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MAY 1, 2016

GOD HAS  
MOVED INTO  
THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD





FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH *of* KENOSHA

May 1, 2016 - 8:00 & 10:30

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Order of Worship to the Glory of God

\*Please rise, in body or spirit

**UMH** = the red United Methodist Hymnal | **TFWS** – the black The Faith We Sing book

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Quote: “The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We say the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, generous inside and out, true from start to finish.” John 1:14 (*The Message*)

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### Welcome and Announcements

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Joys

We thank God for these blessings.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Concerns

For these persons and all who are in need.

**Hold your people near, O God.**

### Forming the Community

As we gather to worship, we form a unique type of community, focused not on ourselves, but on the Holy One. We need to know one another in order to intentionally form this community of faith. Some have known each other for years, and others do not know anyone present here. By asking three or four people a simple question, we come to know more about them than we knew when we entered this Sanctuary – even the people we have known for many years. Worshiping as a community is quite different from worshiping as a collection of isolated individuals!

Prelude

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

Back

### \*Call to Worship

God is calling us into new and sometimes uncomfortable places.

**Once there, we find hospitality and friends.**

Christ has brought the love of the Father and given us his peace.

**The Holy Spirit is giving us the strength to go forth and do our work.**

The Son has laid out our tasks and given us legs to walk again.

**May we drink from the waters of your river of life today. Let us worship our Lord.**

\*Hymn of Praise

"Forward through the Ages"

UMH 555

Gathering Prayer

**Oh Holy One, we are seeing you lift up your people and give them the courage and strength needed to work with you. Give us the longing in our hearts to want to join them in doing your will. We know that with the Holy Spirit and your peace, great things can be done. Amen.**

Anthem 8:00

"Sing A New Song"

arr. James Firchow

Five for Hymn

10:30

"Peace I Leave With You"

J. Varley Roberts

Chancel Choir

Dr. Woodrow Hodges, director

The New Testament Lesson

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Ministry with Young Christians

(The congregation sings the chorus of "Jesus Loves Me" (UMH 191) as the children come forward.)

\*Gospel Procession

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna"

(Tune: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

\*The Gospel Lesson

John 14:23-29 (*The Message*)

"Because a loveless world," said Jesus, "is a sightless world. If anyone loves me, he will carefully keep my word and my Father will love him—we'll move right into the neighborhood! Not loving me means not keeping my words. The message you are hearing isn't mine. It's the message of the Father who sent me.

"I'm telling you these things while I'm still living with you. The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you. He will remind you of all the things I have told you. I'm leaving you well and whole. That's my parting gift to you. Peace. I don't leave you the way you're used to being left—feeling abandoned, bereft. So don't be upset. Don't be distraught.

"You've heard me tell you, 'I'm going away, and I'm coming back.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I'm on my way to the Father because the Father is the goal and purpose of my life. "I've told you this ahead of time, before it happens, so that when it does happen, the confirmation will deepen your belief in me. I'll not be talking with you much more like this because the chief of this godless world is about to attack. But don't worry—he has nothing on me, no claim on me. But so the world might know how thoroughly I love the Father, I am carrying out my Father's instructions right down to the last detail.

\*Gospel Recessional

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing hosanna, everyone!

Sermon "God Has Moved into the Neighborhood" Rev. Tim Berlew

Prayer Hymn "You Are Mine" TFWS 2218

The Church at Prayer  
Silent Prayer  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory 8:00 "Melody" Schumann

10:30 "Sing A New Song" arr. James Firchow  
Five for Hymn

\*Doxology  
\*Offertory Prayer

UMH 95

Sacrament of Holy Communion

TFWS 2257

Prayer after Communion

**O Most Holy One, you are food for the soul. As we feast on your Body and Blood, teach us to be servants among servants, so that all may come to know your love and mercy. You, Jesus, are our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"  
*Stanzas 1, 4, 5 & 6*

UMH 549

\*Sending Forth

\*Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*Postlude

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**piano/organ:** Betty Schripsema

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# GOD ON THE THE NEIGH

**E**ugene Peterson, in his paraphrase/translation of the Bible refers to the coming of Christ as God moving into the neighborhood. This is an earthy, descriptive way to talk about the incarnation. It expresses both the human and divine natures of Jesus, the Anointed One. It has many meaning for modern Christians.

First of all, it is an idea upon which the gospel writer, John, spends a great deal of time. At times, it seems that he gives greater sway to the divinity of Christ. Yet, in John 3:16-17, we hear about God sending his Son into the world out of a great love for us. Jesus was sent to heal and save, not to condemn. This is good news for us. It is a reminder that we are greatly loved.

When we study the life of this One who came to save us, we see a person who did not move into the best of neighborhoods. Jesus spent most of his time with the “throwaway people” of his time. They were considered unclean and unfit to be a part of

religious life. They were lepers, gravely mentally ill people, women who sold their bodies, and men who collected taxes and stole from the people. He had a happy relationship with that group and a contentious relationship with the holier than thou religious leaders of the time. It should not have come as a surprise to the Pharisees and Sadducees that gave Jesus a hard time since he told them in his very first sermon in Galilee that he planned to preach to the poor, to pardon the prisoners, to give sight to the blind, and to liberate those who were bound up in any way. That is not to say that there were no good Pharisees and Priests, because, in fact, there were many. For those who devoted their lives to keeping the law to the nth degree, though, these activities could only lead to making one ritually unclean. Nevertheless, Jesus moved into and about the neighborhoods where the need was the greatest.

In the 21st century, there is a movement referred to as “the new monasticism.” It is made up of groups of men and women who move into challenged

# THE LOOSE IN BORHOOD

neighborhoods to do good. They work at systemic change in order to bring down crime and to support the lives of the people. They do not do it by being the “goody two-shoes” type who swoop in to save the people from themselves. Instead, they see the gifts the people bring to the table and partner with them to make their lives better. They don’t start new churches. They go to the existing churches where they join with the people. They make community gardens, partner with schools, provide activities for neighborhood children, etc. In other words, they act out of love for the people in order to make everyone’s life – theirs included – just a little better.

Most of us are not in a position to go and start one of these intentional communities in the poorer neighborhoods of Kenosha and Racine. We can still move more fully into the neighborhoods we now occupy as the hands and feet of Christ. We can become Christ to the world.

In the early church, there was a term called “theosis”,

also known as “divinization”. It means becoming like God. Don’t get worried; it isn’t blasphemy. St. Athanasius, in his book, *On the Incarnation*, wrote “God became man so that man might become a god” (excuse the non-inclusive language). That may sound strange to us, but it is very Wesleyan. John Wesley talked about growing in holiness and moving on toward perfection in love. If we are trying to live a life that reflects the way Jesus lived, we are truly becoming more and more like God.

On any given Sunday morning through the working of the Holy Spirit, God moves into the neighborhood of our sanctuary and commissions us to go out and move into our neighborhoods more fully in order to help build God’s kingdom. We all have gifts to share!

# THE HIGHLIGHTER

First United Methodist Church

May 1, 2016

## Office Hours

Monday-Thursday  
9am-12pm

Mon, Wed, Thu  
1pm-3pm

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Church & Society

May 3, @6:30p

### Confirmation

May 15, @10:30a

## TAI CHI

Looking forward to us all getting together Monday, May 2nd for our Tai Chi. Everybody's welcome. Pastor Judith

## WISCONSIN VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

The United Methodist Church created Volunteers in Mission to give congregants a short-term mission experience and work that makes communities stronger. Working together, those on the mission form strong bonds with each other and magnify their faith. In our region, Wisconsin Volunteers in Mission express Christ's love by helping brothers and sisters in the local community, across the nation and around the globe through various community projects. Projects are coordinated in various locations and are typically one week in length. But there are sometimes opportunities for daily volunteering, too.

Putting our faith into action is at the very heart of our Christian calling. Through United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, every person in the church has the opportunity to serve. There are even work projects for families to volunteer together at United Methodist Camps! To find out more, visit [www.wisconsinumc.org](http://www.wisconsinumc.org) (Outreach and Service/Volunteers in Mission). *(next page)*

### Upcoming work projects this summer include:

Pine Lake Camp, Westfield, WI; Red Cliff Reservation, Bayfield WI; UM Children's Services, Milwaukee; Camp Lucerne, Neshkoro, WI; Cass Community Center, Detroit.

Note: Summer and Fall trips tend to be in Wisconsin; winter trips tend to be in southern US locations (2016-17 not yet published).

## YOUTH & CHILDREN WORSHIP HELPERS

Please check your children's and youth's schedules and sign up on a sign-up sheet for two acolytes and one cross bearer for helping in each worship service. You can sign up via an e-mail to Pastor Kookho, or directly write on the sign-up sheet, which is in the Great Room. It will be a great experience and a wonderful chance to praise God for

our young Christians. Please, encourage your kids and youth to help in our worship service.

## FAITH FORMATION

Children and confirmation classes meet today as usual.

Adult Faith Formation will meet in the Wesley Wing at 9:15am. We will view and discuss "Apocalypse" from the National Geographic series "The story of God". Morgan Freeman looks at the past and the future to determine what various faiths think about the end of days.

Sunday May 15 is Confirmation Sunday.

Sunday May 22 is the last day of Children's Sunday School.

## SECOND 50

May 4 - "Protecting Yourself", Kenosha Police Officer Ron Francis

May 18 - "Northwest Passage", Tom Ault

HOSPITALITY TEAM FOR

**TODAY**

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT (8:00)**

Geoff Van Remmen

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT (10:30)**

Dianna Hodges

**GREETERS/USHERS (8:00)**

Santhy and Charlie Krass

**USHERS (10:30)**

Bill Milligan, Len Wojciech-  
owicz, Gene Olson, Frank  
Wilson

**GREETERS (10:30)**

Arlene Olson, June Nelson,  
Lois Wilson

**WELCOME DESK**

8:00 Ethel Roberts  
10:30

HOSPITALITY TEAM FOR

**MAY 8, 2016**

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT (8:00)**

Tom Ault

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT (10:30)**

Kathie Nelson

**GREETERS/USHERS (8:00)**

Kathy and Chet Dickow

**USHERS (10:30)**

Pam Herr, Dave Herr, Bruce  
Kappeler, Ken Abram

**GREETERS (10:30)**

Helen Beltoya, Angie Lange

**WELCOME DESK**

8:00 Harriett Wilson  
10:30

## **CUSH CELEBRATION DINNER**

Madrigrano Marina Shores - 302 58th Street

**May 26**

5:30 Social Hour and Silent Auction

6:00 Buffet Dinner

Featured Speaker - Rev. Everett Mitchell

**Pastor Tim will be receiving the  
Faithful Advocate Award**

Tickets - \$40



## **UMW BAKE SALE**

Madrigrano Marina Shores - 302 58th Street

**Sunday, May 15**



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1 8A EARLY WORSHIP 9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30A LATE WORSHIP 5P YOUTH GROUP</p>	<p>2 11A TAI CHI</p>	<p>3 HIGHLIGHTER DEADLINE @ 12P 5:15P RESOUNDING JOY REHEARSAL  7P CHURCH &amp; SOCIETY</p>	<p>4 SECOND 50</p>	<p>5  5:30P 5 FOR HYMN 6:15P BOND BELLS 7:15P CHANCEL CHOIR</p>	<p>6 6P YOUTH GROUP SUMMER MISSION TRIP MEETING</p>	<p>7 11A SATURDAY SISTERS 11:30A MEETING</p>
<p>8 8A EARLY WORSHIP 9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30A LATE WORSHIP 5P YOUTH GROUP</p>	<p>9 11A TAI CHI</p>	<p>10 HIGHLIGHTER DEADLINE @ 12P 5:15P RESOUNDING JOY REHEARSAL</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12  5:30P 5 FOR HYMN 6:15P BOND BELLS 7:15P CHANCEL CHOIR</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14  9A YOUTH GROUP SPRING PICNIC TO THE CHICAGO BO- TANICAL GARDENS</p>
<p>15 8A EARLY WORSHIP 9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30A LATE WORSHIP 5P YOUTH GROUP</p> 	<p>16 11A TAI CHI</p>	<p>17 HIGHLIGHTER DEADLINE @ 12P 5:15P RESOUNDING JOY REHEARSAL  7P TRUSTEES</p>	<p>18 SECOND 50  7P MISSION COMMITTEE</p>	<p>19  5:30P 5 FOR HYMN 6:15P BOND BELLS 7:15P CHANCEL CHOIR</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 8A EARLY WORSHIP 9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30A LATE WORSHIP 5P YOUTH GROUP</p>	<p>23 11A TAI CHI</p>	<p>24 HIGHLIGHTER DEADLINE @ 12P 5:15P RESOUNDING JOY REHEARSAL  7P TRUSTEES</p>	<p>25 SECOND 50</p>	<p>26  5:30P 5 FOR HYMN 6:15P BOND BELLS 7:15P CHANCEL CHOIR</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>

## HAVE SOMETHING FOR THE HIGHLIGHTER?

Submissions are due by noon Tuesdays. Write out an article or calendar item, or call the church office to speak with Shimon, or email him at [shimon@firstumckenosha.com](mailto:shimon@firstumckenosha.com)

## WHAT'S AT THE WELCOME DESK?

### DEVOTIONALS

Upper Room Daily Devotionals and Disciplines are available for purchase.

### EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE

Many varieties of regular, decaf, and flavored coffee, teas and hot cocoa are available. All proceeds benefit the Janecke mission in Bolivia.

### FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Bring your nonperishable food items and deposit them in the collection baskets. Remember the special **SECOND SUNDAY**

**COLLECTION** each month — place your food items on the table on the east wall. The food is donated to the Salvation Army food pantry.

### CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Please call the office with any corrections.

### CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

The logo and UPC code should be clipped and brought in for submission. Place in container on table by welcome desk.

### GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS

Place in container on table by welcome desk. Proceeds benefit Brass Elementary School.

### HIGHLIGHTER

In case you miss a Sunday, back issues of the Highlighter (Weekly News) are available.

### SPONSOR A SUNDAY BULLETIN

Would you like to honor someone or celebrate a special occasion? For just \$5.00 you can sponsor a bulletin. Pick up a form at the Welcome Desk.

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## WELCOME

Convinced that all people are created in the image of the loving God, and that “in Christ there is no longer Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for all are one...” First United Methodist Church of Kenosha believes that having “open hearts, open minds, open doors” means we are called to share God’s welcome with all people. We embrace diversity and believe every person is of sacred worth and a beloved child of God. We commit ourselves to the hospitality Jesus taught by creating a place of safety and spiritual sanctuary for all people. We welcome into full participation in the life of this church people of every race, ethnicity, age, ability, physical or mental condition, socioeconomic status, political affiliation, gender identity/transgender, sexual orientation (heterosexual, lesbian, gay, bisexual...), family structure or marital status. We invite all people into the way of Jesus Christ to grow together in Christian faith and go forth into the world to serve.



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