

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 14, 202311:00 AM

Welcome and AnnouncementsRev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

Prelude“Blessed Assurance” (Keveren)David Thompson

Call to WorshipRobin Morris

We worship the God who inhabits our world  
**We worship the God who indwells our lives.**  
We need not look up to find God,  
**We need only to look around –**  
Within ourselves, beyond ourselves,  
**Or into the eyes of another person.**  
We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,  
**We need only listen to the music of life –**  
The words of children,  
**The questions of the curious,**  
The rhythm of a heartbeat,  
**The wind through the trees.**  
We worship the God who inhabits our world  
**We worship the God who indwells our lives.**

\*Hymn of Praise #2“Come, Thou Almighty King”

\*Call to ConfessionRobin Morris

\*Prayer of Confession  
Holy God, we’d like to think that we love you  
with all our hearts and souls, and with all our  
might,  
but so many other things in our lives claim our attention  
that we often relegate you to Sundays and Wednesdays,  
and times when we want you to do something for us.  
We really do want you to be the one  
in whom we live and move and have our being.  
We really do want to hear your voice  
above all of the other voices in our lives.  
But we get bogged down in the daily routine.  
We forget who we are.  
We forget who you are.  
We forget what the church is supposed to be.  
Forgive us, we pray, as we stand before you today.  
Make yourself known to us.  
Help us recognize the presence of the Holy.  
Inspire us, and make us into the people you want us to be.  
We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon  
Jesus said, “They who have my commandments and keep them are those  
who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will  
love them and reveal myself to them.” Having confessed our sins before God  
and each other, let us believe the good news.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\*Assurance of Pardon Response #447  
*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*  
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THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon on the StepsCarrie Wyatt

Anthem“He, Watching Over Israel” (Mendelssohn)Chancel Choir  
He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.  
He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.  
He, watching, slumbers not, nor sleeps.  
He slumbers not, nor sleeps.  
He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps, slumbers not, nor sleeps.  
Shouldst thou walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.  
He will quicken thee.  
Shouldst thou walking in grief, languish, He will quicken, He will quicken thee.  
He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.  
He slumbers not. He slumbers not.  
He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.  
He slumbers not. He slumbers not, sleeps not.  
He, watching Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.

First ReadingJohn 14:15-21 (Pew Bible NT p.109)

Second ReadingActs 17:22-31 (Pew Bible NT p.137)  
The Word of God, for us, the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon from the PulpitRev. Dr. Lynn Miller  
“The Redundant Churches Committee”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith  
The church's story with God did not end  
with the latest events recorded in Scripture.  
Across the centuries the company of believers  
has continued its pilgrimage with the Lord of history.  
It is a record of faith and faithlessness, glory and shame.  
The church has been persecuted by hostile societies,  
but it has also known times of privilege and power  
when it joined forces with dominant cultures.  
It has sought holiness  
through separation from society,  
as well as through involvement in the world's affairs.  
It has experienced life-giving reformations.  
It has known missionary expansion throughout the world,  
but also periods of dwindling resources and influence.  
It has divided into rival orders, sects and denominations,  
but it has also labored for cooperation and union.  
We confess we are heirs of this whole story.  
We are charged to remember our past,  
to be warned and encouraged by it,  
but not to live it again.  
Now is the time of our testing  
as God's story with the church moves forward through us.  
We are called to live now as God's servants  
in the service of people everywhere.

\*Gloria Patri #581  
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*  
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*  
*world without end. Amen, amen.*

Prayers of the Peopleconcluding with the Lord’s Prayer (page 35 in hymnal)

Service of Giving

Offertory“This Is My Father’s World” (arr. Huisman)Jim Simmons

\*Doxology #606  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*  
*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*  
*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;*  
*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #20“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

\*Charge and BenedictionRev. Dr. Lynn Miller

\*Postlude“Alleluia, Amen!” (Nordman)Rita Harmon

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\*Please stand, in body or in spirit.

The floral arrangement in worship today is given for the glory of God and in  
honor of Liam Wheeler’s 8<sup>th</sup> birthday by the Wheeler family.

Please remember in prayer:  
Alex Copeland; Harper Blanton & Landon Wyatt as they participate in the  
Learning to use my Bible class; Bill Miller; Buck Jolley; friend having surgery;  
Justina Eddy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week's lectionary readings are:  
Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11.

Sunday School Offering  
2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Sunday School offering will go to the Imagination Library.

Yoga  
Our own Mimi McCully, certified yoga instructor, will begin leading free yoga  
classes in the Family Life Center from 4-5 p.m. on the first and third Sundays of  
each month. Bring a mat, wear clothes that will let you move, and invite a  
friend! The next class will be May 21.

New Church Directory

If you have not returned your Directory form, please do so ASAP. You can use the Google form that was emailed to you, or a hard copy available in the FLC.

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

**May 15, 1164:** Death of the abbess, Heloise, whose love affair with, and secret marriage to, the philosopher-theologian Abelard is known to history.

**May 18, 1896:** Missionary nurse Amy Wilkes and missionary Samuel Zwemer are wed at the British Consulate in Baghdad. The Church Missionary Society, which had paid Amy’s passage to the field, will require them to reimburse the cost of her journey because she had left their work. When Zwemer raises the funds it will be said he purchased his bride in true Arab fashion.

**May 19, 1833:** Newly arrived Presbyterian minister Jeremiah Porter delivers his first sermon in Chicago, then a community of about three hundred people. In June 1833 Presbyterians establish the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago, now the oldest continuously operating institution in the city. Chicago was not incorporated as a city until 1837.

Praying for Our Congregation

We are praying for every member of our church family.  
Each week we invite you to pray for particular members.  
This week we are praying for:

Don Ross  
Ann Byers

CALENDAR of EVENTS

- Sunday, May 14**  
9:45 AM Sunday School – Parlor  
9:45 AM Children’s Sunday School  
10:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room  
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live
- Monday, May 15**  
5:30 PM Girl Scouts  
5:45 PM Handbell Rehearsal – Handbell Room
- Wednesday, May 17**  
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC
- Sunday, May 21**  
9:45 AM Sunday School – Parlor  
9:45 AM Children’s Sunday School  
10:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
12:30 PM Session Meeting – Conference Room  
4:00 PM Yoga Class – FLC

- Upcoming**  
May 21 – Graduate Recognition  
May 21 – Handbells playing during worship  
May 21 – Session Meeting  
May 21 – Yoga Class  
May 28 – Bible Presentation in Worship  
May 29 – Memorial Day

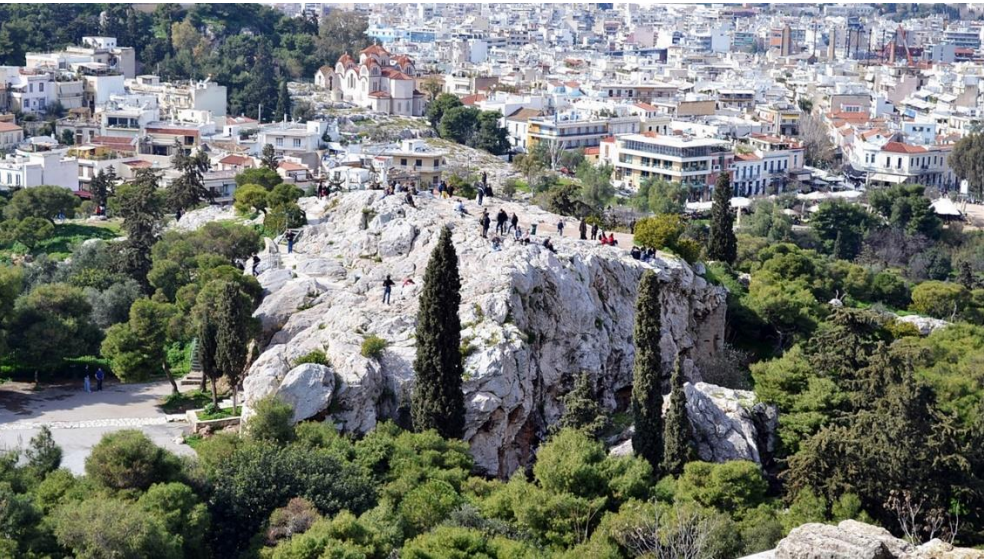
NEXT STEPS

- ☐ Pick up a hard copy of the LimeLight
- ☐ Complete and return your Church Directory Form
- ☐ Contribute to our hymnbook loan program (see 3/26 LimeLight for more information)
- ☐ Make reservation for Wednesday Night Supper



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TOGETHER



Areopagus of Athens from the Acropolis.

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The Areopagus is one of the three hills located on the west side of the Acropolis hill, between the ancient Agora and the entrance to the complex or “Propylaea”. It is a solid marble rock, of dark blue and red colors, reaching 370 feet in height. During the Classical Period (5th Century BCE), the Council of Elders met on the Areopagus. Later it was the site of the Athens Judicial Court, dealing with cases of murder and other serious crimes.