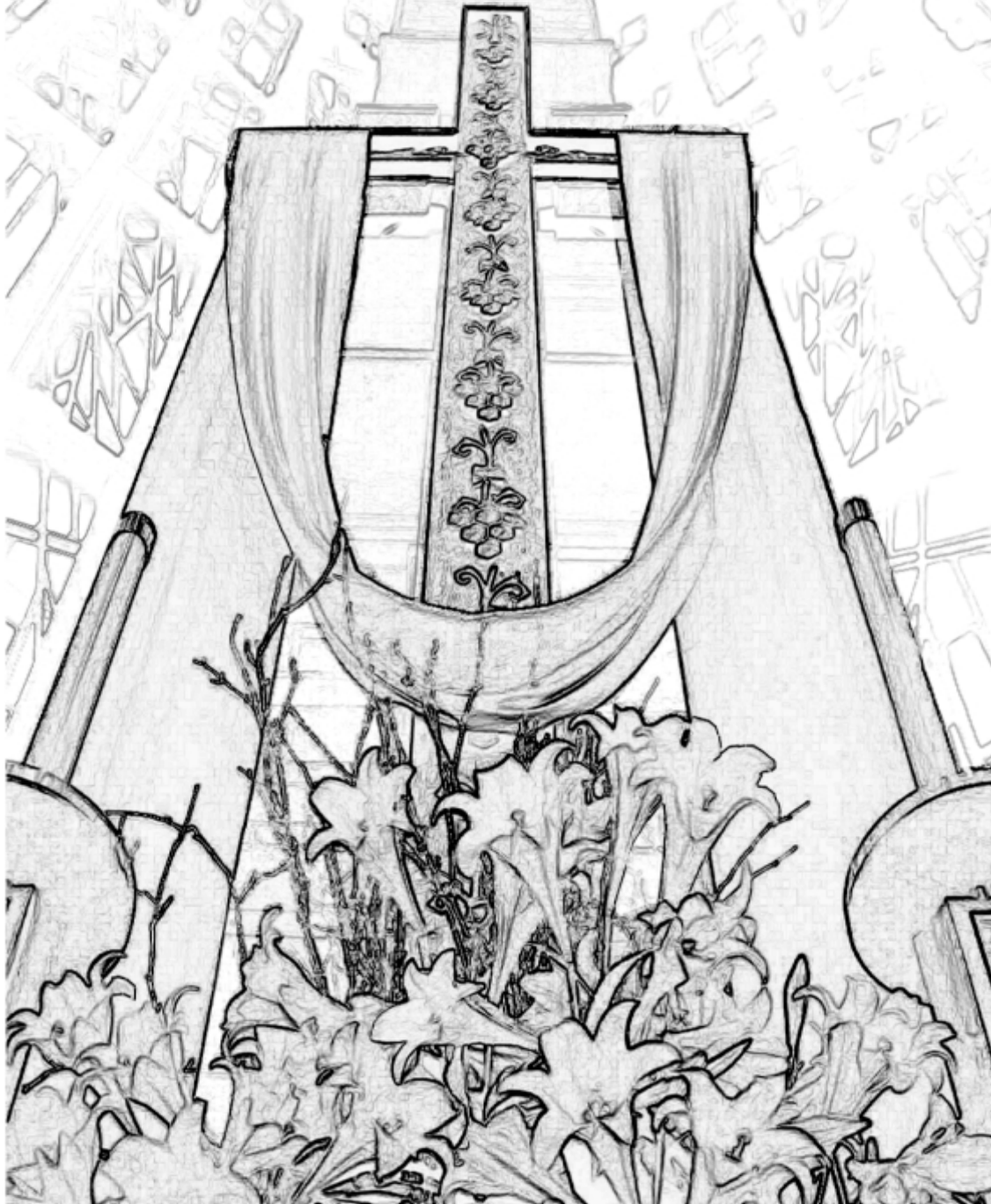


The Sixth Sunday of Easter



SAINT LUKE CHURCH

A **WARM WELCOME** to all who gather in the name of Christ this morning. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider Saint Luke Church.

All **BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS** are welcome at the Lord's table. We all need what only Christ can give.

The people of Saint Luke Ministries, called by God's grace in Jesus Christ, are committed to share God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, to care for one another, and to serve those in need. As a **RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION**, we welcome all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions based on our belief in a radically inclusive Jesus who loved all people regardless of gender, ethnicity, race, religion, economic, social status, or physical abilities. St Luke Ministries strives to be a place "where all are welcomed."

Saint Luke Ministries acknowledges that it is built on the land of which many First Nation people called their home. Members of this community continue to contribute to the life of this city and to celebrate their heritage, practice, traditions, and care for the land and waterways. Therefore, we **EMBRACE OUR COMMITMENT** to Indigenous rights, racial justice, and cultural equity.

For your convenience, there are *large print copies* of the Sunday bulletin and *individual sound enhancement devices*.

The *wheelchair accessible entrance* is located on Greenview Avenue and the *wheelchair accessible lavatory* is off the left side of the church.

A section for parents with very young children is located in the back of the church. *Rocking chairs, floor cushions* and *children's booster seats* may be found in that area. *Church Activity Bags* with books and coloring materials for the very young are available from the ushers.

Sharing of the Peace is done in the way that is most comfortable to you.

Free parking is available in the parking garage behind the church. Enter from Melrose St. (one block north of Belmont).

If there is anything else we can do to assist your worship experience, please let the ushers know.



SAINT LUKE CHURCH

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ILL

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants

<i>Abigail Zhang</i>	<i>Patricia Grunde</i>	<i>Christian Long</i>	<i>Neil Wagner</i>	<i>Tammy Crisman</i>
<i>William Beilstein</i>	<i>Anita Fuchs</i>	<i>Laurie Strohmayer</i>	<i>Debbie Dilaura</i>	<i>Mark Van Scharrel</i>
<i>Alison Long</i>	<i>Achen Moreno</i>	<i>Anthony Leonard</i>	<i>Alex Rose</i>	<i>Jeanette Geweke</i>
<i>Sloane Slodgett</i>	<i>Rosemarie Morgen</i>	<i>Colleen Mertens</i>	<i>Dennis Hadden</i>	<i>Julie Flores</i>
<i>Vernon Sarasin</i>	<i>Jablia McCain</i>	<i>Blanche Stewart</i>	<i>Thetis Cromie</i>	<i>Viola Bradshaw</i>
<i>Marge Spolec</i>	<i>Yvonna Taylor</i>	<i>Curtis Holland, Jr</i>	<i>Katie Lynch</i>	<i>Marge Mead</i>
<i>Jeanette Schwarz</i>	<i>Bridget Irving</i>	<i>Jane Ramsey</i>	<i>Steve Taylor</i>	

Joseph & Sandra Glorioso

the help of your power, that illness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. Amen

RENEWAL OF MIND AND BODY

O God, we thank you for times of refreshment and peace in the course of this busy life. Grant that we may so use our leisure for the renewal of our bodies and minds that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty God, we commit to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad:

Nicholas Bakulinski *Jeremy Strohmayer* *Ashley Bakulinski* *Lucas Kratz* *Nicky Relias*

Defend them with your heavenly grace and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to our church, peace among nations, peace in our homes and peace in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2024 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Prelude: Chorale in D Major

Cesar Franck

Welcome

Stand Please stand and face the baptismal font. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Processional Hymn # 731

Earth and All Stars

Please turn and face the cross as the procession enters.

Greeting

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia!

Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

During the Hymn of Praise the pastor will sprinkle the congregation with water from the Font. You may make the sign of the cross in memory of your baptism.

Refrain

 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

 1 Wor-thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose

 blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
Refrain

 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom and strength, and

 hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

Refrain

 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

 join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion:

 Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to

 God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

 4 For the Lamb who was slain has be-

 gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Prayer of the Day



Let us pray...

The congregation responds: **Amen**

WORD _____

Sit First Reading Acts 10:44-48

The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done ¹ marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have ¹ won the victory.

O Lord, you have made ¹ known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹ of the nations.

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹ house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹ of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, ¹ all you lands;

lift up your voice, re- ¹ joice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord ¹ with the harp,

with the harp and the ¹ voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound ¹ of the horn
shout with joy before the ¹ king, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and ¹ all that fills it,
the world and those who ¹ dwell therein.

Let the rivers ¹ clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,

who comes to ¹ judge the earth.

The Lord will judge the ¹ world with righteousness
and the peo- ¹ ples with equity.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand HOLY GOSPEL

Please turn to face the cross as the procession moves to the center of the church. The congregation sings the Gospel Acclamation continuously until the announcement of the Easter Gospel.



The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

+ SAINT JOHN 15:9-17 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit Sermon

Stand Hymn of the Day #804

Come Down, O Love Divine

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

**Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
 virgin Mary and became truly human.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
 to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 who with the Father and the Son
 is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Let us pray to the Lord: **Have mercy, O God.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord in a way that is most comfortable to you.

MEAL _____

Sit Gathering of the Gifts

Offering for Congregation

Anthem "I Am the Resurrection and the Life"

Gallus Dressler

I am the resurrection and the life, all who believe in me will live though they are dying, and everyone who lives and believes in me, they will never more perish.

Stand Presentation of the Gifts

This joy-ful Eas-ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 sor - row! My Love, the Cru-ci - fied, has
 sprung to life this mor - row! Had
 Christ, who once was slain not burst his three-day pris -
 on, our faith had been in vain. But
 now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
 ris - en, but now has Christ a - ris en!

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...

...with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled...

The presiding minister continues to thank and praise God, remembering especially the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and his promise and command to celebrate this meal.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember...
...the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit...
...with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers...

...until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



☐ Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the



Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -



might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Sit

Lamb of God

☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-
way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. At the invitation of an usher, please proceed to communion at the front of the church by the center aisle and return via the side aisles.

Anthem: "Adagio" from Sonata in F Major for Cello and Piano Johannes Brahms

SENDING

Stand Table Blessing

Hymn

Christ Is Arisen

Christ has a-ris-en from the grave's dark pris-on. So let our joy rise
full and free; Christ our com-fort true will be. Al-le-lu-ia!
Were Christ not a-ris-en, then death were still our pris-on.

Now, with him to life re-stored, we praise the Fa-ther of our Lord.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our com-fort true will be. Al-le-lu-ia!

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Recessional Hymn #88o

O God Beyond All Praising

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude Chorale in E Major (conclusion)

Cesar Franck

Reverend Dr. David Nelson, *Minister*

Robert Kleisch, *Assisting Minister*

Maia Surace, *Cantor*

Don Mead, *Organist and Cellist*

NEWS AND INFORMATION

May 5, 2024



Easter Celebration



The joy of Easter continues. Our environment, still filled with flowers, fabric and fragrance, urges us to “keep the feast,” to sustain our joy and wonder at God’s great gift to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

During the Fifty Days of the Easter Season, we will **stand** for all the portions of the Service at which we would normally kneel. We do this as a reminder that because we have knelt in the shadow of the Cross and have been forgiven our sins by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we can now **stand** before God as His children.

Introduction to the Day

This Sunday’s image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John’s gospel, image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

Music for Easter



TODAY - May 5, 2024

Don Mead accompanies Brahms’ “Adagio” from Cello Sonata in F and a selection by Franz Joseph Haydn

Bible Class

Bible Class (in person) meets weekly (from 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.) in Founders Hall on Sundays and virtually on Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.

Worship Service this Week

The **Worship Service** for this week will be held on **Thursday, May 9 at 9:00 a.m.** in observance of the Ascension of our Lord. It will be celebrated with the children of Saint Luke Academy. Join the children for worship and then meet in the Church Lobby for **fellowship** and a snack. *There will be no service on Wednesday this week.*

Coffee Break

Coffee Break will meet **tomorrow, May 6 at 1:00 p.m.** *The discussion is light and lively.* Join the Coffee Break group even if it’s only for a few minutes. The link for “**Coffee Break**” is on the website at stlukechicago.org. *See you tomorrow!*

Bible Class



Bible Class **will** meet this Thursday, May 9 at 12:00 p.m. Get your lunch and join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for the seventh Sunday of Easter.

The lessons are: *Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, 1 John 5:9-13, Saint John 17:6-19*

The link for “**Bible Class**” can be found on the website at stlukechicago.org. Click on “Bible Class” or enter the following URL into your browser: <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>
Meeting ID: 992 4691 2627 Passcode: saintluke *See you Thursday!*

Thank you to...

... Acolytes: *Karla Beck, Grant Godecke, Alan Hoffmann, Ava Maggiore, Anna Mead, Theo Nelson, Avery Nelson, Felix Robinson-Foley and Ayanna Moreno.* They are dedicated workers, assisting the Pastor and Assisting Ministers, getting the church ready for worship and cleaning up afterwards. We are grateful for their hard work and dedication.

A Note from Cubs Charities



Cubs Charities is excited to continue our commitment to supporting our incredible community schools and being a good neighbor. We are delighted to announce we will once again award Saint Luke Academy an All-Star Donation of **\$25,000**. Our goal is to support a safe, healthy and enriching learning environment for students, faculty and community. It is a privilege for us to contribute and serve as an additional resource to your school. Go Saint Luke and Go Cubs!



Cubs Charities!

Dear Families, Friends, and Members of Saint Luke,

Serving as the interim principal of Saint Luke Academy has been both rewarding and challenging, Saint Luke Academy is blessed to have smart students, supportive families, and an extremely talented and committed staff. Students at Saint Luke are growing into the vision for them as faith-centered, independent learners who are challenged to achieve academic and personal success and who demonstrate respect for the global community. Plus, they are just fun kids to know and teach!

In my short time at Saint Luke, I have embraced the Saint Luke mission to be a diverse, urban and global community that share Christ’s love, and I fully believe in the potential for growth in the mission in the many ways we serve our Academy students and their families. The Ministry Board of the Saint Luke congregation and the Academy Board of the school have agreed that I can best serve the mission of Saint Luke if I stay on as Academy Principal for the 2024-2025 school year, and we will continue to work together to enrich and engage children of Academy as well as grow our school in all ways possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you and thank you for your willingness to continue your support of an active school ministry. If you have any questions, please contact me anytime: ccomella@stlukechicago.org or catch me in the hallways at school.

Blessings to all as we end this school year together, and I look forward to working with you throughout the 2024-2025 school year.

Chris Comella

Hot Soup Mission

Our next Hot Soup Mission is on Wednesday, May 15, at 5:30 p.m. at Saint Luke. We will heat up, pack, and deliver food to our unhoused neighbors at Lake Shore Drive and Lawrence and Wilson and migrants residing at Irving Park and Marine Drive. There will be a short Zoom meeting at **7:00 p.m. on May 7** to plan for volunteers for cooking and delivery.

Meeting ID: 850 0918 2850

Passcode: 968295

If you want more information, please text/call Lisa at 773-960-5125 or Rader at 407-516-0147. We hope you can join us and help our unhoused neighbors!

All are welcome and high schoolers can earn community service credit.

Caring and Sharing

During the month of May we are collecting **pasta** – spaghetti, macaroni, farfalle, linguine. These items will be distributed to families through the LakeView Pantry. Please leave your donation in the monthly collection barrel in the church lobby.



THIS WEEK at Saint Luke Church

SUNDAY, May 5, 2024

Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.

*Founders Hall
Church
Church Lobby*

MONDAY - FRIDAY, May 6 – 10, 2024

Extended Care 7:30-8:15 a.m. and 3:30-6:00 p.m.
School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

4th floor

MONDAY, May 6, 2024

Coffee Break <https://bit.ly/3Pyes14> 1:00 p.m.

via Zoom

TUESDAY, May 7, 2024

Bookbugs 9:00 a.m.
Time for Two 10:30 a.m.
Goseikan Kendo 7:30 p.m.

*Room 101
Room 101
Gym*

WEDNESDAY, May 8, 2024

Time for Two 10:00 a.m.
Administrative Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m.
Greenview Place Devotions 1:30 p.m.

*Room 101
Church Lobby
Greenview Place*

THURSDAY, May 9, 2024

Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship after Church
Bookbugs 9:00 a.m.
Time for Two 10:30 a.m.
Bible Class 12:00 p.m. <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>
Goseikan Kendo 7:30 p.m.

*Church
Church Lobby
Room 101
Room 101
via Zoom
Gym*

SUNDAY, May 12, 2024

Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.

*Founders Hall
Church
Church Lobby*