

Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ



Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 29, 2022
9:30 a.m.

Key:

Bold Font – Spoken by the Congregation

Regular Font – Spoken by the Pastor or Worship Assistant

† – Please stand as you are able, in body or spirit.

*Please Note: In an effort to protect those who are vulnerable, **masking is strongly recommended**. In addition, the first four rows of pews on the left side of the sanctuary are reserved as a “masking only” section (for those who wish to be in close proximity only with others who are masking).*

Seventh Sunday of Easter

It is possible to hear in Jesus’ high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ’s forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude and Welcome

Scripture teaches us that lament is a faithful response in the face of tragedy. God invites our prayers, and the Holy Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words (Romans 8)

† **Lamenting Gun Violence**

We begin our worship with a moment of silence and prayer in the wake of devastating news.

Silence is kept.

God, giver of life, you intend for humans to live together in peace. In this time of grief over gun violence, we pray for your presence among us. That, trusting in your mighty and gentle healing, we may live in hope, we pray: **make us instruments of your peace.**

God of resurrection, we remember before you those who have died—community members shopping for groceries in Buffalo, New York and children and teachers at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.

We commend them to your eternal love. Grant healing and wholeness to the survivors who are wounded or traumatized, and restore all whose spirits are maimed by such violence. That we may serve as your arms of care to those in distress, we pray: **make us instruments of your peace.**

God of righteousness, you have laid on our elected leaders the responsibility to protect our land. Strengthen their devotion to our common life, and guide legislators to enact policies that address our plague of gun violence. That our government may support our search for domestic harmony, we pray: **make us instruments of your peace.**

God of compassion, we give you thanks for first responders, for police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and all who offer compassionate aid in situations of tragedy. Keep them safe from harm, and give them courage and sound judgment as they act. That we may join in support of those who risk their lives for others, we pray: **make us instruments of your peace.**

God of forgiveness, we ask your mercy on the young men who fired their weapons and inflicted irreparable harm. With your grace, transform those who from malice or illness inflict violence on others. Console their families. Believing in your power to make all things new, we pray: **make us instruments of your peace.**

God of the promise in word and sacrament, we pray for the church. Give us a voice—your voice—to plead for a society marked by justice and sustained by cooperation among diverse peoples. Train us to resist the lure of brute force. That by your Spirit we may become words and signs of your mercy, we pray: **make us instruments of your peace.**

God of true might and redemptive mercy, receive our prayers, and grant us to become your instruments of peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers



If we just talk _____ of thoughts and prayers _____
 If we just dream _____ of what could be _____
 If we just sing _____ of do - ing good _____
 God, may our prayers _____ and dreams and songs _____



— And don't live out _____ a faith that dares, _____
 — And do not build _____ com - mun - i - ty, _____
 — And don't walk through _____ our neigh - bor - hood _____
 — Lead to a faith _____ that takes on _____ wrongs -



— And don't take on _____ the ways of _____ death, _____
 — And do not seek _____ to change our _____ ways, _____
 — To learn its hope, _____ to ease its _____ pain, _____
 - That works for peace _____ and just - ice, too, _____



— Our thoughts and prayers _____ are fleet - ing breath. _____
 — Our dreams of change _____ are false dis - plays. _____
 — Our talk of good _____ is simp - ly _____ vain. _____
 — Then will our prayers _____ bring joy to _____ you. _____

Biblical References: Isaiah 58; Matthew 7:21, 24-27; 1 Corinthians 13:1; James 2:14-26; 1 John 3:18-24

Tune: Traditional English melody

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The presiding minister greets the assembly with the words used

† Greeting

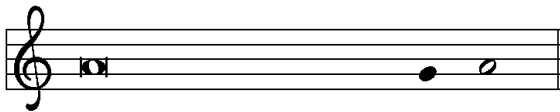
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

by Paul in 2nd Corinthians to greet churches. The assembly also greets the presiding minister in return. It is a moment of mutuality that signifies trust, love, mutual service, and a shared hope in God.

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."

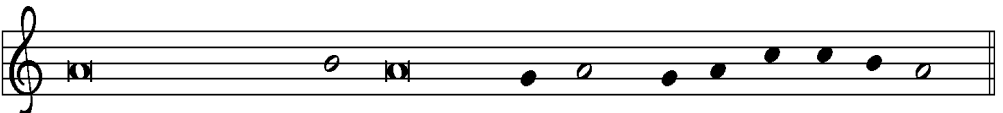
† Kyrie



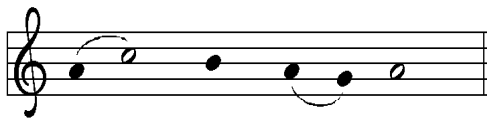
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



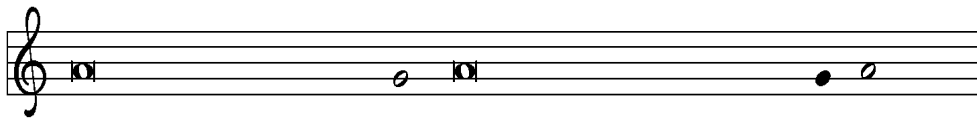
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



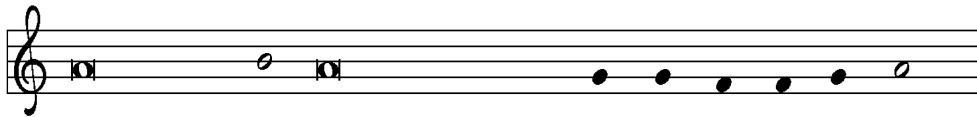
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Along with the return of the Alleluia, the Hymn of Praise returns on Easter Sunday to signify the joy of the resurrection.

† Hymn of Praise (First line sung by leader, all join in at "Worthy...")

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Prayer of the Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.

† Prayer of the Day

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

To put this reading into context:

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

Hear now the reading:

¹²"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

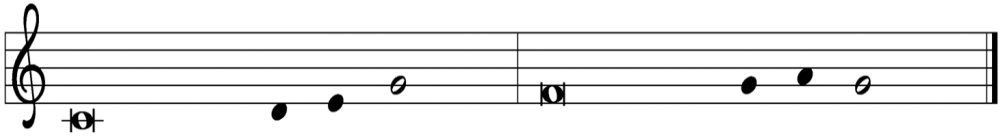
²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Chanting the psalms is an ancient practice.

Psalm 97:1-2, 9-12



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¹The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.
²Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God's throne.
⁹For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth;
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.
¹⁰You who love the | LORD, hate evil!
God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the
hand | of the wicked.
¹¹Light dawns | for the righteous,
and joy for the hon- | est of heart.
¹²Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's | holy name.

We welcome the gospel by singing the Gospel Acclamation.

† Gospel Acclamation: Halle Halle Hallelujah ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

The Gospel reading is announced. We rise to our feet, if able, as a sign of respect and anticipation for the Gospel that reveals Jesus Christ to us.

† Gospel Reading: John 17:20-26

To put this reading into context:

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Children aged Pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to leave the service and attend the first part of Sunday School instruction (2nd part to resume in classes after worship.)

Sermon: Scott Wylie, Candidate for the TEEM (Theological Education For Emerging Ministries) Process through the ELCA

Silence for Reflection

The Hymn of the Day invites the Assembly's participation in the sermon event—it is a response to the proclaimed Word of God.

† Hymn of the Day: Beautiful Savior ELW 838

1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our participation.

† Prayers of Intercession

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.


Holy God, make your people one as you and your Son are one. Extend the gifts we have been given by your Spirit to all people, especially those experiencing division or questioning your love. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make worthy the work of scientists, researchers, and conservationists. Bring innovation and well-being to creation through their discoveries. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

On this Memorial Day weekend, keep in our minds those who have died in war, both military and civilians, especially those in Ukraine. May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, your own mother looked on when your life ended in violence. Our hearts are pierced with grief and anger at the deaths of civilians and school children in these recent mass shootings. We commend the slain to your wounded hands, and their loved ones to your merciful heart, trusting the promise that your love is stronger than death. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry especially Jae, Jeff, and Oakley; Andrew; Willie; Char; Jen; Jerry and Marie; Tony; Jeanette; Rich; . . . and those whom we lift up in our hearts silently or aloud. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

	<p>We also ask special blessings on Julia as she graduates from college next week. We thank you for the gift of music that you have placed in her heart and her generosity in sharing that gift with this faith community every week. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.</p> <p>Unite us with the saints who have died and been raised in Jesus. Train us to wait with eager longing for Christ to come again, even as we sense his presence with us now. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.</p> <p>In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.</p>
<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one another and share it together.</i></p>	<p>† Passing of the Peace</p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always, And also with you.</p> <p><i>The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.</i></p>
<p><i>God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Meal</u> <i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p>Offering</p> <p>God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, and your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil continue making an impact by giving at www.goodsoillutheran.org/support or by using this QR code below.</p> <p><i>Aim your phone camera at the QR code, but don't take a picture. A link will appear to click on that will take you to Good Soil's support page.</i></p> 

The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.

† Offering Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen ELW 377 vs 1 & 2

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

- 2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
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† Offering Prayer

Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

† Great Thanksgiving

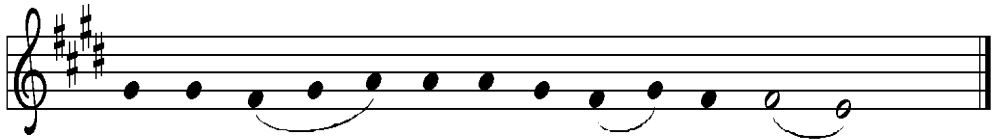
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

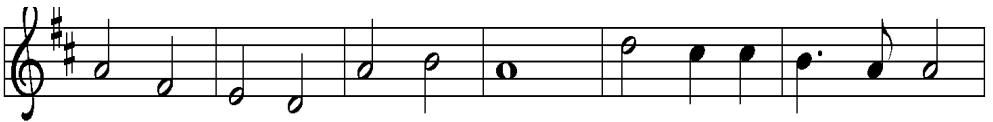


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

† Sanctus

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

† Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.

† Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 and
ever. Amen.**

† Invitation to the Table

The risen Christ dwells with us here.

All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Standing is considered "the posture of resurrection."

† Communion

Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil. Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding up front. You are invited to stand at

the altar rail. Gluten-free communion is available upon request. The wine is white and grape juice is red.

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn: Glorious Day

1 One day when Heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He
Word became flesh and the light shined among us
His glory revealed. *Refrain*

Refrain

Living, He loved me
Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

2 One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me. *Refrain*

3 One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose, over death He had conquered
Now is ascended, my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him
From rising again. *Refrain*

	<p>4 One day the trumpet will sound for His coming One day the skies with His glories will shine Wonderful day, my Beloved One bringing My Savior Jesus is mine Glorious day Oh glorious day.</p> <p>Source: LyricFind Songwriters: Mark Hall / Michael Bleecker Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me) lyrics © Capitol CMG Publishing, Essential Music Publishing, Mike Curb Music, Warner Chappell Music, Inc</p>
	<p>† Post-Communion Table Blessing</p> <p>May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.</p>
	<p>† Prayer after Communion</p> <p>We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.</p>
	<p>Blessing of the Graduate, Julia Alexander</p> <p><i>Julia will be graduating with her Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance from Oberlin Conservatory of Music on June 5, 2022.</i></p>

The Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's body in the world.

† Blessing

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

† Sending Hymn: **Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing** **ELW 389 vs 1, 3, & 5**

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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The dismissal sends us out into the world as Christ's

† Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

<i>Body—fed, nourished, and ready to serve. Worship has ended, and our service begins!</i>	Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Thanks be to God.
	Postlude

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“If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers” composed by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette in the wake of Parkland School shooting, 2018. Permission is given for free use of this hymn at local churches.

Today’s Worship Servants:

Preaching: Scott Wylie	Reader: JoAnne Wancata
Ushers: Barbara Demko-Werner Sharon Hollowell	Counters: Larry Jacobson Barbara Munch
Online Usher: Kim Wylie	Acolyte: George Young



Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, May 29, 2022

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Jae, Jeff, and Oakley; Andrew Evatt; Willie Lee, Char Mattson; Jen Mitterholzer; family of Ann Norman; Rich Petrusky; Jerry and Marie Sternad; Tony Sykaluk; Jeanette Weidlich

For those celebrating their birthday:

Linda Beebe (May 29), Mandy Forshey (May 29)

For those celebrating their wedding anniversary:

Alex and Abby Alusheff (May 29), Tony and Anna Sykaluk (May 29), Trey and Pastor Marissa (June 4)

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism:

Isaac Krankowski (May 29), Loxi Verdova (June 1)

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the glory of God by Stan and Joan Zeager to celebrate Mandy's birthday.

Our marvelous Music and Worship Coordinator, Julia Alexander, will be receiving a Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance degree from Oberlin Conservatory of Music on June 5. Today we celebrate this major milestone in her life and ask God's blessings for her during worship. In addition, Julia has accepted a position in Oberlin at the campus art museum as a curatorial assistant, which means that we will be blessed to have her with us for another year.

Good Soil is hosting a Spirit-filled brunch potluck on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. A ham and hot drinks will be provided and we are asking for egg bakes, fruit, and coffee cakes to share. The sign-up sheet is on the large bulletin board outside the Lounge. Please join your siblings in Christ to celebrate the bestowing of the Holy Spirit on the church and share some stories of the Spirit at work in our lives too!

LAST DAY: Roof Fundraising Campaign "Building Joy!" – TODAY is the final day to submit a pledge or contribution to help ensure Good Soil can continue to provide a place for Christ's joy to grow and thrive for years to come. The congregation is invited to join in alongside funds from Sylvia Rosenbush's trust to raise a total of \$10,000 toward this project cost. With unanimous gifts from council paired with congregational giving so far, we have raised \$6,150 toward this project. Thanks be to God!

See chart of remaining needed gifts below. The top QR code will take you to the intent response form and the bottom QR code will take you to Good Soil's online giving page. Intent responses due by the end of May, funds due by 8/15.



Intent Response Form



Online Giving Page

**Building Joy
Roof Replacement Project
Gifting/Pledged Summary as of May 26, 2022**

Pledges / Gifts Already Received

<u>Gift Levels</u>	<u>Pledged-Receive</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
\$600.00	1	\$600.00
\$500.00	6	\$3,000.00
\$400.00	2	\$800.00
\$300.00	4	\$1,200.00
\$200.00	2	\$400.00
\$100.00	6	\$600.00
\$50.00	3	\$150.00
Total	24	\$6,750.00

Remaining Needed Gifts*

<u>Needed Gifts</u>	<u>Gift Levels</u>	<u>Total of Gift Amounts</u>
1	\$600.00	\$600.00
2	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
1	\$400.00	\$400.00
1	\$200.00	\$200.00
7	\$100.00	\$700.00
7	\$50.00	\$350.00
Total	19	\$3,250.00

*Please note these are suggested pledged amounts which may be adjusted over the campaign. Any and all contributions are welcome. Pledges are due by the end of May, contributions due in full by August 15, 2022.