

**WELCOME!** We are grateful that you joined us today. Please join us downstairs after worship for fellowship and refreshments hosted by our Joy Hospitality Group. **If you have children with you**, we have options! Our nursery is open throughout the service; Children's Church is for 3-5 year olds, and up to 3rd grade. Children leave during Passing of the Peace and return during the Communion Hymn.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REFRESHMENTS NEXT SUNDAY:** Peace Hospitality Group. Contact Lisa Haas 828-387-7788

**BABY SHOWER Sunday June 7** at 1:00 p.m. for Gie and Joe Velie. She is registered at Amazon under the name Abigail Velie. Let's shower them with love as we all celebrate new life!

**PHOTOS NEEDED ASAP** of the sanctuary, fellowship, and outreach activities for a marketing project and our website. Please forward any that you have to Bruce Smith: [brucesmithpg@earthlink.net](mailto:brucesmithpg@earthlink.net).

**NEWSPAPERS NEEDED** for the Humane Society. If you have any, there is a box at the front of the church.

**BIBLE STUDIES:** Women's 8:15 a.m. on Wednesdays and Men's 8:15 a.m. on Thursdays. Enter the back of the church. Email the church at [arbordalechurch@gmail.com](mailto:arbordalechurch@gmail.com) to be added to the Bible Study list for info about the upcoming study and you can also indicate if you'd like to receive our weekly email.

**OFFERINGS:** The offering is not taken up during the service. There are offering plates in the Narthex, on the lower shelf of the Altar and as you exit the Sanctuary to go downstairs, and a link on the website to donate on-line.

**ELDERS ON CALL FOR MAY:**

5/10	ALISON PHILLIPS	828-260-2089
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## MEDITATION

***"When we submit our lives to what we read in scripture, we find that we are not being led to see God in our stories but our stories in God's. God is the larger context and plot in which our stories find themselves."***

*~Eugene Peterson*

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

***"O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire You with our whole heart, that so desiring, we may find You: and so finding You, we may love You: and so loving You, may rejoice in You for ever. Amen."***

*~ St. Anselm*

To listen to our sermons online, please visit  
<https://www.arbordalechurch.org/sermons>



*"Making Disciples of All Nations (And Then The Nations Came to Us)" by Ebony Johanna*

\* Congregation Stands

**GREETING**

*Leader: Christ is Risen!*

**All: He is Risen Indeed!**

**PRELUDE**

*Facing a Task Unfinished  
(See insert to follow along)*

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 107*

\* **HYMN of PRAISE**

*Oh Give Thanks (See insert)*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.*

*~ based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20, NRSV*

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

\* **Assurance of Pardon:**

*“Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*~ 1 Corinthians 15:54-57, NRSV*

\* **PASSING THE PEACE**

\* **DOXOLOGY**

\* **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles Creed*

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*Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for**

**the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

\* **PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

*Leader: Lord in your Mercy*

**People: Hear our prayer**

\* **HYMN OF PREPARATION #461 In Remembrance**

**SCRIPTURE AND SERMON**

*Matthew 28:11-20*

*"We Tell Ourselves Stories in Order to Live"*

*Andrew Goins*

\* **COMMUNION HYMN**

*Christ is The Life*

*Of The World (See insert)*

\* **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.*

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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*Leader: Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.*

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

\* **HYMN OF SENDING #444 I Love to tell the Story**

\* **BENEDICTION**