

May 14, 2023  
6th Sunday of Easter



St. Timothy Presbyterian Church  
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Office Hours:  
Monday-Thursday: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm  
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St. Timothy Mission Statement

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.

Worship is also available via Live Stream just before 10:30 am or later in the afternoon as a video. Just use this link for both options:

<https://video.sttimothypcusa.org>

# Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT “Jesus Shall Reign” Hatton/Thompson

PASTORAL WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 66:8-9

Bless the Lord, O people, sing!

**Let the sound of praise ring out.**

Come and hear what the Lord has done,

**The Lord who has made everything!**

HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we confess that we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you, our conscience is not clear, and far too often we fail to forgive those who hurt us. Forgive us and wash us in the water of life, that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Children of God, let us remember that our God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ. Therefore know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen and Alleluia!**



RESPONSE "Gloria Patri" # 623  
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

A MOMENT FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.

**People: Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 34:1-6

SPECIAL MUSIC "Psalm of Quietness"

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Linda Houghtby

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 14:15-21

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam  
"Trusting in God, part 2"

HYMN "Trust and Obey" see insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's 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 Spirit, 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 at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**



PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "Beautiful" Dennis Cleveland

Doxology # 625  
*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

**O loving God, we give you thanks that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to keep your commands. Bless these gifts and use them to reveal to all tribes, nations, and peoples your love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

CALL TO PRAYER

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send Your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to Your children praying, Send us love, Send us pow'r, Send us grace.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts as we forgive 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.**

HYMN "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" see insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING AND BLESSING

**Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead.

Alleluia! He is risen as He said.

Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead.

POSTLUDE

*\*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1: Advent through Pentecost*

**Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
Following Along in Worship**

1. Today we celebrate the sixth Sunday of Easter in which we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. What has changed in your life by knowing that Jesus died for you?
  
2. Why is Jesus awesome?
  - a. Wait, he's awesome? News to me!
  - b. Because of his great love for me.
  - c. Because he will never give up on me.
  
3. What was the Time for the Children about today?
  - a. Flintstones, meet the Flintstones!
  - b. God is with us, always
  - c. Which is better: wheat, rye, or white?
  
4. What is one thing that you do to show Jesus you love him?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from John 14:15-21. Circle all that are true about this passage:
  - a. If we love Jesus, we will:
    - i. Eat lots of lamb
    - ii. Keep his commands
  - b. Because Jesus loves us, he promised:
    - i. He will let our sports teams win
    - ii. He will send us the Spirit!
  - c. The Spirit is also called the Advocate or Counselor
  - d. Loving Jesus is the best thing ever!

**Serving in Worship This Morning**

- Greeter: Paul Moon  
Ushers: Mary Baum, Kathey Turnbull  
Worship Assistant: Rick Dunn  
Children's Chapel: Linda Houghtby  
Keyboard: Paula Boegner  
Technology: Tina Puntigam, Scott Gaines  
Safety Officer: Lou Suveg  
Tellers: Paula Boegner, Marilyn Taulbee  
Fellowship Hour: Men's Association

**Weekly Bible Studies**

**Adult Sunday Bible Study – approximately 12:15 pm**

We are studying Genesis. All are welcome!

**Zoom Bible Study – Monday at 12:00 pm**

We are studying a comparison of the Gospels

This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org>

**Adult Weekly Bible Study, Thursday – 9:30 am**

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Charon will be preaching on May 21 – John 17:1-11.



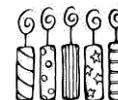
Chancel Flowers



For all the Mothers!

Ron and Muriel Martin

**Celebrating**



**Birthday:**

May 14

May 19

**Anniversaries**

Muriel Martin

Sam Taylor

No anniversaries this week.

**UPCOMING**  
*Events*

*Saturday May 20 – Memorial Garden Work Day*  
*Saturday, June 17 – Memorial Garden Work Day*



## Deacon Ministry

Thank you to the Deacons for a nice  
Fellowship Hour!



### 2023 Chancel Flower Chart

The 2023 Flower List is posted on the bulletin board in fellowship hall! - there are dates available! Adding some beauty and color to our sanctuary on Sunday mornings is so special!

## TRY NEW *things*

The Order of Worship is being modified to try two new things. Last week we did announcements at the end of the service which continues this week. Today we are going to try a new way of doing Prayers of the People.



### Faith Circle Backpack Drive

Faith circle is holding a backpack drive for children in foster care during April and May. There is a sample list of items we are collecting on the welcome table along with a list to take with you. Many of the items can be bought at the dollar store. Feel free to bring items for the backpack and put them in the basket or feel free to bring a filled backpack. Any questions talk to Trish Abela.

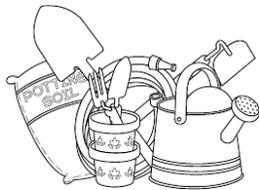


As of 5/10 at noon:  
115 boxes

No child should go hungry...however, many kids who rely on receiving a subsidized breakfast or lunch during the school year often face long summer days without enough to eat.

St. Timothy will be accepting donations of cereal for the Presbytery of Detroit Hunger Ministries Program through May 31, 2023. **Our Goal is 354 boxes!**

All types and sizes of cereal will be accepted, **no individual boxes please.** Place your donations on the table in the Narthex.



## Memorial Garden Work Days

When: Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Bring: garden gloves and shovels if you have them  
Provided: Breakfast (coffee, juice and sweets) and lunch

In parallel with Pastor Joel's sabbatical, we would like to refresh the Memorial Garden. This is a St. Timothy congregation project and really need your participation. There are lots of jobs to be done. Questions? Reach out to Carol or Linda D.



## Properties Update April 2023

This month has turned out to be relatively simple. Some bad weather on Tuesdays has limited what could be done outside and there was very little needed inside the building other than the normal items taken care of by the Stars. Thanks to those folks who came for clean-up day last Saturday. All went well and the primary work was general cleaning in the kitchen and sanctuary plus sparkly clean windows all around.

The previous Tuesday was moved to Wednesday morning and the Women's Association provided a wonderful luncheon for the Stars. Thanks for that.

The riding lawn mower is out being serviced at Wayne Lawn and should be back soon so that will get us completely ready for summer. You should have noticed the dumpster in the parking lot. We used that to clean out the garage of unused items that had accumulated and cluttered the garage making it difficult to access much of the needed stuff out there plus moving a lot of yard waste and a few other items from in and around the church and property.

We are moving forward with the needs of the facility and grounds including starting work on the memorial garden as spring is slowly arriving. Beautification of that area has been planned and execution of that is underway.

The major items being evaluated are the approaching need of roofing replacement and inside needs of general flooring.

May God continue in blessing St. Timothy and guiding us all into our future.

Bob Taylor

## Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
5/14	12:15 PM	Adult Bible Study
Monday	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
5/15		<a href="https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org">https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org</a>
	6:30 PM	Deacons
	6:30 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
5/16		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
	6:30 PM	Kindred Spirits
Wednesday		
5/17		
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
5/18	5:55 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday		
5/19		
Saturday	8:30 AM	Men's Association Breakfast
5/20	9:00 AM	Memorial Garden Work Day
Sunday	10:30 AM	Family Worship
5/21		<a href="https://video.sttimothypcusa.org">https://video.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	12:15 PM	Adult Bible Study



Thanks for a great party Puntigam's!

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through;  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Bear me thro' the swelling current,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee,  
I will ever give to Thee.  
Amen.*

## Trust and Obey

*When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.*

*Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,  
But His smile quickly drives it away;  
Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh not a tear,  
Can abide while we trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.  
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*Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil He doth richly repay;  
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross,  
But is blest if we trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.*

*But we never can prove the delights of His love  
Until all on the altar we lay;  
For the favor He shows and the joy He bestows  
Are for them who will trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.*

*Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,  
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go-  
Never fear, only trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.*

### **God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me**

*God be the love to search and keep me;  
God be the prayer to move my voice;  
God, be the strength to now uphold me:  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Bind to my-self the Name of Holy,  
great cloud of witnesses enfold;  
prophets, apostles, angels witness:s  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,  
flashing of lightning, strength of wind,  
depth of the sea to soil of planet:  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.  
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*Walking behind to hem my journey,  
going ahead to light my way,  
and from beneath, above, and all ways;  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me,  
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,  
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*