

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *Jesus said, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me."*

John 15: 4

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen

PRELUDE - *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator*T. Kremser
Craig Phillip (1996)

CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGY: *Evangelism*, pages 133-138

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 22: 25-31

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,
**and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.**

For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
**before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.**

Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

1 John 4: 7-21

John 15: 1-8

*During the singing of the next hymn, children age 3 and up are welcome to follow
Godly Play leaders to continue their worship in CE-106.*

HYMN 502 - *Break Now the Bread of Life*T. *Bread of Life*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 8: 26-40Rev. Tobiassen

SERMON -

HYMN 408 - *Water Has Held Us*T. *Bunessan*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The offertory provides an opportunity to reflect on the many ways that we can express our gratitude in response to God: with time, treasure, talents, and testimony. For financial giving online: Use the Moravian Ministries Foundation giving portal at <https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/>. Click the "Give Now" button on any page of the Home Church website. For more information, go to HomeMoravian.org/online-giving. You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

ANTHEM - *Be Thou My Vision*.....Arr. Robert Hunter (1979)

Men's Choir

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; nought be all else to me save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word, I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord. Thou my great father, I thy true son, Thou in me, dwelling, and I with thee one. Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance now and always, thou and thou only first in my heart, high king of heaven, my treasure thou art. High king of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, oh bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, oh ruler of all.

DOXOLOGY
OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

HYMN 589 - *O Could We But Love That Savior*T. Dulce Carmen

POSTLUDE - *Let All Things Now Living*.....T. The Ash Grove
Frank Stoldt (1988)

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn 832, *The Grace of Our Lord*

While singing, we extend the right hand of fellowship.

We extend a cordial welcome to all visitors this morning and invite you to join us again whenever possible. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register, pass it both ways in your pew, and greet those near you. After the service, pick up a beverage in the Lovefeast Serving Room off the Sanctuary, and enjoy fellowship in the Sanctuary or outside.

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *Geri Pollander* by her daughters, Drew P. Nagy and Mary Beth Pollander.

SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

GODLY PLAY, CE-106 (ages 3 and up), *Who is the Living Jesus?*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (in person and via zoom), 11:15 a.m.:

Bible Discussion, Club Room and Zoom <https://bit.ly/42JohxN>

Scripture Encore, CE 101 and Zoom <https://bit.ly/3YVhLn7>

Faith & Justice, CE 204 and Zoom <https://bit.ly/49nE5tK>

CHILDREN & YOUTH POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m.:

Christian Education Building and 3rd floor

Wednesday Night Fellowship, Wednesday, May 1

Community meal at 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Meal: spring veggie tortellini, salad, bread, assorted cookies

6:45 p.m. - Program: *Celebrating Our Gifts Together*

Reservations for supper are encouraged by 5:00 p.m. on Monday. Contact the church office at (336) 722-6171 or cthomas@homemoravian.org to make your reservation.

----- Tear off and place in offering plate -----

Wednesday Night Fellowship Reservation

\$5 per adult, \$3 per child ages 4-11, children 3 and under eat free

Name _____

Attending this week only (#) _____ Adult (#) _____ Child

Gluten Free (#) _____ Vegetarian (#) _____

CALENDAR

- Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105
10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
10:20 a.m. - *Godly Play*, CE-106
11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship, Lovefeast Serving Room
11:15 a.m. - Sunday School:
Bible Discussion, Club Room & Zoom
Scripture Encore, CE-101 & Zoom
Faith & Justice, CE-204
"Power Hour," Children & Youth, CE Building
- Monday - 4:00 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Committee, RB-225
5:00 p.m. - Christian Formation Meeting, RB-225
- Tuesday - 6:30 p.m. - Churches For Middle East Peace, Sanctuary
- Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast, Cagney's Restaurant
5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper, Fellowship Hall
6:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Program, CE-101
- Thursday - 6:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal, RB-5
- Next Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105
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PERSONALS

We extend our sympathy to:

...the family of Jo Anne Livengood, who died on Sunday, April 21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Home Church family: I don't know where to begin. First of all thank you, thank you, thank you! Your many expressions of love and thankfulness shown to me through phone calls, visits, emails, and notes have been amazing! And Sunday's worship service, potluck and love offering...what can I say? Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Bless each and every one of you, *Jane Shore*

Prayer Circle Around the Jail: On Friday, May 3, join other volunteers from Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries for this annual event. Gather with other churches in praying for those incarcerated in our community, their families, and all who suffer from acts of crime and violence. **Be part of churches praying on Church Street!** Plan to arrive on the corner of Church and Third streets by 5:15 p.m.; prayer begins at 5:30 p.m.

Save The Date - Home Church Day at Laurel Ridge! Come and worship on the mountain Sunday, May 5 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mark your calendars and join us Sunday, May 5, for a day of fun, fellowship and worship on the mountain.

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, *Pastor*

Glenn Siebert, *Director of Music* Jonathan Williams, *Organist*

Becky Hodges, *Director of Christian Formation* Cambria Dyess, *Youth Ministry Coordinator*

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(10 a.m. Morning Worship is broadcast on WSJS-AM 600)