



RESURRECTION
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday May 5, 2024
6th Sunday of Easter

Our Commitments
“AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIP”

Welcome.

Thanks for joining us today for worship! We hope you find Resurrection Philadelphia to be a warm, welcoming community--regardless of your background, beliefs, or life situation.

Our worship is “liturgical.” The Greek word “leitourgia” means a public work, the work of the people. Liturgical worship begins with God’s call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity and then moving us outward into our world.

Please visit our website resurrectionphl.org for more information about worship and ways to connect further to this church community. We are glad you are joining us and look forward to meeting you.

— The Pastoral Staff
Chris Currie, Scott Jennings

Sunday Information

- **Nursery + Children’s Ministry:** Check-in available at both 17th and Sansom Street entrances.
 - Nursery for children 6-30 months: Available for the duration of the service.
 - Sunday School for ages 30 months through 5th grade: Children are dismissed to class just before the sermon; K-5th graders return in time for communion.
 - For nursing mothers seeking privacy, there’s a room behind the SE exit from the Sanctuary where the service can be watched.
- **Accessibility:** A street level entrance is available on Sansom Street, and an elevator providing access to all other levels can be accessed there. Assistive listening devices are available; to request one, please see one of the greeters.
- **Restrooms:** Men’s and Women’s restrooms are on the lower level; two single-user restrooms open to anyone are available on the 2nd floor.
- **Coffee Hour:** After the service, located in the Community room, behind the front of the Sanctuary. All are welcome!
- **Parking/Transportation:** Free parking for worship is available at the Liberty Place Garage. Get a timed ticket when you enter the garage, and a chaser ticket (validation ticket) at church. Limited bike and stroller parking at the Sansom lobby, as well as single journey SEPTA passes.

Reflection

The best testimony to the truth of the gospel is the quality of our life together. Jesus risked his reputation and the credibility of his story by tying them to how his followers live and care for one another in community.... How we live together is the most persuasive sermon we'll ever get to preach.

-Christine Pohl, *Living into Community*

Church Calendar

ADVENT

CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

LENT

EASTER

PENTECOST

ORDINARY TIME

The fullness of the resurrection requires more than a day to unpack. The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration that ends on Pentecost Sunday (the Greek word *pentekoste* means “fiftieth”). The Easter season is a time to let the implications of the resurrection sink in deeper, inviting us to realign our worldview and conform our living to the reality that we have been raised with Christ to new life. Easter is full of joy and the laughter of love—the grave is empty, love has won, Christ is risen! Give yourself over to the experience of that joy—take in the absolute wonder of God’s purposeful plan of salvation.

(*Seeking God’s Face* by Philip Reinders)

Welcome

Opening Song

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

J. Wilbur Chapman, Rowland Prichard



1. Je - sus, what a friend for sin - ners, Je - sus lov - er of_ my soul.
2. Je - sus, what a strength in weak - ness, let me hide my self_ in him.
3. Je - sus, what a help in sor - row, while the bil - lows o'er me roll.
4. Je - sus, I__ do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find.



Friends may fail me, foes as - sail_ me, he, my sav - ior makes me whole.
Temp - ted tried and some - times fail - ing, he my strength, my vict' - ry wins.
Ev - en when my heart is break ing he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
He has grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his and he__ is mine.



Hal - le - lu__ jah, what a sav - ior, hal - le - lu__ ia what a friend,



sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing lov - ing, he is with me to the end.__

Opening of Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All And also with you.

Responsive Reading

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD,

**All and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
**according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!**

Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.**

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,
and he makes his covenant known to them.

from Psalm 25

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

*GOD SUMMONS US
AS HIS PEOPLE*

*As we meet together
each week, we
recognize in the
preparation that God,
through his word and
Spirit, gathers us into
his presence and calls
us into his life and
mission.*

Doxology

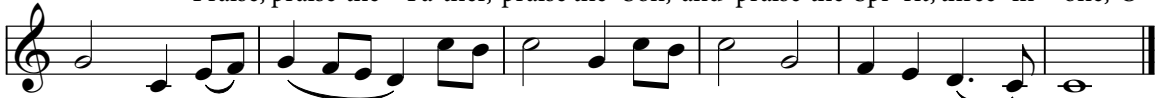
Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley



1. All ye who are of ten der heart, for- giv ing oth- ers take your part. Sing his prais- es,
2. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and worship him with hum ble ness! O__ praise him,



Alle-lu ia! Ye, who long pain and sor- row bear, praise God and on him cast your care! O
Alle-lu ia! Praise, praise the Fa ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi- rit, three in one, O



praise him! O__ praise__him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him! O__ praise__him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Throughout Scripture, when people find themselves in God's presence, they sense how far short they fall and become aware of their own shame and brokenness. In the same way, we make a confession of sin, both as a community and also silently as individuals. In this, we remember that God is always ready, by his mercy and grace, to forgive us.

Confession of Sin

All Holy God, hear our prayer:
for the mending of hearts torn apart by our unkindness;
for the healing of our souls,
wasting away from the despair around us;
for the forgiveness we seek
for the sin we have allowed to persist;
for the reconciliation of the world,
whose divisions condemn us.
We pray for the courage to admit our fault,
the strength to change our ways,
and the hope that your grace awaits us,
through Christ, our risen Lord.

Silence is kept.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May God our Father forgive you your sins
and bring you to the fellowship of his table
with his saints forever.

All Amen.

Song of Praise and Adoration

Take It Easy

Paul Zach, Kate Bluett, Matt Maher, Isaac Wardell




Take it eas - y, eas - y. God al-read-y loves you com-plete - ly.




Take it eas - y, eas - y, rest in the shade of his wings. **Fine**



1. Lay down your bur- dens and rest for a while. The Shep-herd who seeks you is
2. Lay down the scales where you weigh out your life. The mea sures are emp - ty, just
3. Lay down the ar - mor you brought to the fight. Lay down your weap- ons and



gen - tle and kind. There's no - thing to pay_ for and no - thing to earn and
leave them be - hind. The dis - tance be - tween his two hands are e - nough to
lay down your strife. God's on your side_ and he won't let you go;_ he



no - thing you have_ to be - come._ won't ask you to be_ some - thing more.
tell you the depths of his love._
al - read - y loves who you are,

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Pre-school children are invited to go to their classes at this time. Elementary children through grade 5 are invited to Children's Church and will return during the Song of Response, following the Reflection.

Passing of the Peace

Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

All And also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Word of God

New Testament reading: 1 Peter 4:7-11

⁷The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 15:9-15

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflection

“Authentic Relationship” – Dr. Cyndi Parker

GOD SPEAKS TO US
IN HIS WORD

In the public reading of the word of God and its exposition in the sermon, God shares the story of his saving mission in Jesus, encouraging us to join in that mission and orienting us again to his priorities.

Offertory

Come, Holy Spirit, Come - Benjamin Beddome, E.J. King

Come, Holy Spirit, come with energy divine,
and on this poor, benighted soul with beams of mercy shine.

Melt, melt this frozen heart; this stubborn will subdue;
each evil passion overcome, and form me all anew.

Mine will the profit be, but thine shall be the praise;
and unto thee will I devote the remnant of my days,
and unto thee will I devote the remnant of my days.

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our worship together,
an opportunity
to participate in
the ministry of
Resurrection. If you
are visiting, please
don't feel obligated to
give— we're grateful
simply for your
presence here today.*



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When encouraging the early church toward generosity, the
Apostle Paul pointed to Jesus' giving of himself:

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that
though he was rich, he became poor, so that through his
poverty you might become rich” - 2 Corinthians 8:8-9

*If you'd like to contribute to the work of our church, you
can do so by scanning the QR code at the left or text any
amount to the number 84321.*

Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living 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.

Having offered ourselves up in faith through the creed, affirming the power of God's redemption, we lift up the church, our world, and other needs to God in prayer for his provision and healing.

Prayers

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

God of mercy,
may we and your church throughout the world
be astonished anew by your grace
so that we may live lives of repentance and love.
May the world see through this
the wonder of Christ, friend of sinners.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

God of righteousness,
as we long for the day
when you come again to make all things new,
we pray for the nations of the world:
bring forth leaders to reflect the kingdom of Christ
in their pursuit of wisdom, justice, and peace.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

God who raised the dead,
be with those who struggle in death's shadow.
Raise us up as your church
to offer hope to those crushed by the weight of despair,
to give comfort to those who live regularly in physical pain,
and to bring peace to those whose health is declining.
On their behalf we ask for healing.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?

Members of the congregation may add their own intercessions at this time, ending with,

For this, O Lord, we pray

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior has taught us:

All 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 and ever. Amen.

Communion

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

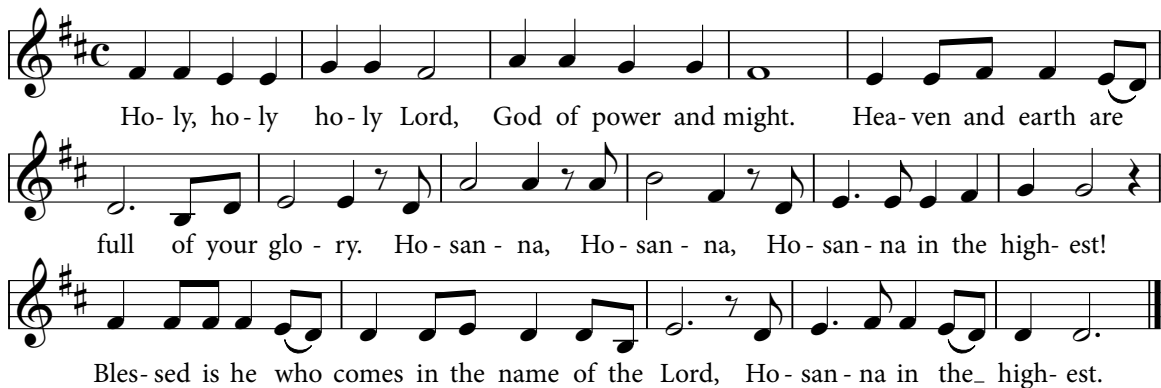
GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

The Eucharistic Prayer

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For Jesus is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us
and has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he has destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

Sanctus



Ho- ly, ho- ly ho- ly Lord, God of power and might. Hea- ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high- est!
Bles- sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the_ high- est.

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The minister concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father,
forever and ever.

All Amen.

The minister speaks the Words of Institution.

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We use wine in Communion. Non-alcoholic white grape juice and a gluten-free option are also available if preferred. Please discard your Communion cup as you leave worship.

Prayers for Reflection

Prayer for those searching | Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and lead me to the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

Prayer of belief | Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you, I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

Prayer for those struggling | Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life.

Communion Song

Revelation Song

Jennie Lee Riddle



Wor-thy is the_ Lamb who was slain, ho-ly, ho-ly is_ he._



Sing a new song to him who sits on_ heav-en's mer-cy_ seat._



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the_ Lord God, al- might - y,



who was_ and is_ and is_ to come_ With all cre-a-tion I sing



praise to the King of kings, you are my ev'ry thing, and I will a-dore you._

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Prayer after Communion

All Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Blessing and Sending

Love Divine

Charles Wesley, William Moore



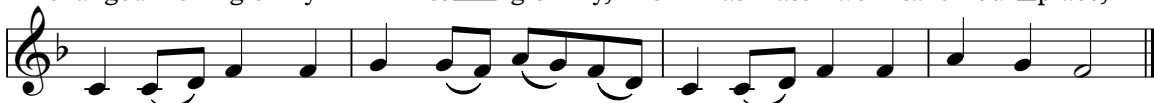
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n to earth come down;
2. Breath, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be:



fix in us thy hum - ble dwel - ling; all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown!
let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest:
sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure un - boun - ded love thou art;
take a - way our love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till at last we take our place,



vi - sit us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
pray, and praise thee, with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

GOD SENDS US
INTO THE WORLD

We have responded to God's call, heard his word, offered ourselves to his service, and received strength at his table. Now, at the close of worship, God sends us out to carry forward the gospel story.

Benediction

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May the Father,
who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon you his children;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Let us go forth to serve the world as those
who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.” (James 5:14)

After the service, ministers and elders of the church will be stationed at the front of the sanctuary to offer healing prayer and anointing with oil for those seeking God's healing in any aspect of life: physical, relational, emotional, psychological, or spiritual. If you come for healing prayer, you will not be asked any personal questions about your situation, only for your consent to be anointed with oil on your forehead. Receiving healing prayer and anointing with oil only takes a few seconds, but the practice can be a powerful way to experience God's help in our weakness.

Musicians

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice

Sarah Long: voice

Elisa Chodan: voice

Sandy Eldred: bass

Matt Scarano: drums

Liturgist

Mae Trieu

Scripture Reading

Laurel Garver

Celebrant

Rev. Scott Jennings

Easter Season Sanctuary Installation

Ambitions / Ladders / Abundance

Wounded Lamb (*Center*)

Where are my ambitions leading me?

Jacob's Ladder Diptych (*Left*)

Where does heaven meet earth?

Town Center (*Right*)

Who might be affected if I embraced a spirit of abundance?

Thank you to Resurrection Philadelphia for inviting me to install these works for Holy Week. I find a lot of satisfaction in the intriguing and puzzling textural relationship between cardboard and decaying fresco. This material dialogue became the impetus for my installation.

Caleb Stoltzfus

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CONNECT

COMMUNITY GROUPS gather across the city and region on varying frequencies (weekly/bi-weekly), with the intent of taking up basic practices of fellowship, prayer, and study of the Scriptures. Groups range in size from 10-15 people.

CONNECTION GROUPS provide connection to the life of the church and to one another via shared interests or other affinity (such as mens or womens groups, study groups, prayer groups, service groups, etc.).

To see current groups, visit resurrectionphl.org/groups or scan the QR code at right.



FAMILY MINISTRIES come alongside families as they disciple their children, seeking to help them cultivate friendships, connect with the wider church community, and grow into maturity as people of faith.

- **Children's Ministry.** Our Sunday morning children's classes use a gospel-centered curriculum with scripture, stories, and activities to help children find their place in God's big story. Children leave the service at the Passing of the Peace. Elementary age children return during the hymn of response. Contact Terri Taylor, terri@resurrectionphl.org
- **Resurrection Youth.** Students Grades 6-12 and Volunteer Leaders gather regularly to hang out, play games, and explore questions of faith and belonging to Christ. Youth Group meets most Sundays from 4-6 pm at the Center City building. For more info, contact Paul Burkhart at paul@resurrectionphl.org.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS During the academic year, our university ministry hosts speaker series and dinner discussion groups on campus. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to participate. We also host regular Sunday brunches for graduate students. Reach out to Ryan McCormick (ryan@resurrectionphl.org) for more information about these events.

GROW

Resurrection is a community committed to growing in our life of joy and peace through communion with God in Christ. God uses many means to form his children into his likeness. As a church family, Resurrection seeks to become more like Jesus by engaging spiritual practices that Christians historically have embraced for their growth. At right are a few links to help you get started.

- Join “Resurrection Rhythms” to foster spiritual growth through practices resurrection-phl.org/practices
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox resurrectionphl.org/daily-prayer to help you get started.

GIVE

The intentional financial participation of those who consider Resurrection Philadelphia their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own needs but to be able to serve others in our city and neighborhoods. Here are a few ways that you can contribute financially to Resurrection Philadelphia:

- Give online | resurrectionphl.org/give
- Text any amount to 84321, follow the link, and select Resurrection Philadelphia
- Checks may be mailed or arranged through Electronic Bill Pay to be sent to: Resurrection Philadelphia, 123 S 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

SERVE

We seek to be a church that demonstrates the love of Christ to our city. This year, our deacons have cultivated partnerships with several local organizations. To view current opportunities to serve, please visit <https://www.resurrectionphl.org/serve-city>



Announcements

Do You Get Resurrection News?

If not, sign up using the form at the bottom of resurrectionphl.org or by filling out the welcome form at the end of this bulletin.

Last Chance to Join Children's Choir for Pentecost!

We're inviting children 4 years old and up to help lead us in worship on Pentecost Sunday, and it's not too late to join the choir! Come for the last rehearsal, immediately after worship on Sunday, May 12. Contact christopher@resurrectionphl.org and he can send you the song so your child can learn it at home or on the go!

Church-Wide Picnic on Memorial Day

Plan to kick-off the summer with the Resurrection community at a church-wide picnic on Monday, May 27 at Belmont Grove (1800 Belmont Mansion Dr) in Fairmount Park. We'll start gathering around 11 and aim to eat around 12 pm. Plan to bring a blanket or chairs, and any lawn games you'd enjoy sharing. The church will provide burgers and hot dogs, and we'll organize a sign up for sides and desserts.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May

27 - Church-wide picnic

June

23 - Gathering @ Woodland

July

28 - Gathering @ Woodland

Help us welcome you.

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: _____

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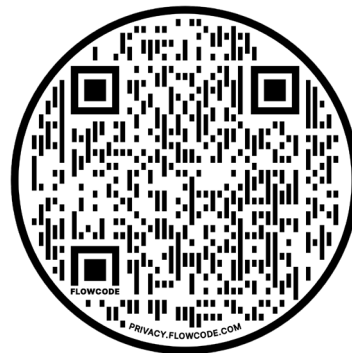
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Please send me: Weekly Newsletter Morning & Evening Prayer

Please contact me about:

- Community Groups
- Neighborhood Service Opportunities
- Volunteering on Sundays
- Children's & Youth Ministries
- Meeting with a Pastor
- Other: _____



Prayer Requests

Our staff prays weekly on Tuesdays, and our deacons pray monthly on 4th Sundays.

Fill out your name above if you'd like to be prayed for by name.

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