## Sunday, May 19, 2019

Worship Notes:

**Your offerings and tithes** may be placed in the offering box before worship, during the time of greeting or following the service. The offering box is located at the rear **of the sanctuary.** 

**Our Community Gathers** 

**Welcome and Announcements** 

\*Call to Worship (\*you are invited to stand if you are able)

Leader: Grateful hearts need no special reason to

offer thanks to God.

ALL: Life abundant is itself reason for praise.

Leader: In the face of love's mysteries given such bountiful

expression what gifts of praise have we?

ALL: We have gifts enough for praise;

Our hands, our strength, our singing hearts

Let us worship God.

**Invocation** Pastor Rich

\*Opening Hymn 'All Creatures of Our God and King' Ch #22
vs 1 & 3

Old Testament Reading Psalm 148 Ellie Wells

**Prayers of the Gathered** 

The Lord's Prayer

Graduate Dedication David Gearhart, Shawn Brady

& Lexie Shakley

**Our Community Hears the Word and Responds** 

**Sacred Reading John 13: 31-35** (pg 108 NT)

Morning Message Rich Pate

'Love Is Never Easy'

#### **Our Community Celebrates the Sacred Table**

We celebrate a fully open communion table. All those who believe in Christ our Savior, are invited to receive the Bread of Life and Cup of Hope.

Communion 'Take Our Bread' Ch #413

Passing and receiving of Bread and Cup. You are invited to eat the bread as received. Please hold the cup until you are invited to drink together.

Prayer of Offering and Dedication

Ellie Wells

Gracious God, you offer us abundant life. We offer you thanks and praise. You sow in us the gift of giving. We dedicate these first fruits to you. Your goodness abounds, your provision is sure. To you we offer these gifts of gratitude; to you we rededicate our loves and lives. Amen

\*Sending Song 'For the Beauty of the Earth' Ch #56
Vs 1, 3 & 4

Blessing

Go into the world, with God's new song of love in your hearts. Forgive others as you are forgiven. Open your hearts to the coming of God's Spirit. And may the peace of God which exceeds all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Jesus our Risen Christ. Amen

"Our Worship has ended - -Now our Service to God begins"

# Scriptures for Sunday, May 26th

Elder Old Testament reading: Psalm 67 New Testament reading: John 14: 23-29

#### Shut-ins

Please pray for our shut-ins and homebound
Joyce Bradley, Sherry Burns, Jane Foster, Dick Gordon, Carol Imhoff,
Betty Imperio, Bernice Lambert, Jane McVey, Kate Miller, Wanda
Mish, Dick Scott, Wayne Smith, Gertrude & Keith Sparks, Dale Wells.
Please keep Mary Ann Welch and her family in your prayers. Marilyn
Franklin is now at Kingston, room 506 and Al Zimmerman is in Good
Shepherd. A visit, call or a card means so much to those members
and friends who can't be here with us each week.

# Random Act of Kindness

Our Random Act of Kindness for this month is to go out of your way to meet and greet a stranger

# Saturday, May 25th - CPR Training

Here at the church on Saturday, May 25 from 9:00 – Noon. See Rich if you are interested.

## **Church Directory**

Lifetouch photography company and First Christian Church will be developing a new all church directory. Pictures will be taken on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00–9:00. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering room.

#### **Flowers**

The flowers this morning are in memory of Sue Bell, given by Bob Bell, Dave & Lana Bell, and Kyle & Adam Bell

# Graduation Sunday May 19, 2019



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