



## PRAYER OF AWARENESS

We pray:

Spirit of life and love, we have gathered in this sacred place, again.  
May we create here a circle of love, ever expanding, ever growing.  
A place of wisdom. A place of connection. A place of hope. Amen.

**\*HYMN** 487 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*  
*\*(Those who are able, please stand)*

**A MEDITATION ON BREATH** by Ian Lawton, Spring Lake, Michigan

**Response** 316 *Breath on Me Breathe of God*

**Breathe on me Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou doest love, And do what Thou wouldst do.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy and Indwelling Spirit, give us open and attentive minds as we listen for your Word, expressed through written words. **Amen.**

## READINGS

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16 "In You, O Lord, I Seek Refuge"  
Here ends the reading; **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel John 14:1-7 "I Am The Way, and the Truth, and the Life"  
Here ends the reading; **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** *Pathway of Hope* -Martin

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (Any children 3yrs -4<sup>th</sup> grade may leave for church school)

**REFLECTIONS** Let "I Am" Be Your Guide

**\*HYMN** 510 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*  
*(Prayer cards will be received.)*

**\*AFFIRMATION** "AUM, the Self Indeed!" --from the Hindu Mandukya Upanishad  
*(In ancient Hinduism, the deep experience of the Divine God, or Brahman, is found in silence chanting the word "Om", "Aum" or "I Am." It is seen as the Eternal Sound for God, Oneness.)*

**OM! This syllable is this whole world. This is the Self with regard to the word OM, with regard to its elements. The elements are four: the letter A, the letter U, the letter M. The fourth is without element, the cessation of all phenomena, only Being without duality. This AUM is the Self indeed.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

This is a house of God. A place of peace. A place where we befriend one another.

Let us greet another as a sign of God's peace and of our shared friendship. The peace of God is here... to stay.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*You are invited to share a peace with your neighbors.*

**\*RESPONSE** 398 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit (1<sup>st</sup> verse only)*

**There's a sweet, sweet, Spirit in this place, And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;**

**There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(Those desiring a brief anointing are invited to come forward.)

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING OF GIFT AND SELF**

**OFFERTORY** "Planting Seeds"

-Daniel Nahmod

**\*RESPONSE** 592 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We give thanks to God for our life and the courage we are given to live it.

Let our gratitude for life be expressed in our generosity. Let our faith be expressed in good causes. Let our belief in the future find full expression in our daily attitude of mind. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*HYMN** 539 *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** (In Unison)

**The Light of God surrounds us;**

**The Love of God enfolds us;**

**The Power of God protects us;**

**The Presence of God watches over us;**

**Wherever we are, God is. Alleluia! Amen.**

**POSTLUDE** *Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven*

-Burkhardt

(The congregation treats the postlude as its closing time of worship and leaves after it is completed.)

## FELLOWSHIP

Morning coffee, tea and refreshments are now served. We invite you to join Pastor Dave in the pastor's study for a discussion of today's talk and announcement of book order arrivals. We'll be reading and discussing Tim Freke and Peter Gandy's bestseller, "The Jesus Mysteries." Books are \$11.00 each. Join us for lively discussions!

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Pastor: Rev. David Persons  
Accompanists: Howard Evert (Guitar) & Caryn Barber (Piccolo)  
Layreader: Janice Jones  
Usher: Tim Miller  
Counters: Marilyn Mohr, Sandy Perillo and Kathy Saeli

## SUNDAY NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome all who** worship here this morning. Please join us for coffee after the worship service. We invite you to join Pastor Dave in the pastor's study for a discussion of today's talk and announcement of book order arrivals. We'll be reading and discussing Tim Freke and Peter Gandy's best seller, "The Jesus Mysteries." Books are \$11.00 each. Join us for lively discussions!

**Large print copies** of the Order of Worship, The Hymnal and the NRSV Bible are available at the back of the church.

**Phonic Ear hearing assistance** program is available. Please see an usher for more details.

**Prayer Request Cards**, located, in your pew, are for any prayer requests you wish included in the Prayers of the People. If you have a prayer request, please annotate your request on the back of the card, then pass it to the end of the pew (whichever end is closer to you) for collection by the usher during the opening hymn. Please do not place the card in the offering plate, as the card suggests. "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." *Philippians 4:6*

## CHILD CARE

**Infant/Toddler Nursery Care** during worship is provided for your children.

## CALENDAR

Today	- May 22	10:00 a.m.	Worship
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time - Ice Cream Social
		11:10 a.m.	Sermon discussion in the Pastor's Study
Sun.	- May 29	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Guest Pastor, Deb Wright
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Members of our congregation

John Christmann ♦ Paul Rasp (Patient at Mercy Hospital)

### Family & Friends of our congregation

Elaine Bergman (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Donna Burns (Sue Piersa) ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Rosanne Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Joy Gordon (Debbie Ball) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Carolyn Halley (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dee Dee Labby (Cheryl Labby) ♦ Julian McCann (Donna Cieslinski) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Donald Mohr (Sandy Perillo) ♦ Mary Orofino (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Maureen Patti (Helen Somer) ♦ Jodi Rustski (The Fischers) ♦ Elizabeth Shaffer (George Shaffer) ♦ Sandy Hoffmann (Kathy Doll) ♦ Reinaldo Paschoal (Brother-in-law of Fatima Martins) ♦ Gildo Ferracini (uncle of Fatima Martins)

### Service Men & Women

Russell Molnar ♦ Pat McCullough ♦ Zachery Goggins ♦ Alison Lankes ♦ Erik Brown ♦ James Schmidt ♦ Matthew Jones ♦ Kyle Ernst ♦ Mike Barnum

Each week we invite you to hold in your prayers different families and individuals in our church. As an act of faithfulness we pray for each other. This week we pray for:

Jean Bengert      Nancy Galley      Andrew & Karen Levy      Don Schmid

## CHURCH NEWS NOTES

**FEEL FREE to contact Pastor Dave** if you would like a conference or interview with him about questions you may have. He is planning to come to the church office each Thursday and if you let him know ahead of time, he will plan to meet with you. Email him at [dapersons@hotmail.com](mailto:dapersons@hotmail.com) or call 716-712-6728. You can also read Pastor Dave's several blogs, Youtube Talks, Facebook sharings, and Twitters through his website: [www.Davepersonspirit.com](http://www.Davepersonspirit.com).



**Please save the date!** Outreach and Mission along with the Fellowship Committee will be hosting our 3<sup>rd</sup> Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on **Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>** from **4 - 7 PM**. The proceeds from the fundraiser will be put in loose offering to remain with our church. Pre-sale tickets are available after worship on Sunday mornings or by calling the church office. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 3-10yrs. Tickets prices will increase by 50¢ at the door. You can start spreading the word to your friends

and family about our fundraiser and if you have any questions, you can ask Sue Piersa or Debbie Wilson.

**Please join us** after worship on May 22<sup>nd</sup> for an Ice Cream Social to celebrate the end of the Sunday School year. Hope to see you there.



**Ice Cream Social**

**Attendance for May 15<sup>th</sup>**

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