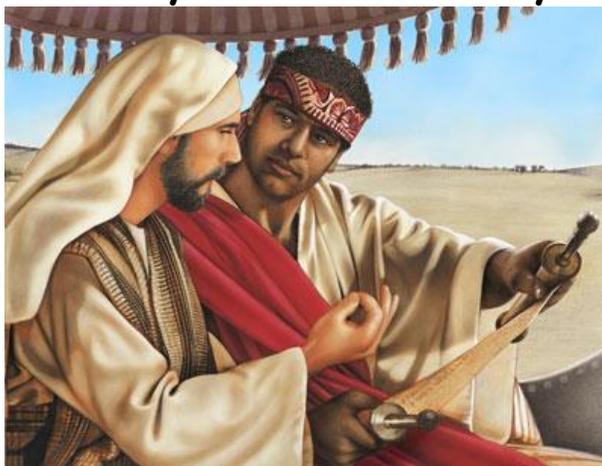


**Eastertide Worship at Harwich United Methodist Church
The 5th Sunday of Easter ... May 2, 2021**



Thought for the Week

"To love another person is to see the face of God" *Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo

---- Gathering and Welcome ----

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship

L. Jesus said, "This is my commandment: love one another."

P. **We gather to worship the God who is love,
that we may learn to love one another.**

L. Jesus said, "No longer do I call you servants, but now I call you my friends."

P. **We come to worship the God whose friend we are through Jesus Christ.**

All: **Let us sing praise to God, and live in love and friendship toward the
human family through Jesus the Christ.**

Opening Hymn: "In Unity We Lift Our Song" #2221 (TFWS)

1 In unity we lift our song of grateful adoration,
for brothers brave and sisters strong. What cause for celebration!
For those whose faithfulness has kept us through distress,
who've shared with us our plight, who've held us in the night,
the blessed congregation.

2 For stories told and told again to every generation,
to give us strength in time of pain, to give us consolation.

Our spirits to revive to keep our dreams alive,
when we are far from home and evil seasons come;
how firm is our foundation.

3 For sacred scriptures handed down, a blessed trust and treasure,
which give us hope when hope is gone and make us weep with pleasure.
And when our eyes grow blind and death is close behind,
we shall recite them still whose words our hearts can fill
with hope beyond all measure.

4 For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the Giver.
Our strength, our guide, our nurturing breast whose hand will yet deliver.
Who keeps us till the day when night shall pass away,
when hate and fear are gone and all our work is done,
and we shall sing forever.

Opening Prayer

God of grace and glory, we thank you that the life of eternity can be ours in the present, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Teach us always to abide in Christ, that we may bear the fruits of love and joy, through the guidance of your Spirit of truth. Amen

Prayer of Confession

O God who labors without ceasing to bring all people into wholeness and oneness through your love, we confess our reluctance to live in unity with all your people. Help us to overcome the scandal of our pride --- that of race, class, color and nationality --- that your church might be a worthy witness to the Good News of love and forgiveness, through our Risen Lord. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit." So, it is God's love that enables us to grow and bear fruit. I say this to you in faith and confidence since there is nothing that can separate us from God's love.

Responsorial Psalm 22: 25-31

L: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

P: **my vows I will pay before those who worship the Lord.**

L: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

P: **those who seek the Lord shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!**

L: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

P: **and all the families of the nations shall worship before the Lord.**

L: For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

P: **All who sleep in the earth bow down to the Lord.**

L: All who go down to the dust shall bow before the Lord, and I shall live for God.

P: Posterity shall serve the Lord;

**L: Each generation shall tell of the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn**

P: Surely the Lord has done it.

----- The Church Proclaims the Word -----

Scripture Readings **1 John 4:7-21; Acts 8:26-40; John 15:1-8**

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God.

Response: Thanks be to God

Message

"Connections"

The Rev Dr David Purdy

Hymn

"The Servant Song"

#2222 (TFWS)

**Brother, sister, let me serve you. Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace To let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey. We're together on this road.
We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you; Speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping. When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow Till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven, We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together Of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you. Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace To let you be my servant, too.**

----- Response to the Word -----

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer for the Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

L: As Christ offered himself in obedience to you, O God,

P: So we offer ourselves and our gifts to be used in your service.

L: As you took Christ's offering of himself and filled it with new life and power,

**P: So use our gifts and transform our lives, that we may be
the living presence of your reign on earth, now and forever. Amen**

Communion Hymn

"One Bread, One Body"

620 (UM Hymnal)

Refrain:

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Verse 1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

Verse 2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

Verse 3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

Holy Communion

The Eucharistic Prayer

**L: God in Christ breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves
and divide us from one another.**

**P: We are the body of Christ. Around this table we enact our faith. The body
broken is restored to wholeness, lifeblood poured out brings healing to our world.**

**L: We dream, O God, of community, but in waking hours we forget such hopes. Our
dreams we call "alien", our sister and brother we call "stranger". You call us by name.
With arms outstretched as on a cross, you call us to yourself and name us as your people.
So with our arms outstretched enable us to embrace new friends and forgotten dreams.
The body broken and lifeblood poured, transform our fears and revive our visions. Renew
us, O God, with your Spirit that we may receive this mystery of bread and cup, embracing
the manifold gifts of this Holy Communion.**

The Words of Institution and The Distribution of the Bread and Cup

The Prayer following Communion

**All praise is yours, O God. You have brought us to this table as sisters and
brothers. Lead us now, through each of our moments, to that glorious day when all
your children will gather as family. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Benediction

"God Be With You"

Liturgist: Mary Dulemba

You are welcome here. No matter who you are. No matter what.

May 9, 2021: Scripture Passages
Psalm 98 Acts 10:44-48 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17



Prayers

Marjorie Farrell, Cindy's mother, entered Life Everlasting April 23, 2021

Healing Prayers Don Howell, recovering from knee replacement

Jackie's daughter, Beverly is now home and she is on oxygen. the diagnosis is COPD

For Lil Murphy who has upcoming surgery, Cindy Farrell-Starbuck, Emily-Jeanne Decker at Pleasant Bay, Brian Mielke, Ruth Zeller's sister, Lee, Carl Johnson, Bob Porter, Dave Blanchette (cancer), Ann-Marie Haggerty (cancer), Les and Justine (cancer), Bill Bly , Fred and Jo Buess, Joan Stevens, Mary (Lil Murphy's sister), Pauline Doliber, Dan Murphy, Sandra and Mark Loeffler, Jason Narkon, Dan Carrol, Jackie Winne, Jane Schneeloch, Bruce Zeller, Ruth Crocker, Michael Chatham, Laurie and Pierre Bonin, Greg Legeyt and Karen Daffinee, Declan Smith, Rev Charles Farrell

Calendar

Pastor Dianne is away April 27-May 5

Diaper Drive ending May 8th

Contact Ruth Zeller about the next Billy's House June 8th

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