

* Hymn 826 *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

* Confession of Sin Dr. Randy Kirby
**O Lord, you taught us to love you and our neighbor,
but we have not lived in right relationship
or walked in the light of your love.
We know that the wages of sin is death,
yet we trust in your gift of forgiveness.
Forgive us for the wrongs we have done;
and restore in us freedom and new life in Christ.**

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Response 581 GLORIA PATRI
Glory Be to the Father

Children’s Message Tricia Johnson

Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30

Scripture: Romans 1:1-17

Sermon Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

* Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended
into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Announcements & Celebrations

AV Team Recognition

Offering

Offertory *I Believe in God the Father* GENEVAN

* Hymn 498 BEACH SPRING
*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken
Verses 1 & 2*

Sacrament of Holy Communion
Invitation to the Lord’s Table
Great Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.
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.

Communion of the People
“The body of Christ, given for you.”
“The blood of Christ, shed for you.”

Music during Communion John B. Foley
#530 One Bread, One Body
You are invited to sing as Communion is served.

* Prayer after Communion

* Hymn 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!* ASSURANCE

* Benediction

* Benediction Response *God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again*

Postlude *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*
arr. Hal Hopson

*Those who are able are invited to stand.
Bold indicates words spoken in unison.

**The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God,
and in honor of all those who choose to teach and
love their students, by Kathy Sanborn**

Joys and Concerns:

Denise Fink, John Smith, John Reeves (Angela Galloway’s father), Ramona Anguiano (Antonio Anguiano’s mother), Helen Kichefski, Mary Greene, Neil Madsen (Richard Miller’s brother-in-law)

Joyce Durkee on the marriage of her granddaughter, Colleen Nicole Durkee, to Daniel Lee

Continuing Concerns:

Loretta Burton (Scott Burton’s mother), Roarke Burton, Vonnie Jordan (Mike Jordan’s mother), Rocky Mead (Chris & James Mead’s father), Marie Melenric (Maria Bassett’s mother), Tom Overcash, Sharon Whittington

Church Life

Welcome! – This morning we welcome Tina Brown as our guest organist. Thank you, Tina, for leading us in worship.

AV Recognition Sunday – Today, we want to recognize and thank our A/V Team, our “unsung heroes,” who work behind the scenes to make it possible for you to hear our services in the Sanctuary and Lewis Hall and to watch our services in the comfort of your home. They have helped us navigate the challenging times as well as the normal times. Someone from this team is here for EVERY single service! This is their ministry to our church, so when you see these people, please take time to give them a big THANK YOU! Jan Kichefski, Nancy Eason, Bill Lee, Robert Coleman, Grayson Smith, David Beaver, Mike and Gail Drinkard, and Mark Grover.

May Concert TODAY! Join us at 3:00 at First Methodist for a combined choir performance of the “Gloria” by Antonio Vivaldi and “Missa Festiva” by John Leavitt, accompanied by a live orchestra.

New Ministry Organization Plan Follow-Up – If you have any questions on the New Ministry Organization Plan, join us on May 14, at 9:45, in Everyman’s Classroom. Pastor Lara will answer your questions.

Church Elder Nominations – It’s time to begin thinking about our future leaders in the church. Please prayerfully consider nominating someone for Elder. Call the church, complete the form in your May newsletter, or go on our website. Nominations are due by May 31.

