Christian joy, and for all the days that follow,
may the peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Spring Dance Grieg*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere . . .
who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love . . .
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,

**We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all . . .
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray:
**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 and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread & Invitation to Communion

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us your peace.

Behold! Holy food! And holy drink!
The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Sharing of Communion

COMMUNION MUSIC *I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Mission

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for
assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have
given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to
you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Mother's Day Prayer

The Blessing

May the truth of the empty tomb – the astonishing reality of Jesus' resurrection –keep you fearless and sure that, with Mary Magdalene, Mary and Salome, Peter and the disciples, you too will see the Resurrected One again and again in this life, and in the age to come.

May the power of God's endless love surround you and guide you, this day and always.

And may the blessing of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit –
be with you from this day forward.

Amen.

POSTLUDE / CLOSING *All Creatures of Our God and King*

The Dismissal

Go from this place renewed and strong, knowing that the Lord is alive, almighty and present.

Look for the blessings that await you in the week ahead.

Weep with those who weep. Rejoice with those who celebrate.

Proclaim the Good News of hope, promise and eternal life. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THIS WEEK'S LESSONS:

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

John 15:9-1

Jesus said to the disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the

servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED

- to the glory of God and our Risen Lord
- in loving memory of Jack Thompson, by the Givnish family

BIRTHDAYS IN THE WEEK AHEAD

* Pete Beaumont * Shannon Thornborough * Linda Unangst *

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

HS SENIORS RECOGNITION: Join us next Sunday, May 16th, when we honor the achievements of this year's HS Seniors: Hayden Dunlap, Sam Fogel, Alex Rasmussen and Tristan Ryan

CONGRATULATIONS to Hayden Dunlap on being awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. Quite an achievement!

MULTIPLE WAYS TO JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP: Thanks to the wonders of modern technology and the hard work of several parishioners, we are able to offer a variety of ways to participate in Sunday services:

- **IN-PERSON** - 9:30am – COVID precautions strictly observed
- **LIVE-STREAMED** - the service will be broadcast on YouTube – follow the link posted on the church website (messiahgwynedd.org)
- **BY PHONE** – for those without computer access, dial 609-663-5164 to listen to an audio-only option on your phone
- **WEBSITE** – at the close of the service, a video will be posted to the parish website (messiahgwynedd.org) for viewing at a time convenient for you

CONTACT TRACING: If you are diagnosed as COVID-positive, please be sure to notify the Church Office as quickly as possible and let us know what service(s) you attended. We can then contact others who attended the same service, informing them of their possible exposure to the virus.

YOM CEMETERY SERVICE DAY – MAY 22 – See flyer included

YOM SUMMER MISSION TRIP – JUNE 21-25 – See flyer included

FORWARD DAY BY DAY: Copies of the next edition of this popular devotional for the coming quarter (May, June, July) have arrived and are available to be picked up in the narthex. Copies are free. If you are unable to pick one up in person, please contact the church office and one will be mailed.

WEEKLY PARISH EMAIL MESSAGES & NOTIFICATIONS: Each week, the Rector sends an email to all parishioners with important notifications and information about parish events and other happenings. If you are not currently receiving these messages, please contact the Church Office (215-699-9204; office@messiahgwynedd.org) so we can add you to the database.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS: Please contact the Church Office (215-699-9204; office@messiahgwynedd.org) so we can add you to the mailing list of those parishioners who receive hard copies of the messages and sermon by mail.

IN CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS: Should you have an urgent need to contact the Rector outside of Church Office hours, please use his cell phone: 215-692-2667.

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

On this Mother's Day:

we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms.

Let us pray for all the mothers among us today:

for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away ...

for the mothers who loved us and those who fell short of loving us fully ...

for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated ...

for all mothers who have lost children ...

for all women and men who have mothered others in any way ...

those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need.

We pray this all in the name of God:

our great and protecting Father,

our gentle and loving Mother.

Amen.

*The Reverend Leslie Nipps
Women's Uncommon Prayers*

SERVING MESSIAH THIS MORNING

9:30	Chimer	Patti Saunders
	Contact Tracing Table	Tim Beaver, Barbara Stevenson
	Usher	Michael Stinson
	Lectors & Intercessor	Sam Fogel, Vicky Fogel
	Videographer	Sam Frenkel
	Altar Flowers	Nancy Alpert-Sisson, Deb Casey

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH: May 10-16

Monday	Church Office Hours: 9:00am–1:00pm
Tuesday	Church Office Hours: 9:00am–1:00pm AA, Alanon, Alateen – 7:30pm
Wednesday	Church Office Hours: 9:00am–1:00pm
Thursday	Church Office Hours: 9:00am–1:00pm
Friday	Church Office CLOSED
Saturday	Church Office CLOSED

Next Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:30am – Holy Eucharist – *in-person worship gathering*

10:30am - “*Virtual*” Church School lesson and activities

5:00pm – YOM meeting – *in-person*



YOUTH OF MESSIAH CEMETERY CLEAN UP AND LANDSCAPING

SATURDAY, MAY 22ND

9AM-NOON

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH



Let's help to



beautify the church!

We will be cleaning up the cemetery and replacing the old American flags with new ones in preparation for Memorial Day. Depending on our number of volunteers, we will also be doing some landscaping.

**PIZZA AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
SERVED AFTERWARDS!**

**CONTACT: DAREICHLEY@GMAIL.COM
TO SIGN UP**

YOM 2021 Mission Trip

Local Ministry Week

We are excited to announce our Summer 2021 Mission Trip! This year our week of service will look a bit different. Our group will be working together for several consecutive weekdays during the week of June 21-25. We are coordinating with several different organizations and outreach programs in Philadelphia and Montgomery County, and our group will be volunteering at different locations each day. During a typical year we would be traveling out of state or out of the country, and we would usually be sharing some tight living arrangements with groups from other states. Although we are not travelling far this year, we recognize that there are many needs within our own community and those surrounding us nearby. This past year has brought a lot of challenges, not just financially but also emotionally and spiritually. We hope that throughout this week of service our ministry group can bring healing, love and hope to the people in our communities.

Dates: Monday, June 21st - Friday, June 25th

Who Can Go: Any Youth entering 7th - 12th grade who are currently in our YOM program or will be entering into the YOM program in the coming year. If any youth have friends who are interested in this great experience, we are always open to allowing our ministry to grow!

How Much Will The Trip Cost: The total amount for our week of service will be \$100. This will help cover our costs for transportation, materials for some of our volunteer sites, evening meals, and our Friday activities. Some of the expenses are already being covered by our youth fund.

How To Sign Up: Please fill out a Mission Trip Sign Up form and turn it in along with \$100 to reserve your space! If you have any friends who may be interested, please have them contact us so that we may provide information on the trip and answer any questions.

We hope you decide to join us for this unique ministry opportunity!

If you have any questions about signing up or our trip in general,
please contact Dave Reichley at:
dareichley@gmail.com or 267-664-2276

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The Rev. Keith A. Marsh, Rector
Sarah Patram, Bookkeeper
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David Reichley, Family Ministries – Youth
Mike Linn, Sexton

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH VESTRY

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Class of 2021: Vicky Fogel, Susan Miller, Charles Sudlow
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Happy
Mother's
Day