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E-Mail: washing54@gmail.com**Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.****Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.****President:** Mr. Edwin Peeples**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****May 22, 2022****Know, Pray, Tell****As We Gather**

"In that day," Jesus told the disciples in the Upper Room, "whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you." They could not understand, hearing Him before Easter and Pentecost. But we know now that the day has arrived, thanks to His death and resurrection, when our heavenly Father's ears are open to our every prayer. In this our day, we can anticipate by faith seeing Him and Jesus, the Lamb, in the perfect Jerusalem, as John writes in the reading from Revelation. Hearing the good news, Lydia, in the Reading from Acts, asked if the disciples deemed her worthy for Baptism. Indeed, with the gift of faith by the Holy Spirit, Christ's worthiness and her sins had been exchanged on the cross. She provided a home for Paul and Luke, and God had an eternal Jerusalem awaiting her entry. What Easter joy!

PREPARATION**467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness***sts. 1-4*

- 1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,
See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.
- 2 The foe in triumph shouted
When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed,
His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free;
In glorious victory

He who is strong to save
Has triumphed o'er the grave.

3 This is a sight that gladdens—
What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens
The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake,
No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son
In love for me has won.

4 Now hell, its prince, the devil,
Of all their pow'r are shorn;
Now I am safe from evil,
And sin I laugh to scorn.
Grim death with all its might
Cannot my soul affright;
It is a pow'rless form,
Howe'er it rave and storm.

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 118:24; John 16:23, 33

P This is the day that the LORD has made.

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P On another day, the one before He gave His life for us, our Lord said, "In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you." Today, this side of Easter, we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. But we cannot free ourselves from our sinning and our sinful condition. Let us therefore ask our heavenly Father for forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

P Almighty God,

C have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Although Jesus foretold about the disciples' scattering that very night, yet He said, "I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

C Amen! And may peace also be with you.

P Amen.

WORD

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good,

C by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them;

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 16:9-15

⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged

me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . .

²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 16:23–33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²³[Jesus said:] "In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you

have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

²⁹His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." ³¹Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Recognition of 2022 Graduates:

Gabriel Buster, Skye Olivia Perkins, Summer Alicia Perkins

822 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

sts. 1-3

- 1 Alleluia! Let praises ring!
 To God the Father let us bring
 Our songs of adoration.
 To Him through everlasting days
 Be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise,
 Whose hand sustains creation.
 Singing, ringing:
 Holy, holy,
 God is holy;
 Spread the story
 Of our God, the Lord of glory.

- 2 Alleluia! Let praises ring!
 Unto the Lamb of God we sing,
 In whom we are elected.
 He bought His Church with His own blood,
 He cleansed her in that blessed flood,
 And as His bride selected.
 Holy, holy
 Is our union
 And communion.
 His befriending
 Gives us joy and peace unending.

3 Alleluia! Let praises ring!
 Unto the Holy Ghost we sing
 For our regeneration.
 The saving faith in us He wrought
 And us unto the Bridegroom brought,
 Made us His chosen nation.
 Glory! Glory!
 Joy eternal,
 Bliss supernal;
 There is manna
 And an endless, glad hosanna.

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
 the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
 glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

P "In that day," Jesus said, we would pray directly to our Father in heaven. This side of Easter and Pentecost, we know that all we ask is based on our Lord's death and resurrection. Let us therefore take our concerns to our heavenly Father.

We pray that the Spirit work faith in the hearts of many people who do not know about our Lord's overcoming the world through His death and resurrection. Grant that they join us to pray to our Father in heaven, to hallow His name, and to be instruments of His kingdom and will. Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C let all the peoples praise You!

P We pray for people who call out to God for daily bread, everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body: those who are sick; in need of adequate food, clothing, or shelter; in conflict with family or neighbors; oppressed unjustly; dealing with calamity by fire or water; going into harm's way for the good of others; and those near and dear to us, [*especially . . .*]. Grant that they place their hope in Jesus' overcoming the world, realize God's protection and care, and find peace in God's answers to their prayers. Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C let all the peoples praise You!

P We pray for people who do not know the complete forgiveness for their trespasses that Christ has won for them and those who have strayed away from His protection into false belief and despair. Grant that God surround them with people bringing them His forgiveness in word and deed so that they might overcome the devil, the world, and their own sinful nature to win the victory. Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C let all the peoples praise You!

P We ask God to answer those prayers we have not put into words, but are still known to Him, our heavenly Father. Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of the death and resurrection of Your Son, in whose name we pray.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C let all the peoples praise You! Amen; yes, yes, it shall be so.

Offering

Lord's Prayer

**C 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 trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
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.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

P Although our last hymn is from the "Beginning of Service" section of the hymnal, the fourth stanza lifts our eyes from the present day to "our endless Sabbath day," which shall open before us.

906 O Day of Rest and Gladness

sts. 1, 4

1 O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness,
Most beautiful, most bright;
This day the high and lowly,
Through ages joined to bless,
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"
The triune God confess.

D 4 That light our hope sustaining,
 We walk the pilgrim way,
 At length our rest attaining,
 Our endless Sabbath day.
 We sing to Thee our praises,
 O Father, Spirit, Son;
 The Church her voice upraises
 To Thee, blest Three in One.

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Dismissal

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME – A warm welcome to everyone! If you are our GUEST, it is a pleasure to have you worshipping with us. **BLESSINGS!**

BAPTISM – On 1st Sunday in June, we look forward to the Baptism of Ava Noelle' Sturdivant. Ava is the daughter of Mr. Crandall and Mrs. Alicia Sturdivant. **PRAISE YE THE LORD!**

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday, from Noon to 1 p.m. We invite everyone interested to join us during the Noon hour.

THE DEEP INITIATIVE - It's **D**iabetes **E**mpowerment **E**ducation **P**rogram and is designed to improve the overall health outcomes by reducing risk factors for diabetes. The sessions are presented each Thursday during our Senior Day Out at 10 a.m.

RECOGNITION OF 2022 GRADUATES

Gabriel Buster, daughter of Tasha Sturdivant and Jabari Martin, granddaughter of Marian Martin, is a 2022 graduate of Selma High School and Wallace Community College Selma (dual enrollment). She received a high school diploma and an Associate degree in Drafting and Design. Gabriel plans to attend Clark Atlanta University and major in Political Science.

Skye Olivia Perkins, daughter of Jessica Perkins, granddaughter of Mattie "Cookie" Perkins and Eli Waugh, Jr., is a 2022 graduate of Selma High School and Wallace Community College Selma. She received a high school advanced diploma and an A.A.S. in Computer Information Systems. Skye plans to attend Montevallo University and major in Journalism.

Summer Alicia Perkins, daughter of Jessica Perkins, granddaughter of Mattie "Cookie" Perkins and Eli Waugh, Jr., is a 2022 graduate of Selma High School and Wallace Community College Selma. She received a high school advanced diploma and an A.A.S. in Computer Information Systems. Summer plans to attend Montevallo University and major in Biology.

"Congratulations" to our 2022 Graduates!

"Thanks" to Mrs. Yolanda York for serving as Coordinator.

BLACK MINISTRY FAMILY CONVOCATION – Consider attending the Black Ministry Family Convocation this summer in Mobile, AL – July 27-30, 2022. See more detailed information on our website or the brochure on the hallway board.

INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE – I want to strongly encourage our members to visit our website, especially regarding detailed information about our **DEEP Program**, as well as pertinent information regarding this summer's **Black Ministry Family Convocation**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIRTUAL SERVICES – Worship services will now be available via Zoom for those of you that are unable to attend the in-person worship services. The following link will be used for every service: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87066538071>. The meeting ID is 870 6653 8071. The bulletin for every worship service will be available on the church’s website.

PRAYER HOUR – Please join us each Saturday @ 11 a.m. for prayer. Dial 1/681-999-0264; Access Code 391959#. Also, I invite you to go on our website and view our monthly newsletters and other information. On there you will also see a complete listing of prayer requests/concerns.

BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER – If anyone has news or information for the bulletin and/or newsletter, please email the information to Mrs. Veazey at dorothyveazey@outlook.com. Information for the bulletin should be submitted or emailed by Friday of each week.

VERSE OF THE WEEK – Each week there will be a different verse in the bulletin. Members are encouraged to memorize and meditate on the verses.

VERSE OF THE WEEK – Proverbs 22:4 (*New Living Translation*)

*“True humility and fear of the Lord
lead to riches, honor, and long life.”*

“Happy Birthday”

May 24th Raegan Kelis Washington

For New Graduates: Lord, thank You for all graduates. Thank You for teachers and parents who taught and encouraged elementary and middle school graduates. Guide them in their continued education or employment. Thank You for the accomplishments of those who earned college degrees. Lead them in their chosen professions. May all graduates continue to learn and grow in You. In Jesus’ name.
Amen. -Portals of Prayer/April-June, 2022