

Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 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).*

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. In Revelation John has a vision of what will be. In the gospel Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

Gathering

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

Prelude and Welcome

*In
Thanksgiving
for Baptism,
we recall
how God has
joined us to
Christ
through
baptism and
clothes us
with mercy
and
forgiveness.*

† **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,

*The
thanksgiving
praises God
for all of
God's saving
actions
through
water and
the word,
praying and
trusting that
this assembly
will be
renewed by
the Holy
Spirit in
forgiveness,
grace, and
love.*

through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: My Life Flows On in Endless Song
ELW 763 vs 1 & 2**

1 My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

- 2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

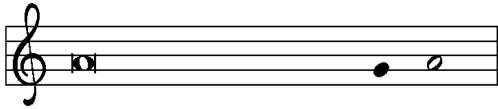
The presiding minister greets the assembly with the words used by Paul in 2nd Corinthians to greet churches. The assembly also greets the presiding minister in return. It is a moment of mutuality that signifies trust, love, mutual service, and a shared hope in God.

† 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.

Kyrie Eleison
means "Lord
have mercy."

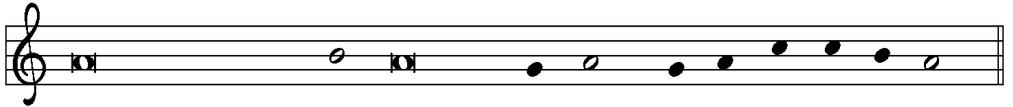
† Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



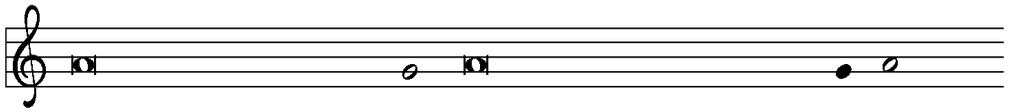
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



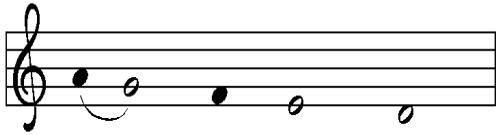
Lord, have mer - cy.



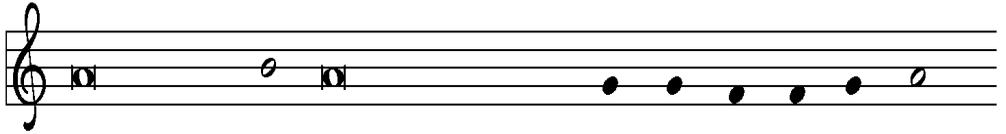
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



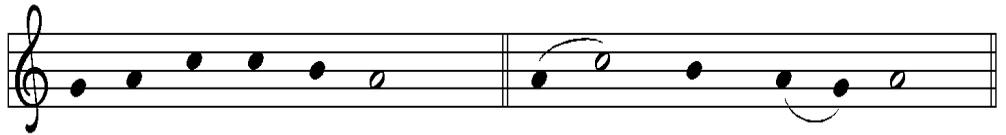
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



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

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 21:10, 22:1-5

To put this reading into context:

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence

replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

Hear now the reading:

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

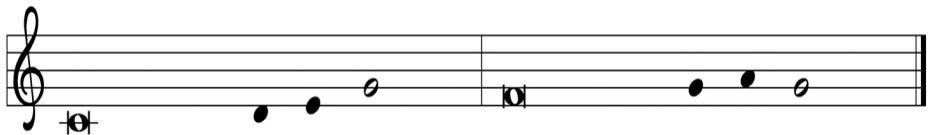
²² ¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Chanting the psalms is an ancient practice.

Psalm 67



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¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known | upon earth,**
your saving health a- | mong all nations.

³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions
on earth.

⁵Let the peoples | praise you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.

⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

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

† Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

To put this reading into context:

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

<p><i>reveals Jesus Christ to us.</i></p>	<p>The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.</p> <p>²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.</p> <p>²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”</p> <p>The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.</p>
	<p>Children’s Sermon</p> <p><i>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.)</i></p>
	<p>Sermon: Pastor Marissa Harrison</p> <p><i>Silence for Reflection</i></p>
<p><i>The Hymn of the Day invites the Assembly’s participation</i></p>	<p>† Hymn of the Day: Beloved, God’s Chosen ELW 648</p> <p>1 Beloved, God's chosen, put on as a garment compassion, forgiveness, and goodness of heart.</p>

<p><i>in the sermon event—it is a response to the proclaimed Word of God.</i></p>	<p>Above all, before all, let love be your raiment that binds into one every dissonant part.</p> <p>2 Within, call forth Wisdom, to dwell in you richly; let peace rule your hearts, and that peace be of Christ. And from the heart's chamber, beloved and holy, let singing thanksgiving to God ever rise.</p> <p>3 Beloved, God's chosen, put on as a garment compassion, forgiveness, and goodness of heart. Above all, before all, let love be your raiment that binds into one ev'ry dissonant part.</p> <p>Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953 Text © 1994 Susan Palo Cherwien, admin. Augsburg Fortress.</p>
<p><i>As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our participation.</i></p>	<p>† Prayers of Intercession</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>A brief silence.</i></p> <p>God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide church leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.</p> <p>Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for those who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.</p>

	<p>Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.</p> <p>Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace especially Jae, Jeff, and Oakley; Andrew; Willie; Char; Jen; Jerry and Marie; Tony; Jeanette; Rich; the family of Ann Norman . . . and those whom we lift up in our hearts silently or aloud. Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.</p> <p>Uphold the work of ministries and organizations who assist those who are marginalized and oppressed. We also pray for all those affected by the massacre in Buffalo. Put an end to racism and help us see your image reflected in all members of the human family. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.</p> <p>Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died when we meet together at your river of life. 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>

The Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.

Offering

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.

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.



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.

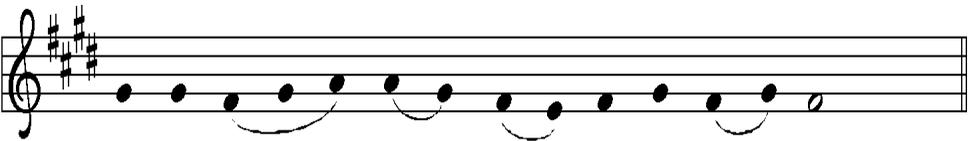
† Great Thanksgiving



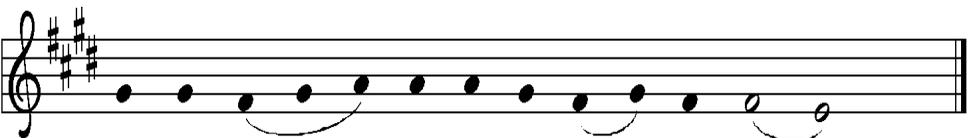
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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:



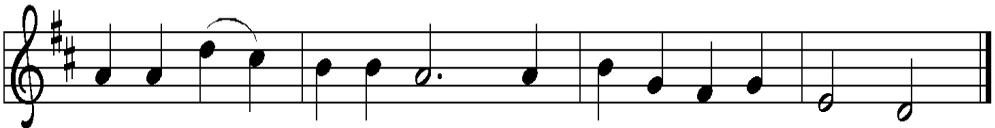
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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;

	<p>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.</p>
	<p>† Invitation to the Table</p> <p>The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.</p>
<p><i>Standing is considered “the posture of resurrection.”</i></p>	<p>† Communion</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.</p> <p>The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.</p>
	<p>Communion Hymn: O Blessed Spring ELW 447</p> <p>1 O blessed spring, where word and sign embrace us into Christ the Vine: here Christ enjoins each one to be a branch of this life-giving Tree.</p> <p>2 Through summer heat of youthful years, uncertain faith, rebellious tears, sustained by Christ's infusing rain, the boughs will shout for joy again.</p>

- 3 When autumn cools and youth is cold,
when limbs their heavy harvest hold,
then through us, warm, the Christ will move
with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.
- 4 As winter comes, as winters must,
we breathe our last, return to dust;
still held in Christ, our souls take wing
and trust the promise of the spring.
- 5 Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,
be praised for this blest mystery:
that word and water thus revive
and join us to your Tree of Life.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

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† Post-Communion Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in his grace.

Amen.

† Prayer after Communion

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.

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: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ELW 815

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
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<p><i>The dismissal sends us out into the world as Christ's Body—fed, nourished, and ready to serve. Worship has ended, and our service begins!</i></p>	<p>† Dismissal</p> <p>Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!</p> <p>Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Thanks be to God.</p>
	<p>Postlude</p>

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Today's Worship Servants:

Presiding: Pastor Marissa Harrison	Reader: Isaac Krankowski
Ushers: Bill and Darlene Wahl	Counters: Joe Lanter Stan Zeager
Online Usher: Dave Blocksom	Acolyte: TJ Lanter



Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, May 22, 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:

Barbara Demko-Werner (May 24), Robin LaGorin (May 24)

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the glory of God by Sharon Hollowell to celebrate Barbara Demko-Werner's birthday.

This is the last week of Sunday School until the Sunday after Labor Day! It was a faith-filled year of learning for the kids and we thank our teachers for sharing their time and talents! Pray for the safety of our kids and that they have a fun-filled time over the summer so they can return eager to learn more about God and faith.

Good Soil is hosting a Spirit-filled 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 side dishes, salads, and desserts 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!

Interested in learning more about being an usher or greeter? Join the Worship Servant Training Adult Forum at 11:00 a.m. today. Anyone interested in learning more and/or potentially serving in those roles are encouraged to attend. We'll explore some of the "why's" behind what we do in worship and some helpful instructions/logistics for those roles as well.

The Roof Fundraising Campaign "Building Joy!" is underway 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 additional gifts received so far, we have already 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

Remaining Needed Gifts*

	Needed Gifts	<u>Gift Levels</u>	<u>Total of Gift Amounts</u>
	1	\$600.00	\$600.00
	2	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
	2	\$400.00	\$800.00
	2	\$200.00	\$400.00
	6	\$100.00	\$600.00
	9	\$50.00	\$450.00
Total	22		\$3,850.00

*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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
DAY	EVENT	TIME
Sun, May 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Sunday School (Last Day until Sept) • Coffee Hour • Worship Servant Adult Forum • Confirmation Class 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
Sun, May 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship – Blessing of the Graduate (Julia Alexander) • Coffee Hour 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Mon, May 30	MEMORIAL DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Sat, June 4	Ladies' Breakfast – Gene's Place	9:00 a.m.
Sun, June 5	PENTECOST SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Dedication of New Good Soil Paraments • Potluck Lunch 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Sun, June 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Annual Congregational Meeting 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Tues, June 14	GS Executive Team Meeting	7:30 p.m.