

***Blessing**

L: So this is the God that we serve:

**P: God saves us from the death and destruction
that sin brings into our world
and saves us for a life increasing lived
in love with God and our neighbor**

L: So we can go into our days absolutely fearlessly as we
continue *together*

**P: To develop hearts for God in a Spirit-filled
community
and to spread God's Love and Grace throughout
the world.**

L: Grace to you and Peace, (from Revelation 1:4)
from Him who is, and was, and is to come.

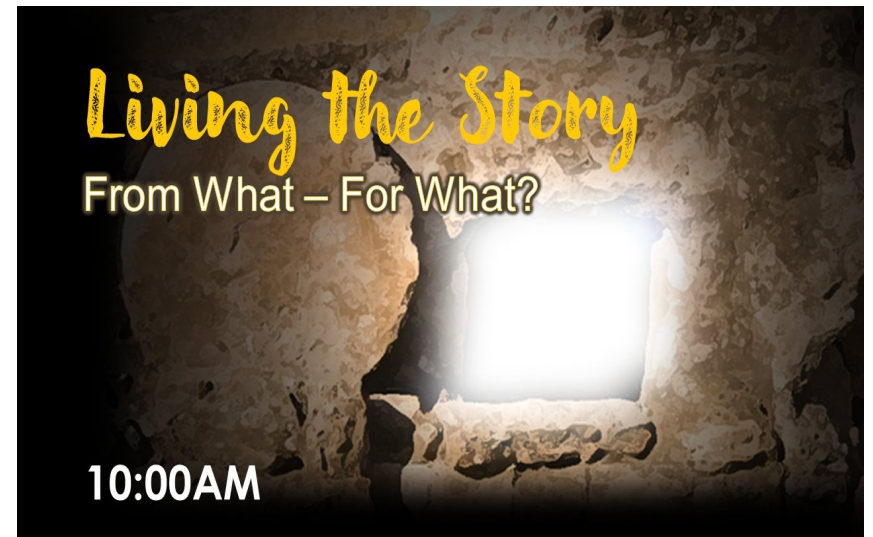
P: And also with you. Amen!

Sending Music

***We stand to praise God (as we are able)**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day



Countryside Community Church

Sunday, May 14, 2023

A United Methodist Fellowship

*Developing hearts for God in a Spirit-filled community;
spreading God's love and grace throughout the world!*

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SUNDAY MAY 14, 2023 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today's worship service is being recorded and live streamed on our website.
Cameras and microphones are in use throughout the sanctuary.

Announcements

Preparation and Praise

Gathering Music *Tell Me the Old, Old Story* (Hanky, Mawson, Doane) CCLI Song #3763968

Greeting/Welcome

***Call to Worship** from Ephesians 2:8-10

L: God saves us

P: from the death and destruction that sin brings into our lives.

L: God saves us

P: for a life of love, hope and purpose—eternal life in Christ Jesus.

L: God saves us

P: and sends us to share with those who don't know this Good News that we celebrate.

L: God saves us.

P: By Grace through faith, we are God's handiwork, doing the good that God created us to do from before time began.

***Hymn/ Lighting Candles** *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*
W&S 3104

(We light the Candles to remind us that the God, Who is the Light of the World, is near to us)

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**P: Redeeming and Transforming God,
You have made Your salvation known to us in Jesus Christ.**

**Give us courage to proclaim Your saving love
in our words and actions,
as You help us to grow
more like You created us to be in the first place
through Your sanctifying Holy Spirit.
In the Name and Spirit of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture

Matthew 5:1-12

Scripture Response

L: The Word of God
for the People of God.
P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Children's Moment

Pastor Jim

Special Music

A Mother's Love (Mark Patterson) CCLI Song
#7026403
Countryside Choir

Scripture

Acts 16:16-34

Scripture Response

L: The Word of God
for the People of God.
P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Message

From What – For What? Jim Hollister

***Response Hymn** *And Can It Be that I Should Gain* UMH #363

Prayers for Us, Our Community, and the World
The Lord's Prayer – UMH #895

Invitation to Give God's Tithe and Our Offerings

May's Mission Basket Offering supports NEPA Youth Shelter (via NEPA Gives)

***Offering Hymn** *My Tribute* UMH #99

*Prayer of Dedication

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God, You provide all that we need. Give us generous hearts that we might offer ourselves, our efforts, and our resources to Your good work in the world. Accept now these gifts for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ; in Whose Holy Name we humbly ask all this. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

Stand By Me UMH #512
(We carry the light from the Candles out to remind us that God calls us to be the Light of the World)