

**EMANUEL  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Order for Christian Worship  
May 6, 2018  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
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Nancy Perry, Organist**

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Welcome

**PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Jillian Painting, Acolyte

\*Introit

“Alleluia” vs. 1

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\*Call to Worship

Karen Foster, Liturgist

Leader: It is not difficult to be God’s beloved child.

**People: We are called to obey God’s commandments and live in God’s love!**

L: The ways which God ordains are ways of peace and hope.

**P: The love of God shall conquer the world.**

L: Rejoice, O people of God, for God is near!

**P: Praise God for God’s power and might, God’s love and peace.**

**AMEN.**

\*Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” vs. 1,2,4

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Opening Prayer

**ALL: Jesus, friend and brother, you taught us to abide in your generous love, for it completes our lives and gives us joy; you ask us to love others as you have loved us, for it brings your creation to**

**fruition. We sometimes struggle to love the people in our lives as you have loved us. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us your love again. Amen.**

A Time for Personal Prayer and Confession

Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri

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**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.**

Anthem

“How Great Thou Art”

Emanuel Bells

Alex Huckriede, Stu Perry, Julianna Huckriede, Greg Foster,  
Katie Huckriede, Kristen Robison, Val Cordray, Nancy Perry, Karen Foster,  
Carol Blunar, Julie Huckriede (Director)

## **LISTENING TO THE WORD**

A Time for Our Children

Karen Foster

***Nursery care is available for children ages 5 and under.  
Children through grade 8 may now depart for Children’s Church.***

Lesson

1 John 5:1-9

Centering Song

“God is Love” (Acapella Round)

***Love, love, love, love  
Christians this is your call  
Love your neighbor as yourself  
For God loves all!***

Lesson

John 15:9-17

## Sermon

At the end of the sermon, the pastor says: "And all God's people said:"  
**People: Amen!**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Invitation to Offering

#### \*Doxology

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**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

**All: Pour your Spirit upon these gifts, O God. Send them into the world as a sign and song of your joyous work of love. Use them to call and welcome into your house of love all who are your friends. Amen.**

### Pastoral Prayer

#### Prayers of the People

At the end of each intercessory prayer,  
the pastor says: "Lord, in your mercy,"  
and the **people** respond: "**hear our prayer.**"

### The Lord's Prayer ("debts/debtors")

## COMMUNION

#### \*Invitation

***This is Christ's Table. He is the Host. It is He who invites us.  
All who seek Christ's transforming presence are welcome to  
join in sharing Communion, regardless of religious affiliation.***

#### \*Communion Prayer

Leader: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to God.**

L: Let us give thanks for the peace of God.

**P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

\*Breaking Bread and Pouring Cup

Sharing the Meal

***The Elders will serve the elements to the congregation by passing the trays down each pew. Take a piece of bread and a cup of juice as each is passed to you. Please wait until all are served to eat and drink.***

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**All: Remain with us, O God. Make this feast the nourishment we need to grow more wild and wonderful. Graft us onto the vine of your Beloved so that we might grow more connected with you and all of creation. With this food and this drink, let us be the love that we have found in you and your Beloved son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Hymn

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

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\*Carrying Out the Light of Christ

\*Benediction

\*Three-Fold Amen (congregation)

\*Postlude

**\* *All who are able are invited to stand.***

JERRY SINCLAIR

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1. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -  
 2. He's my Sav - ior, He's my Sav - ior, He's my  
 3. He is wor - thy, He is wor - thy, He is  
 4. I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -  
 Sav - ior, He's my Sav - ior. He's my Sav - ior, He's my  
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## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

For the law of the Spirit of Life, . . . hath made us free from the law of sin and death.  
— Romans 8:2 (Read Romans 7:24, 25; 8:1-5)

Vs. 1,2,4

Charles Wesley

John Zundel



- 1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
2 *Breathe, O breathe Thy lov-ing Spir-it* In-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;  
3 Come, Al-might-y to de-liv-er, Let us all Thy life re-ceive;  
4 *Fin-ish then Thy new cre-a-tion,* Pure and spot-less let us be;



- 1 Fix in us Thy hum-ble dwell-ing, All Thy faith-ful mer-cies crown.  
2 *Let us all in Thee in-her-it,* Let us find Thy prom-ised rest.  
3 Sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, Nev-er-more Thy tem-ples leave.  
4 *Let us see Thy great sal-va-tion* Per-fect-ly re-stored in Thee.



- 1 Je-sus, Thou art all com-pas-sion, Pure, un-bound-ed love Thou art;  
2 *Take a-way our bent to sin-ning,* Al-pha and O-me-ga be;  
3 Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a-bove,  
4 *Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,* 'Til in heaven we take our place,



- 1 Vis-it us with Thy sal-va-tion, En-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.  
2 *End of faith, as its be-gin-ning,* Set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
3 Pray, and praise Thee with-out ceas-ing, Glo-ry in Thy per-fect love.  
4 *'Til we cast our crowns be-fore Thee,* Lost in won-der, love, and praise. A-men.

# They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

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on John 13:35  
Scholtes

... that they may be one, even as We are one . . . . — John 17:22

ST. BRENDAN'S  
Peter Scholtes

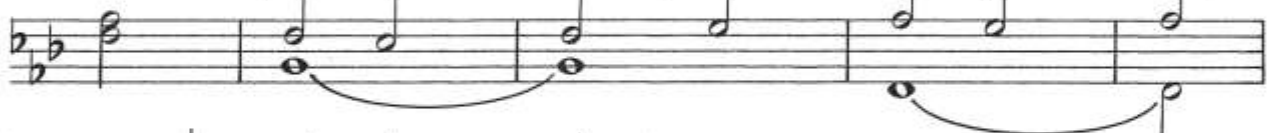
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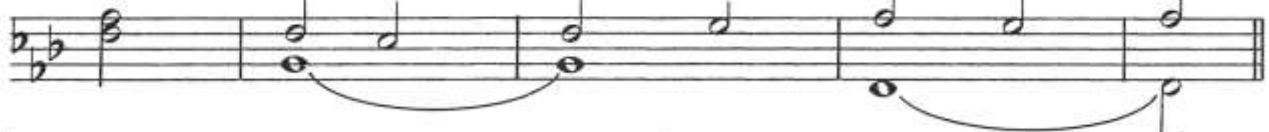
1 We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
2 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
3 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



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4 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son,



1 And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
2 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
3 And we'll guard each man's dig - ni - ty and save each man's pride:  
4 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Christ-ians by our love, by our love,



Yes, they'll know we are Christ-ians by our love.

# Announcements

WE WELCOME ALL GUESTS who are worshipping with us this morning. We hope you will feel at home with us as we praise God together as one family, united in faith, hope, and love. We ask both members and guests to register your attendance by signing the pew pad.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are in the pew racks. If you would like us to pray for a friend or loved one this morning, please write the person's name with a brief description of their need for prayer, and put it in the offering plate. If you wish to send a prayer request through the Emanuel Prayer Chain, please call Gerry Wagner at 330-658-6205.

NURSERY CARE FOR CHILDREN AGE 5 AND UNDER is available on the lower level during the service. If using the stairwell, it is in the second room on the right.

OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by the Jack Holvey Memorial Fund.

OUR GREETERS for this Sunday are the Robison Family. Thank you to Greg & Karen Foster for being greeters in April.

OUR USHERS are Art Holden, Nick Kindel, Ernie Lyons, and Dave Poetter.

**FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERING** – If you are interested in volunteering at Doylestown Food Pantry, please attend a brief meeting after worship today to find out more about this opportunity.

**MAY NEWSLETTER** available in narthex and on website. Please contact the office if you would like to be added to either our paper or email newsletter list.

**SECRETARY** office hours Tuesday, May 8 will be 9-10AM. Pastor Gaye will be available her regular hours 10AM - 1PM.

**CONSISTORY** is meeting Tuesday, May 8 at 7PM.

**LADIES LUNCH GROUP** will be meeting Wed., May 9 at Green Diamond at noon.

**LANA BAKER's** memorial service: Saturday, May 12 at Emanuel. Calling hours -



10AM, Service - 11AM, Lunch to follow

**CHANGE FOR CHANGE** collection May 13 benefiting the recovery efforts in Puerto Rico provided by the UCC Disaster Ministries.

**BARBERTON SOUP KITCHEN** – May 15. Please sign-up in narthex if you plan on volunteering.

**AWE GROUP** will be gathering at Doylestown American Legion on May 20. Please have your reservation to Jean G. by Thursday, May 17.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** – May 19 at 9AM at Fa-Ray's

**CONFIRMATION** – May 20. Our monthly social will be held after this special service.

**PASTOR GAYE** will be out of town at a conference May 21-26. Please contact an Elder if you are in need of pastoral assistance.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATE RECOGNITION** is Sunday, June 24th. Please inform the office by May 22, 2018 to be sure your graduate is included. We would like a picture and school info (and college degree) to share on Graduation Sunday. Please contact office if you have any questions.

**ELDERS** will be meeting Tuesday, May 29 at 7PM.

**APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT** team at Sts. Peter & Paul would like to invite Emanuel members to be part of their team. We travel to the Appalachian region to make homes warmer, safer, and drier, as well as build relationships with God and one another. We will be going on the trip June 24-30 and will be going to Guyan Valley, WV. If anyone is interested in going or would like more information on what we do, they can contact Katy Muller at 330-329-0421 or at doylestownasp@gmail.com .

**CRAFT DONATIONS** to sell at the Arts Fest may be given to Val Cordray, Adam Danko, or Becky Kindel.

**DOYLESTOWN FOOD PANTRY** – Applesauce, brownie/cake mix

**O.C.C. SHOEBOX COLLECTION** – small box puzzles

 This week our prayers are with:

Family of Gary Halliwell	Claudia Casey	Lee & Nancy Dean
Janine Gottwalt	Jean Grigalunas	Bertha Himelrigh
Mary Jo Kun	Forrest Swain	Jerry Christian
Diane	Jerry Dojack	Jim Frostle
Pat Garcia	Jackie	Cindy Jett
Jody	Joyce	Kay
Sally Kyer	Beth Lake	Lucille
Olivia	Ralph	Sandy
Scottie	Tom Seese	Lori Shaw
Taucher Family	Terri	Scott Weyand

**MAY 6, 2018  
SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**



*The Holy Spirit expands the vision of Jesus' followers.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 15:9-17</b>	<b>Love one another</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 10:44-48</b>	<b>Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 John 5:1-6</b>	<b>Faith conquers the world</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Isaiah 61:1-11</b>	<b>Good news of deliverance</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Romans 12:9-21</b>	<b>Love with sincerity</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 Thessalonians 1:2-10</b>	<b>The church's faith and example</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 98</b>	<b>Make a joyful noise</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 17:6-19</b>	<b>Christ's prayer for his disciples</b>

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. **Acts 10:47-48a (NRSV)**

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Gracious God, just as the Holy Spirit surprised Peter and his friends by including Gentiles in the church, open our hearts and minds to new ways to accept and love others. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

God at our table, giver of bread, bless us to love, just as you've said. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the God who has done marvelous things, bless you with joy and God's steadfast love and faithfulness. (Psalm 98)



**MAY 6, 2018**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*Spirit of the Living God*



**taking  
faith  
home**

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**



Discuss in your home or small group:

- Tell of a story when you were greatly surprised by something.
- Talk about an event that changed or influenced your life.
- The church's identity changed to include Gentiles for the first time (Acts 10:44-48). How has your understanding of the church grown over the years to be more inclusive?

**DEVOTIONS**



Read: John 15:9-17.

Jesus' command to love one another describes the life of his followers, people who were chosen by Jesus to be his disciples and enabled to bear fruit (v. 16). That opens up the lives of Jesus' followers to love and befriend others. Similarly, in Acts 10:44-48 the Holy Spirit amazed Peter and his fellow disciples and expanded their vision to include the uncircumcised to be accepted as part of the church. God's ways surprise and empower us through the word of God and the Spirit of God. Reflect on how God's word (Jesus' commandment to love) and the Holy Spirit have opened your life to love others and see the call to discipleship in ways that connect you to a larger world of care. Conclude by praying:

**Pray: Dear God, thank you for choosing me and all whom you call friends. Grant me and all believers your power to bear fruit and to love and accept others for Jesus' sake and in his name. Amen.**

**SERVICE**



Cornelius welcomed Peter and others into his home. It was in the home that Cornelius received Peter's message and where his household was baptized. Peter and his friends were asked to stay in Cornelius' home for several days, obviously giving the new converts more time and experience with the message of Jesus. In the New Testament the home is church, too. Invite others to your home and use portions of this *Taking Faith Home* bulletin to share God's word and empower lives in the Christian faith.

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



Throughout the Bible and the history of the church, singing has been a faithful way of worshipping God and expressing one's faith in God (Psalm 98). Sing and/or pray the words of *Spirit of the Living God* and add other songs as well. Begin your singing and praying by saying the words of Psalm 98:4: **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)