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### HELPFUL TO KNOW

If you'd like to join us for Sunday worship live, please go to our facebook page or Youtube and connect with the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPZsQ5nMwmFfhUGn8zJ3sQ/>  
videos

Please feel free to place any questions you may have by replying in the comments section (Youtube), or contact the church office by phone or email and request to be added to our email list.

### PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. You can share a prayer request online in the comments section (Youtube) and by contacting the church by email or phone.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling  
Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072  
or  
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 10th, 2020**

**10:00 A.M.**

Please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

**PRELUDE** **Alex Sandor**  
**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** *Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)* **#701**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** **(Adapted from Psalm 41)**

One: Happy are we when we consider the poor.

**All: The Lord will deliver us in our times of trouble.**

One: The Lord protects us and keeps us alive.

**All: God, you do not give us up to the will of our enemies.**

One: By this, O God, we know that you are pleased with us:

**All: Because our enemies have not triumphed over us.**

**HYMN** *For All the Faithful Women* **#324**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray.

**All: God of all outcomes, we confess that following after you is difficult. We confess that sometimes we are scared by what could happen in and to our lives from following your Son. We confess that when following after you doesn't end up with positive results, sometimes we doubt you and your love for us. We confess that sometimes not following after you is just easier. Forgive us for being afraid. Forgive us for when we try choosing the easy way. Forgive us for when we do not believe in your love for us. Remind us of your constant presence with us. Remind us of your unfailing love even when things don't go our way, even when things go poorly. As we stay home, have your Holy Spirit encourage us to follow after you. Heal us, transform us, make yourself known through us. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Family, though we turn away from God and our sins are many, God loves us. God has compassion on us even in our weakness. Witness and believe the good news of the Gospel: because of Christ's birth, life, death, and especially his resurrection...

**All: We are all forgiven. Amen.**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those in the comments section with the words, **"The peace of Christ be with you."** Please also say "Hello" to one another.

**TIME WITH CHILDREN** **Christy Willmore**  
**SCRIPTURE READINGS** **Alicia Willoughby**

*Old Testament Reading* *Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16*

**SERMON** **"Following God: Rough Results"**  
**Rev. Brett M. Foote**

*New Testament Reading* *Acts 7:51-60*

**HYMN** *How Firm a Foundation* **#463**

**OFFERING**

**Moment for Mission** **Dean Hecht**  
**Offertory** **Alex Sandor**

**RESPONSE**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures, here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: God who holds all our lives and decisions, we offer all our gifts to you, our lives, our passions and so much more. Bless these tithes and offerings. Bless our mission and vision as the church, as we reach out with our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be generous neighbors. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that the Twin Ports may know that they are loved by us and by God. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.**

## TIME FOR PRAYER

**Prayers to be Shared** Please email the church with your prayer requests or share them in the comments section. (Youtube)

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**      *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*      **#182**

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;

do not let me ever be put to shame;

in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me;

rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,

a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;

for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

take me out of the net that is hidden for me,

for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

My times are in your hand;

deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant;

save me in your steadfast love.

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 7:51-60

'You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are for ever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it.'

When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

### DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

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<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

# Lord, Prepare Me 701

## Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and  
 ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,  
 I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

# 324 For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)  
 E<sup>b</sup> Cm7 A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in  
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -  
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with  
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the  
 days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to  
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay  
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to  
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her  
 all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and  
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her  
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er  
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and  
 glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their  
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to  
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her  
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful  
 lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.  
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.  
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.  
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

# 463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
 3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fiery trials thy path-way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

# 182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.