

Sunday April 28, 2019 First Sunday of Easter

1 Thessalonians: Practicing Resurrection "Practicing Resurrection"

Welcome.

Thanks for joining us today in worship. We hope you find City Church to be a warm, welcoming community—regardless of your background, beliefs, or life situation. To that end, we recognize that certain parts of the service may feel unfamiliar, so we've provided brief explanations throughout this guide.

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.

On pages 19-22, you'll find information about our community. We hope this helps you get to know us better and that, in turn, we can get to know you better. Help us welcome you by filling out the contact sheet on the back page and placing it in the offering basket or in our hands after the worship service.

All to say, we are glad you are here and look forward to meeting you.

— The Pastoral Staff

Tuck Bartholomew, Chris Currie, Jonathan Davis

Sunday Info

UCity

Nursery, Room 111 Children 4 – 24 months for the duration of the service

Children's, Church Room 112–113 Children ages 2 through 5th grade dismiss just before the sermon. 1st – 5th graders will return prior to communion.

Adult Ed Class No classes are currently meeting.

Accessibility A wheelchair ramp and elevator are on site. A greeter can assist you.

Coffee is available in the SE hallway at 10:15am and before Adult Ed classes when offered.

Fairmount

Nursery, 2nd floor Blue Room Children 4 – 36 months for the duration of the service

Children's Church, 2nd floor Green Room Children ages 3 through 5th grade dismiss just before the sermon. 1st – 5th graders will return prior to communion.

Accessibility A wheelchair ramp is on site. A greeter can assist you.

Reflection

Christianity is in a profound sense the *end of all religion*. ...Nowhere in the New Testament, in fact, is Christianity presented as a cult or as a religion. Religion is indeed where there is a wall of separation between God and man. But Christ who is both God and man has broken down the wall between man and God. He has inaugurated a new life, not a new religion.

- Alexander Schmemann, For the Life of the World

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)

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.

Prelude

Preparation

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.

This is the day that the Lord has made!

All Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Opening Song

Praise the Savior Now and Ever

Venatius Fortunatus, Augustus Nelson, Bethany Brooks



- 1. Praise the sa vior now and e ver; praise him, all be neath the skies;
- 2. Sin's bonds se vered, we're de li vered, Christ has bruised the ser pent's head;
- 3. Man's work fail eth, Christ's a vail eth; he is all our right-eous-ness; 4. For his fa vor, praise for e ver, un to God the Fa ther sing;



ly - ing, suff'-ring, dy - ing the on sac - ri - fice. pros - trate cross, a lon - ger the stron - ger, hell it - self cap - tive led. death no is is free from dire sa - vior, has for - e - ver dis - tress. he, our set us God, our Lord and King. praise the sa - vior, praise him Son of



Vict' - ry gain-ing, life ob - tain-ing, Christ has ri - sen from death's pri - son, Through his me - rit we in - he - rit Praise the Spi - rit,through Christ's me - rit, now in glo-ry he doth rise. o'er the tomb he light has shed. light and peace and hap - pi - ness. he doth us sal-va-tion bring.

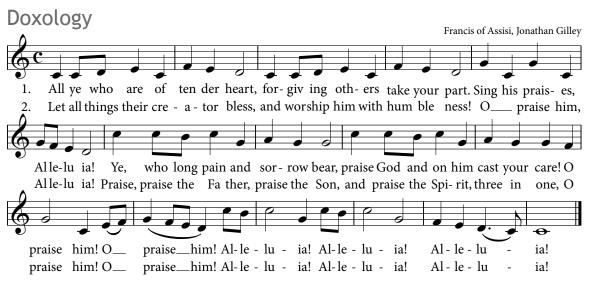
Opening Responsorial

All

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

from Psalm 96

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving



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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 Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength and not by the power of your resurrection. We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. We have lived for this world alone and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us. Lord, hear us and help us.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

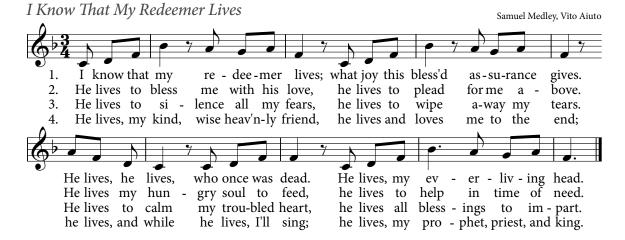
May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever.

All Amen.

Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving



O, church, come stand in the light. 1. The glo - ry of God has de - feat - ed the night. 2. Our God is not dead; he's a - live, he's a - live!



5. He lives, all glory to his name!He lives, my Jesus, still the same.Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:

I know that my redeemer lives!

Children attending kindergarten and younger are invited to go to their classes at this time. 1st - 5th graders are invited to Children's Church and will return during the Offering.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Word of God

New Testament reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.

⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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. Gospel reading: Matthew 22:15-22

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"Practicing Resurrection" - Rev. Chris Currie

Offering and Presentation of Gifts

"I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 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

The offering is an opportunity to participate in the ministry of City Church. Online giving is available at citychurchphilly. com/give. If you are visiting, please don't feel obligated to give—we're grateful simply for your presence here today.

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.

Prayers

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life, raise us who trust in him from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above and be renewed in the image and glory of our Creator. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, who is seated above all power and dominion, teach nations to walk in the way of peace and rulers to seek after mercy and justice, that the poor might be satisfied with good things and wars might cease from the face of the earth. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Most Holy Spirit of God, who gives light and life to your people, may your presence abide among all your saints. Comfort all who are afflicted and weighed down with sorrow, heal all those who suffer in body or in soul, and grant faith to all who are tried by tribulations. 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.

The Eucharistic Prayer

And now we give you thanks because Christ our paschal sacrifice has made us children of the light, rising to new and everlasting life.

He has opened the gates of heaven to receive his faithful people.

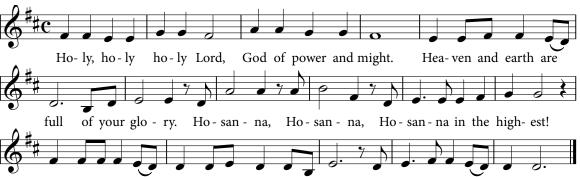
His death is our ransom from death; his resurrection is our rising to life.

The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

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 ("Prayers for Reflection" are included below). We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with *Iesus Christ and with* his people, the church.

Sanctus



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, for ever 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. Nonalcoholic white grape juice and a glutenfree option are also available if preferred. Please discard your Communion cup as you leave worship.

If you would like prayer for healing and anointing with oil, please come to the back of the room after you have been served, and an elder will pray for you. This will be a time of liturgical prayer; you will not be asked to share your particular situation.

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 with sin

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



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Prayer after Communion

All Almighty God,

we thank you for feeding us

with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

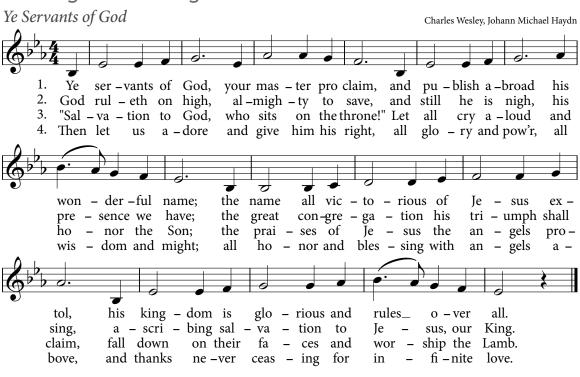
Through him we offer you ourselves to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit

to live and work to your praise and glory.

Amen.

Blessing and Sending



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!

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; 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!

West Philly

Jonathan Bassett: liturgist Jonathan Davis: celebrant

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice Benjamin Lazar Davis: bass Dave Flaherty: drums Alec Spiegelman: woodwinds

Fairmount

Jenn Cho: liturgist Jonathan Davis: celebrant

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice Benjamin Lazar Davis: bass Dave Flaherty: drums Alec Spiegelman: woodwinds

CONNECT

COMMUNITY GROUPS range in size from 10-15 people and meet weekly in the home of a group member for spiritual formation and friendship. We encourage you to visit multiple groups to see which one might be a good fit. Contact a leader if you plan to visit. Contact Jonathan Davis, jonathan@citychurchphilly.com if you have questions.

West Philly

- 50th & Springfield, Tuesdays 7_{PM} Jessie Taylor, jessie.f.taylor@gmail.com
- 49th & Chancellor, Tuesdays 7_{PM}
 Candy Cason, candy.cason@gmail.com
- 46th & Cedar, Tuesdays 7:30_{PM}
 Jade Avelis, jade.avelis@gmail.com
- 48th & Baltimore at Linda's, Wed 6:30_{PM}
 Janet Nygren, janetnygren@gmail.com
- 49th & Baltimore, Thursdays 6_{PM} Vieen Leung, vieenleung@gmail.com
- 48th & Baltimore at Dick's, Thursdays 6:30_{PM} Joel Bassett, jbassett4@gmail.com
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Fairmount

- 21st & Parrish, Wednesdays 7pm Chaney Widmer, chaney.widmer@gmail.com
- 24th & Brown, Thursdays 7_{PM}
 Katie Wildes, km.young.wildes@gmail.com
- 22nd & Poplar, Fridays 6:30_{PM}
 Liz Voboril, voborils@gmail.com

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• 12th & Wharton, Wednesdays 7:30_{PM} Kirstin Peth, kirstin.peth@gmail.com

Roxborough

• Tuesdays 6:30_{PM} Cale Weatherly, cale.weatherly@gmail.com

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 children's classes use a gospelcentered curriculum with scripture, stories, and activities to allow them opportunities to form spiritual friendships with their peers and teachers. See page 2 for site-specific details. Contact Ginger Hayes, ginger@ citychurchphilly.com.
- City Church Youth, Sundays 12:30-2:30pm. Students and Volunteer Leaders gather at a Woodland Presbyterian Church (42 & Pine) for fellowship, bible study, and prayer. Lunch is provided each week. Contact Jonathan Davis, jonathan@citychurchphilly. com.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS Ekklesia is our mid-week, liturgically oriented, worship space for college students. We meet together to pray, sing, confess, and hear from God's Word. Contact Natalie Harvey, natalie@citychurchphilly.com.

55+ is a group of older people attending City Church who gather monthly after Sunday services for a shared meal and shared prayer. Contact Ginny Toliver, ginny. toliver@verizon.net.

WOMEN'S DAYTIME BOOK STUDY Tuesdays 9:30AM, Childcare available. Contact Eeva, eevaduddleston@gmail.com.

GROW

City Church 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, City Church focuses on eight practices that Christians historically have embraced for their growth. At right are a few links to help you get started.

- Read about our approach to Spiritual Formation | citychurchphilly.com/spiritualformation
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox citychurchphilly.com/daily-prayer
- Check out current and upcoming Adult Ed classes | citychurchphilly.com/adult-ed

SERVE

Church

Prepare the space for

- worship by joining one of our hospitality teams: setup, communion, coffee, greeters, and scripture readers.
 Contact Dan Cason (UCity), dan@citychurchphilly.com
 Ryan McCormick(Fairmount), rmmccormick@outlook.com
- Serve our children and youth. Contact Ginger Hayes (children), ginger@citychurchphilly.com Jonathan Davis (youth), jonathan@citychurchphilly.com

City

- Serve dinners with University City Hospitality Coalition on Friday evenings at Woodland Presbyterian Church, 42nd & Pine. Contact Julia Snyder, julia.a.snyder@gmail.com
- Tutor 1st graders at Lea Elementary. Contact Stacy Bartholomew, stacy. bartholomew@gmail.com

World

- Assist refugees
 with needs such as
 housing, employment,
 transportation, community
 resources, education, and
 social services through
 our partnership with HIAS
 Pennsylvania. Contact
 Esuga Abaya,
 esugaabaya@gmail.com
- Host international students for dinner.
 Contact Lyn Newbrander, Inewbrander@isionline.org

GIVE

The intentional financial participation of those who consider City Church 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 City Church:

- Place cash or check in the offering basket on Sundays
- Give online | citychurchphilly.com/give
- Text any amount to 84321, follow the link, and select City Church Philadelphia
- Checks may be mailed or arranged through Electronic Bill Pay to be sent to: City Church, PO Box 30902, Philadelphia, PA 19104

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Sacrificial Offering Closes Tomorrow! Tomorrow is the last day to give to this year's Easter Sacrificial Offering! We have three designees for this year's offering: the Salvation Army New Day Drop-in Center in Kensington, Christian Legal Clinic of Philadelphia, and Project HOME. You can read more about each organization and what the offering will support here: citychurchphilly.com/eso-2019. You can text-to-give right now:

- 1) Text any amount and mention "ESO" (e.g. \$25 ESO) to 84321
- 2) Follow the instructions on screen!
- **55+ Brunch Next Sunday 1pm at 821 S. 48th Street** To help planning food and setup, folks who expect to attend should email ginny.toliver@verizon.net or call 215-438-8264 by Wednesday, May 1.
- Mindfulness Workshop, May 11, 10 am to 2 pm John Cunningham and Caitlyn Williams are offering a workshop at West Catholic about mindfulness meditation and how it relates to our spiritual lives. Practices will include mindful movement, mindful breathing, mindful eating, mantras and contemplative prayer. The seminar is free, but space is limited. Please reserve a spot at citychurchphilly.com/calendar/mindfulnessworkshop.
- Membership Seminar in Fairmount on May 18 This 2-hour Saturday morning seminar gives you a chance to learn a bit more about City Church. It's a casual first step toward membership but also simply great place to ask questions and help us get to know you better. Please register at citychurchphilly.com/membership so we know that you plan to attend.

ALSO IN PHILLY

Fundraiser Dinner at Ku's: Mindy Ku is hosting a fundraiser dinner event on May 11 at her home to support Set Beautiful Free, an organization that rescues, restores and empowers victims of sex trafficking and the children born to them in the Red Light District of India. If you are able to help with the event or would be interested in attending (\$125 PP), please contact Mindy at minku72@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May

- 5 55+ Lunch
- 11 Mindfulness Seminar
- 18 Membership Seminar
- **19** Youth Fundraiser Lunch

May 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 Baptisms 55+ Lunch	6	7	8	9	10	Mindfulness Workshop
12	Deacon Meeting	14	15	16	17	18 Membership Seminar
Youth Fundraising	Elder's Meeting	21 Week	of May 20: Com	23 munity Groups	24 wrap-up	25
Lunch	ivieetirig					
26 Congregational Prayer (9:30a UCity / 10a Fairmount)	27	28	29	30	31	

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Help us welcome you.

Name(s):
Children & their ages:
If undergrad or grad student, school & year:
Address:
Phone number(s):
Email(s):
Would you like to receive our weekly e-newsletter? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Please contact me about:
☐ Community Groups
☐ Neighborhood Service Opportunities
☐ Volunteering on Sundays
☐ Children's & Youth Ministries
☐ Meeting with a Pastor
☐ Other:
Anything else you would like us to know about you?

Please tear off this back page and place in the offering basket.

