

*This is my commandment,
that you*

Love

*one another
as I have loved you.*

John 15:12 NRSV

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Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church Service

May 5, 2024

Communion

Words of Welcome & Life of the Church

Prelude:

Call to Worship:

Call: We come into the presence of the Holy God,

Response: Who may not be grasped,

Call: But may be gazed upon;

Response: Who is not easily understood,

Call: But is full of understanding;

Response: Who does not come at our beck and call,

Call: But who is always near.

Response: We gather as God's children

Call: In confident assurance that God is here.

Opening Prayer

*Song of Praise (please stand): *"In Christ Alone"*

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Song of Praise: *"We Want to See Jesus Lifted High"*

We want to see Jesus lifted high
A banner that flies across this land
That all men might see the truth and know
He is the way to heaven

We want to see we want to see
We want to see Jesus lifted high
We want to see we want to see
We want to see Jesus lifted high

Step by step we're moving forward
Little by little taking ground
Ev'ry prayer a powerful weapon
Strongholds come tumbling down
And down and down and down

We're gonna see we're gonna see
We're gonna see Jesus lifted high

Scripture Lesson: Acts 10:44-48

Hymn of Preparation (please stand): *"Spirit of Faith, Come Down"* (UMH 332)

1. Spirit of faith, come down,
reveal the things of God,
and make to us the Godhead known,
and witness with the blood.
'Tis thine the blood to apply
and give us eyes to see,
who did for every sinner die
hath surely died for me.

2. No one can truly say
that Jesus is the Lord,
unless thou take the veil away
and breathe the living Word.
Then, only then, we feel
our interest in his blood,
and cry with joy unspeakable,
"Thou art my Lord, my God!"

3. O that the world might know
the all atoning Lamb!
Spirit of faith, descend and show
the virtue of his name;
the grace which all may find,
the saving power, impart,
and testify to humankind,
and speak in every heart.

4. Inspire the living faith
(which whosoe'er receive,
the witness in themselves they have
and consciously believe),
the faith that conquers all,
and doth the mountain move,
and saves whoe'er on Jesus call,
and perfects them in love.

Sermon

Worship God with Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem: "Invitation to Communion"

Doxology (UMH 94)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluiah, Alleluiah
Praise God the source of all our gifts;
Praise Jesus Christ whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluiah, Alleluiah, Alleluiah

Receiving Holy Communion

Call to Confession:

Confession:

**O God, you are bigger than the world, bigger than our fears, bigger even than our folly.
We are grateful for the immensity of your love, even when it sometimes scares us.
When the immensity of your love frightens us, we long to return to you in hope.
When we want to make you smaller— small enough that we can hold you— help us see
beyond our narrow vision.**

Remind us again, O God, that you will always find and hold us, for your heart is big enough to hold the whole world, including us.

Teach us once more that we will always grow when we love others as we love you. Amen.*

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, Always and everywhere to give thanks to you....

....And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ....

....And so, In remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving As a holy and living sacrifice, In union with Christ's offering for us, As we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, And on these gifts of bread and wine....

....All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
Now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery

In which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world

In the strength of your Spirit,

To give ourselves for others,

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

All: Amen.

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

***Closing Hymn** (please stand): *“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”* (UMH 57)

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| 1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace! | his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me. |
| 2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name. | 5. He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe. |
| 3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace. | 6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy. |
| 4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free; | 7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven. |

Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*



LEADING WORSHIP – Our Pastor, Kregg Gabor

HELPING IN WORSHIP

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| Acolyte | Juno Moreno |
| Liturgist | Sandy Pullinger |
| Head Usher | Will Cass |
| Ushers | Cheryl Cass, Lynne Deverman, Linda McCluskey, Joseph Norman |

Welcome to Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church. We are delighted to have you worship with us today!

We want to be your family of faith. We hope that you feel at home in our church family, and we encourage those interested in membership to speak with one of the ushers or contact us at 845-452-2933 or by email at office@pokumc.org.

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Our members: Barbara Bates, Gladys Bierce, Janet Cole, Cheryl Cass, Will Cass, Ron Cole, Dylan Coughlin, Sandra DeGuzman, Irene Feller, Veronica Gordan, Emily Griess, Betsy Grover, Tom Halloran, Sandra Hansen, Gwen Higgins, Pat Hughes, Fred Jackson, Dick James, Donna Jonnigan, Danny Jones, Duane Lueng, Betty Longobardi, Julia Miller, Kathleen Nicodemus, Michelle Olavarria, Ray Polivka, Karla Quinlan, Arnette Schmidt, Diana Silverman, Michelle Simonis, Jeff Tryon, Catherine White, Sarah-Grace White, Marilyn Zier.

Friends of our church in your prayers: Georgia Kustas-Beurket, Cris and John Burke, Jordan Fidler, Bryan Foy, Debra Greiner, Edgar Martinez, Adonis Marzan, Hilary McAllister, Joe Pollen, Jean Slater, Wayne Surico, Robert Thompson-Gee, Ronald Tomaso, Jackie Triguero, Raymond White, Clifford Zier. The people in Ukraine.

Members of the military, active and/or retired, in your prayers: Michael Clear, Staff Sergeant in the Army,; Joshua Lord, 1-69 Infantry Medical Platoon Sergeant, NYC; Randal Middleton, Naples, Italy Naval Base, Major Jason Oliver, Texas.

Announcements



PUMC's **Vacation Bible School** will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 8, 9 and 10, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. The theme is SCUBA, where we'll take participants deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Along with the children's program, there will be concurrent Youth Ministries and Adult Discipleship opportunities. A powerful week for the whole family on their journey of faith! Only \$30 for the entire family. Save your spot by registering! Forms are available in Narthex, or signup online at www.pokumc.org/vbs or use this QR code (point your smart phone camera at the QR code, then touch the link in the orange box).

SAVE THE DATE!!! We are planning another trip to Lancaster, PA to see Daniel at the Sight and Sound Theatre. The trip is planned for October 25 and 26. More to follow!



Our May Fellowship Discovery Luncheon will be on Tuesday, May 14 @ 12PM. Please let us know (by Thursday, May 9) if you plan to attend by scanning the QR code or as always you can contact the office. May's speaker will be Will Tatum, who is the Dutchess County Historian. Let's make this one the most popular yet.

June 2nd is Children's Sunday! Make sure you are in church on June 2nd to support our Sunday School kids as they lead the worship service. Please note that there will be a mandatory rehearsal on Saturday June 1st @ 1pm.

We are pleased to announce that the construction of the ADA compliant handicap restroom has been completed and that the restroom is available for use. The restroom also includes a pull-down, diaper changing table. The Trustees welcome your comments regarding this new accommodation for the PUMC congregation.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, May 12th – Mother’s Day

Wednesday, May 15th – June Journey Deadline

Tuesday, May 14th – Fellowship Discovery Luncheon @ 12pm

Sunday, May 19th – Pentecost – Wear Red!

Sunday, May 26th – Graduate Recognition Sunday

Soaking Prayer @ 8am

Sunday, May 27th – Memorial Day

Sunday, June 2nd – Children’s Sunday



Graduate Recognition Sunday will be on June 23rd. Please fill out and return the form below by June 10th if you would like to recognize a high school, college, or trade school graduate.

Graduate Recognition Information

(Please print clearly so we can accurately recognize the graduate)

Name: _____

High School, College, or Trade School attended and any degrees or certificates achieved

If High School, college and major or job planned

If College or Trade School, future plans, employment, higher education

Family to be mentioned (identify parents, grandparents, etc. you would like mentioned)

Opportunities for You This Week

SUNDAY, May 5, 2024

Communion

8:00 am Contemplative Prayer
8:45 Coffee with Jesus
10:00 Worship Service
Sunday School
11:15 Fellowship
Halo Bells
2:00 pm Parkside AA
6:00 Youth Group

MONDAY, May 6, 2024

9:00 am Monday Study Group
10:00 Exercise
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous

TUESDAY, May 7, 2024

10:30 Pastor's Bible Study
1:00 pm Arts & Crafts Group
5:30 PP Alcoholics Anonymous
6:30 Current Events & WWJD

WEDNESDAY, May 8, 2023

7:30 am Morning Prayers
7:00 pm Church Council

THURSDAY, May 9, 2024

5:30 PP Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 Choir

FRIDAY, May 10, 2024

10:00 am Exercise

SATURDAY, May 11, 2024

8:30 am Gambler's Anonymous
10:30 Love INC Class
2:00 pm Flower Pick-Up

SUNDAY, May 12, 2024

Mother's Day

8:00 am Contemplative Prayer
8:45 Coffee with Jesus
10:00 Worship Service
Sunday School
11:15 Fellowship
Halo Bells
2:00 pm Parkside AA
6:00 Youth Group

In Christ Alone

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Spirit of Faith, Come Down (UMH 332)

LYRICS: Charles Wesley

MUSIC: Sacred Mason

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (UMH 57)

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MUSIC: Carl G. Glaser