

**Welcome to Church of Christ - May 17, 2026**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

*We are honored to worship God with you today!*

**Welcome**

*Please put away your phones so that we may be truly present. Thank you!*

**Prelude**

*Morning Prayer - N. Palmer*

**Call to Worship**

~Nels White

Leader: In this time of worship, we are invited to seek God with gladness and rejoicing. Awaken to God's presence and help.

**Together: From our weariness, we rise to new life,  
as God awakens our ears and opens our eyes.**

Leader: Listen for the Word that sustains and delivers us.  
Recognize the presence who raises and inspires us.

**Together: From our days of business and idleness, God calls us together.  
God meets us here, just as we are.**

Leader: Lay aside all that weighs you down and troubles you.  
Turn away from the contentions of our times to the joy and encouragement of each other.

**Together: Here we find courage and renewed faith.  
Here, God's care touches us as we offer our worship and praise.**

**Hymn 35**

*Morning Has Broken*

*(Worship and Rejoice)*

Vs 1 Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise of the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Vs 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaving, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Vs 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

**Moment of Silent Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer (trespasses/debts)**

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 (debts), as we forgive those who trespass against us (our debtors). And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Anthem**

*The Gift of Love - arr. H. Hopson*

**Scripture**

John 8:1-11

~Nels White

“While Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and, making her stand before all of them, they said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, sir.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”

**Sermon**

“Casting our Stones Away”

~Rev. Dr. D. Elizabeth Mauro

**Hymn 492***Spirit of the Living God**(Worship and Rejoice)*

Vs 1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Vs 2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love: humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

**Light of Service***Friends of Silver Lake*

~Jane Williams

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**Offertory***God Be in My Head* - J. Rutter

**Doxology** (two versions are offered) 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. OR: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication****Sharing Joys and Church Life Updates****Sharing Prayer Concerns**

## **Silent Prayer and Meditation**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn 581**                      *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*                      *(Worship and Rejoice)*

Vs 1 Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Vs 2 Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Vs 3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power for strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

Vs 4 So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

### **Our Common Commission**

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

Please remain seated to listen or depart quietly.

**We gladly list these prayer concerns** and ask you to keep us apprised of any updates so that we have the most current information. If you would like a pastoral visit please call or email Pastor Erick (860-303-0910, reverendole@gmail.com).

### **Members needing our prayers:**

Patty Cammilletti, Steven, Tina & Aaliyah Chausse, Hope Childs, Linda Creedon, Bonnie Greenwood, Holly Kelsey, Will Kelsey, Arlene Patten, Dan Patten, Cindy Sinclair, Ann Thew, John Thew

**Ongoing concerns for our relatives and friends:**

Annattie P., Eric, Jo, Kim (Sue Allen), Susannah, Katie B., Kelly W. (Sue Allen), Andrew Anderson (Ruth Adotte), Jay Atkinson, Ray Beyers & Misty Carbone, Andrea Blacklow (Kristin Mudge's friend), Ron and Rev. Karen Burger (Gary Boucher), Leigh Cappabianca (Missionary in Turkey), Jan Caudle (Nels White's sister), Lisa Dedon, Carol Emerson (Nancy Herzig's sister), John Funchion, Fran and Arnold Gellman (Tina Olsen), Deryl, D'Ari, Amaya, Linden Godshall (Liz Allyn), Dennis Carr Hannifin (Sally Carr's son), Olivia Howard (Ky Byrne's cousin), Karen Linden, (Karen Wilson), Pat Lowell, Rick Martin (Ruth Adotte), Patty Minton (Maresi Brown's mother), Nash Pradhan, Lynn and Rich Reifsnyder, Abby Rockwood (Olsen family friend), Bobbi Sue & Ira Root, Constance Rotondo (Jane Williams), Mark Scarbrough, Laura Smith (Missionary in Venezuela), Karen Stark (Debbie Storrs), Ryan Sterba, Barbara Storrs (Debbie Storrs), Wendy DeRoode (Liz Allyn), Rob Thew, Sue Ellen Thomas (Pastor Erick's sister), Dennis Watlington (Tim Hitchcock), Judi Welch, Keegan Zygmunt

**Those who are grieving, the families of:**

Denis Combes, Ernest Dibble, Jimmy Dietlin, George Green, Judy Green, Jackie Hamad, Harold King, Remington McCaw, Will Minton, John Murphy, Avery Nelson, Elizabeth Norman, Bill Patrick, Thatcher Rupert, Mary Sager, Dottie Satherlie, Chris Williams

**In the wider community**

The people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Venezuela, Syria, Iran, and all enduring ongoing violence, The people of Jamaica struggling to rebuild after Hurricane Melissa, Friends of Silver Lake