

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you this morning and pray you have a meaningful worship time with us. (CCLI 1765953)

### WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Ministers – The Congregation  
Pastor – Mark Chow

#### GATHERING FOR CELEBRATION

GATHERING MUSIC

Tony Merry

GREETING

Pastor Mark

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

PRELUDE "Happy the Home Where God Is There"

A. Jordan

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dana Swope

Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious. We have responded to Christ's call and seek to be built into a spiritual house, a living reminder of God's presence on earth. Once we were no people but now we are God's people, called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light. Therefore, we sing with the Church in all ages: Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer. By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

\*HYMN 545 "The Church's One Foundation"

\*OPENING PRAYER

**God our Father, we come to you as children. Be with us as we learn to see one another with new eyes, hear one another with new hearts, and treat one another in a new way. Amen.**

ANTHEM "If You Love Me" J. N. Beck

*Grace Chancel Choir*

*(As the children come forward and depart the sanctuary, the congregation may sing "Lord of the Dance" - 261 refrain)*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Janet Hill

*(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)*

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

EPISTLE LESSON I Peter 2:2-10

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:1-14

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### MESSAGE

Pastor Mark Chow

#### LIVING STONES

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

CALL TO PRAYER 172 "My Jesus, I Love Thee" [vs. 1, 2]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dana Swope

Made one by Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, let us pray for the church and the world. For the whole household of faith, in all the many rooms of your dwelling place, O God,

**that we may love, respect, and work with one another as you have loved us.**

With people of every ability and disability, insiders and outcasts, faithful and faithless,

**that your redeeming love may be known to and through all of us.**

In sickness and in health, in poverty or abundance, in oppression or in freedom, in giving birth and ending our days,

**be our deliverer. Heal, supply, defend, and receive us.**

With all our mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers in Christ, especially in this congregation,

**that we may continue to do all in our power to increase each other's faith, confirm our hope in you, and become perfected in love.**

Through Jesus Christ, who unites us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Amen.**

RESPONSE "My Jesus, I Love Thee" [vs. 3]

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" E. Krouse

\*DOXOLOGY 94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

#### GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

\*CLOSING HYMN 370 "Victory In Jesus"

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION 672 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" [vs. 1]

POSTLUDE "Toccata" J. deSeixas

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY** are given by Jim & Pat Burkhart in memory of their parents and Roger & Betty Mahaffey.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 20 Worship – 25, 77

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

May 14 John Marks, Kaley Meddings  
 May 15 Ken Diosi  
 May 16 Hayden Mealey  
 May 17 Corey Miller  
 May 19 Don Gerbig

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

Sunday, May 14  
 Monday, May 15 6:30 p.m. Grief Share – Parlor  
 7:15 p.m. Nancy Hagan Circle – Fellowship Hall  
*GRAPEVINE Deadline*  
 Tuesday, May 16 7:00 p.m. Foothills District Conference – Christ UMC,  
 Marietta  
 Wednesday, May 17 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir  
 Thursday, May 18  
 Friday, May 19 6:30 a.m. Bible Study – Parlor  
 Saturday, May 20 7:00 p.m. Huntley Brown Concert – Market St. Baptist  
 Sunday, May 21 8:15 a.m. Early Service – Fellowship Hall  
 9:00-10:15 Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall  
 9:15-10:15 Sunday School – all ages  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church**

GRACE WILL Gather to worship God – Grow spiritually – Go serve and make disciples

**Tuesday, May 16** – 7:00 p.m. — Foothills District Spring Conference will be held at Christ UMC,  
 Wooster & Third Sts., Marietta

**Next Saturday** – May 20 – Pianist Huntley Brown will be in concert at Market St. Baptist  
 Church – 140 N. Sixth St. - at 7:00 p.m. [Huntley was at Grace a few years ago]

**NEXT Sunday** - May 21 — Operation Feed Pancake Breakfast — 10:00 a.m.-2:00 — at Christ's  
 Table [28 S. 6th St.] – \$5 each [pancakes – meats – beverages]

Sunday – May 28 – Memorial Day Weekend  
 Sunday – June 4 – Two By Two will lead us in worship

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**Festival of the Christian Home / Mother's Day**

Today is the fifth Sunday in the Season of Eastertide. Today we celebrate the gift of Christian homes, honor the blessing of all mothers, and affirm the Christian family. As Jesus' followers, we are set apart to live holy lives.

8:15 a.m. Worship Celebration

*Cassie Burris – Liturgist*

*Thank you to Marcie Butterfield and our Praise Team for leading the music..*

**Gathering for Celebration****Celebration Through Praise****Celebration Through God's Word**

Scripture – I Peter 2:2-10 / John 14:1-14

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message – *Living Stones* — Pastor Mark Chow

**Celebration Through Our Gifts**

Prayers of the People

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

**Going Forth to Celebrate**

Sending Music

**NEXT Sunday**, May 21 – Graduation Recognition