In communion with the saints, In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFESSION AND PARDON PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus UMH 349

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARRYING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Amazing Grace

UMH 378

The flowers gracing the altar today are given by Cathy Stanley in memory of Norma Large.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK OF MAY: 13 Lutishia Skeen, 14 Avie Stanley, 16 Curtis Deel, 17 Brenda Baker

If you or a loved one are not on the birthday list please drop a note in the offering basket or email: clintwoodumc_1@msn.com. We would like to give everyone special birthday blessings.

PRAYER

To put someone on, or take someone off the prayer list write the name(s) on a prayer request slip and place it in the offering plate or email the church office: clintwoodumc_1@msn.com.

* Help us keep an updated list!

Janice Puckett. Holly Mullins. Mike Baker. Nathan Yates. Lutishia Skeen. Gene Baker. Bennett Cantrell. Sarah Kay Mullins. Ron Phillips. Tammy Huffine, doing well. Johnny Vance, Jr. Wade Kennedy Rebecca Woliver. Pun Yon & Kerry Phipps. Cheryl Cummins . Shana Lea Lucas Sharon Duncan Karen Stone Bobby Stanley Sandy Gravel Pam Mullins Pat Davis Ray May Teresa Blansett Betty Perrigan Larry Mahood Nurse Anna JR Robinson McKenzie Edwards Richard Baker Linda Killen Shanghai Nickles Teresa Deel Donita Kennedy Killen sisters Kelly Sutherland David Salyer Tammy Huffine's uncle, Jay, and mother, Loretta Louella Stanley Baby Theo Brenda Fleming Mamaw Helen Duster Fleming Beth Lawrence's granddaughter, Payton

Pray for all our unmentioned loved ones who are ill or suffering or alone.

Pray for peace and justice for the people and countries of Ukraine and Israel and Palestine **Pray for** our country. **Pray for** ourselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flower list: Flower List for 2024 is on the piano. The cost is \$15. Signup now for the date(s) you would like to sponsor flowers. Volunteer now and we can take this off the bulletin!! Please Print!

Today, Mother's Day: Our Youth Group will provide lunch after church. Plan to attend!

Women In Faith meet Thursday, May 16, 1pm: Program: Willene Baker. Refreshments: Peggy Childress

Potluck Lunch, May 26: After morning worship to welcome "Earl and Willy." Mark your calendars.

Thursday, May 30, 7pm Administrative Council will meet. All invited, Officers requested.

Graduation Bulletin -Grades K—adult. Drop a note with the graduates name, school, degree, parents, etc. in the offering plate or email the office. Bulletin will be published Sunday, June 2.

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

For mothers and mother-figures, I pray and give thanks.

And, God, for all the ways you bring forth new life and nurture it in love, I praise you.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and women!

Welcome to worship, as we praise the God who calls forth love in all relationships

EVERY MEMBER... IN MINISTRY... EVERY DAY

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT

This Is the Day

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, quench your thirst in the love of God.

P: We come, hungering for a place in which we can be gently nourished.

L: Be like trees planted by the streams of living water, ready to receive God's nourishment.

P: Strengthen us, O God, to receive your blessed peace.

L: Hallelujah!

P: Hallelujah! AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, Easter had such an impact on our lives. We walked the by-ways with Jesus, ate with him and wept at the Crucifixion. Easter morning dawned brightly in our lives at the news of the Resurrection, and we sang songs of great joy. Watch over us, gentle God, as we pray and work to do your will. Keep our hearts open to your loving words and ways. **AMEN.**

*HYMN Nothing but the Blood UMH 362
KIDS FOR CHRIST KFC Willene Baker

READING OF THE PSALMS Psalm 1 Cathy Stanley

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 1:12-17, 21-26 Billie Branham

James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."

²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

²³ So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias: so he was added to the eleven apostles.

GOSPEL John 17:6-19 Pastor Mark

⁶ "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Together, let us pray For the people of this congregation... Lord, Hear our prayers

For those who suffer and those in trouble... Lord, Hear our prayers

For the concerns of this local community... Lord, Hear our prayers $\,$

For the world, its peoples, and its leaders... Lord, Hear our prayers

For the earth you have given to our care... Lord, Hear our prayers

For the Church universal—its leaders, its members, and its mission...Lord, Hear our prayers

¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.

³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

⁴ Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

¹²Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city.

¹³When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John,