

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner
May 16, 6:00 p.m.

FISH FRY

The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. and we will eat outside (weather permitting.) The cost of the meal is \$5.00. Don't miss this delightful event. Please call the church office at 615-444-1360 to make a reservation.

WE WELCOME Christine Brosend as our guest organist today. Christine is a member of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and private voice instructor.

BOOKS FOR KIDS: The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a book drive for new and gently used children's books to be donated to Timberline Campground. A donation box is located in the back hall near Fellowship Hall. Or bring your books to the Fish Fry on **Wednesday, May 16.**

SAVE THE DATE! 2018 VBS: June 25-27
Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School. If you are interested in helping, please call the church office. We are looking for help with decorating, serving food, cleaning up, and being an "extra hand."

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES:
 Gordon Carroll – Pope John Paul II High School
 Travis Carroll – High Point University
 Chloe Foutch – Lebanon High School

Please join us at a reception honoring our graduates in Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 a.m. service.

LEBANON, TENNESSEE		
<i>Service for the Lord's Day</i>		
May 13, 2018	Seventh Sunday of Easter	11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING
To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION
PRELUDE *Fantaisie* J. Langlais
CHIMING THE HOUR

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 1*)

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
 People: Or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
 Leader: Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
 People: And on his law they meditate day and night.
 Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water,
 People: Which yield their fruit in its season,
 Leader: And their leaves do not wither.
 People: In all that they do, they prosper.

* HYMN NO. 473 *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX
 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION
UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Almighty God, you created us for life together,

but we have turned from your will.
We have not loved as you commanded.
We have broken the promises we have made to you and to one another.

We have taken much and given little.
 Forgive our disobedience, O God, and strengthen us in love,
 so that we may serve you as a faithful people,
 obedient to you in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: By the transforming power of God's Spirit we can be changed.
Friends, this is the good news of our salvation:
People: Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 579

*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.*

* THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

RECOGNITION OF OUR GRADUATES

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Lord, you know everyone's heart.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Morning Has Broken

arr. Arlen Clarke

*Morning has broken like the first morning; Blackbird has spoken like the first bird,
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning, Praise for them springing fresh from the word.
Sweet the rains new fall sunlit from heaven, Like the first dew-fall on the first grass;
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, Born of the one light Eden saw play;
Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

Inevitable

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN NO. 404

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

M. Bedford

* DOXOLOGY

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

* HYMN NO. 142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Postlude in E flat Major

Fischer