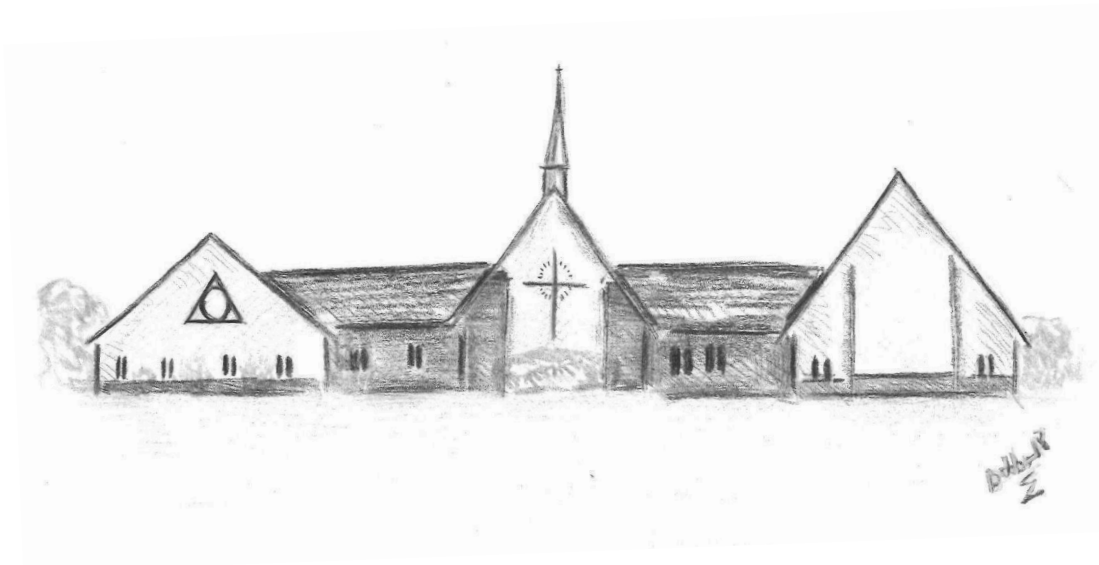


# Sixth Sunday of Easter

## May 5, 2024



### **OUR MISSION:**

***To make disciples for Jesus Christ,  
to baptize and to teach the faith,  
that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ  
and become responsible members of His church.***

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## **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

*This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.*

## **PRELUDE MUSIC**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

P Now, let us take a moment in silent reflection as we clear our hearts and minds for worship.

# WELCOME SONG

W&P 21

Blessing, honor, and glory

21

C Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C F/A G/B

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.

C G/B C/E F G<sup>sus</sup> G C/E

Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb.

F Am<sup>7</sup> G Em<sup>7</sup> C/E F Am G C<sup>2</sup>/E

Death could not hold him down, for he is ris - en!

F<sup>2</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> G Em<sup>7</sup> C/E F Dm<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>G<sup>sus</sup> G

Seat-ed up - on the throne, he is the Lamb of God!

<sup>2</sup>G<sup>sus</sup> G C Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C F/A G/B

God! Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.

C F/A G/B C/E F G C/E F C

Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb of God.

# GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P Please rise.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and  
walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG

WOV 671

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

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*Refrain* F Dm Gm C



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;

F Dm Gm C F



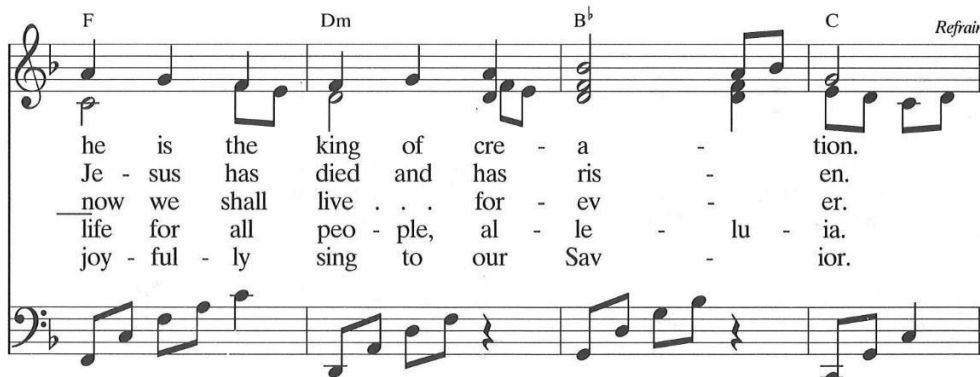
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

F Dm B<sup>b</sup> C



1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;  
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth;  
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;  
4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward;  
5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

F Dm B<sup>b</sup> C *Refrain*



he is the king of cre - a - tion.  
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
now we shall live . . . for - ev - er.  
life for all peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.  
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

Text: Donald Fishel, b. 1950  
Music: Donald Fishel, b. 1950; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928  
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ALLELUIA NO. 1  
8 8 and refrain

## GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- C **O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**
- P Please be seated.

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### **FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48**

*While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.  
<sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

- L The word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## Psalm 98

L <sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

C <sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

L <sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

C <sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

L <sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

C <sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

L <sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

C <sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
who comes to judge the earth.**

L <sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

P Please rise.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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## Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



Musical staff 1: Treble clef, 3/4 time signature. Chords: F, C/E, Gm7, C, C/Bb, F/A. Lyrics: Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



Musical staff 2: Treble clef. Chords: Bb, C, Dm, F/A, Bb2, Csus. Lyrics: words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.



Musical staff 3: Treble clef. Chords: Dm, Gm7, C7sus, C, F/A, Bb, C, F. Lyrics: Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le -



Musical staff 4: Treble clef. Chords: F/A, Bb2, Csus, Dm, Gm7, C7sus, C, F. Lyrics: lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



## **GOSPEL: John 15:9-17**

**P** The holy gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**P** Please be seated.

## **SERMON**

**The Reverend Karen Nelson, Pastor**

**P** Please rise.

# SERMON HYMN

WOV 664

## A New Commandment



A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as



I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.



By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if



you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know



you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

Text: John 13:34-35

Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

# **APOSTLES' CREED**

**P** Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

P Please sit or kneel.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Let us pray.

L Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

L Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

L You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

L Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

L Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another.

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Jerry, Sandy, Dot, Nancy, Joe & Diane.

For those who need your healing: Brandy, Rhiana, James, Bob, Paula, Dennis & Susan.

For Trinity's congregation, committees and church council.

For our sisters and brothers who serve and protect our nation: Jordan and Brian.

**C** God of Grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

**L** Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers.  
God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**P** Please rise.

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.*

### Peace

♩ = 70

Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you

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Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you!

**P** Please be seated.

# OFFERTORY MEDITATION MUSIC

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P Please rise.

## OFFERING PRAYER

P God of abundance:  
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus.

C **Amen.**

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

$\text{♩} = 65$  C

G Am F Dm<sup>7</sup> G C G

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord Go - d of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are

6 Am Em F Am G C G Am

full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - nna in the high - est! Bless - ed is He who comes

11 F Em F G C

i - n the name of the Lor - d Ho - sa - nna in the high - est!

# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

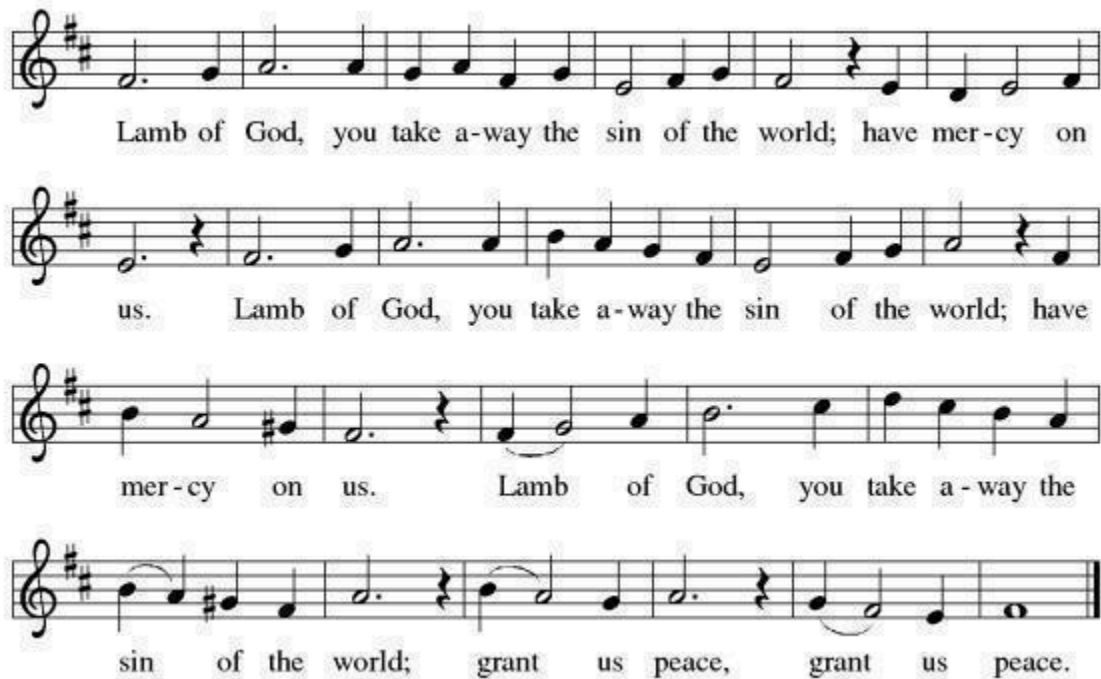
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**



P Please be seated until the invitation.

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C **Amen.**

*To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.*

*Non alcoholic wine is used at all services.*

*A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.*

*If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides.*

P Please rise.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.

C **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P We give you thanks, generous God,  
for in this bread and cup  
we have tasted the new heaven and earth  
where hunger and thirst are no more.  
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

## SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord look upon you with his favor, and give you his peace.  
In the name of the Father, ✝ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

# SENDING SONG

ELW 836

## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joi - ce in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

## DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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## Announcements:

- Welcome to all who are visiting us today. Please complete a purple visitor's card (found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you) and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for taking the time to worship with us today.
- There will be no food drive today to allow for all to attend Pastor Karen's celebration of Ministry. The Food drive will resume on Sunday 5/12.
- The TAG Book Club will be meeting in the church narthex on Tuesday May 7 at 11AM to discuss *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. All are welcome to join in a lively discussion of the book.
- COFFEE TIME HELP NEEDED – Please lend a hand with coffee set up or clean up. Open set up dates, May 12, June 6, 9 & 16. Open clean up dates, June 9, 16 & 23. Sign up in the narthex or contact Marilou at [mariloudoughty@gmail.com](mailto:mariloudoughty@gmail.com).
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<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Sally Jeffries</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Judy Flanigan &amp; Alma Nowmos</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Ann Dungan &amp; Brenda Aslin</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>no coffee</b>
<b>Building Opener</b>	<b>Bob Graves</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Brenda Aslin</b>
<b>Counting Team</b>	<b>JoAnn Sorom, Betty Kratz, Trish Graves</b>
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<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Rick Cole &amp; Leslie Askonas</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Lori Peltier/Kristin Stoeber</b>
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