

*Romney Presbyterian Church  
St. Luke's Chapel  
May 14, 2023*



**God**

... is not far from each one of us.

Acts 17:27, NRSV

***Come In to Be Filled – Go Out to Serve***



### **Covenant of Prayers**

Joys and prayers for the friends and family of someone who is recently deceased will be printed for one week. Other prayer concerns will run for three weeks unless they are on-going concerns.

**Our Members:** **Becky Whetzel, Alice Reynolds, Ja'Naye Corbin, Elliot's Graduation,** Evelyn Baker, Beck Hartman, Phyllis Shingleton, Peggy Ensminger, Jesse Kuykendall, Kaye Strawn, Bob Allen, Alice Reynolds, Gennie Heatwole, Beulah Mayhew

**Missionary Support:** Mark Hare (Costa Rica) and Tracey King-Ortega (Central America)

**Also:** **Noemie, Brian Bowen, Tana Lewis, Shane Ennis, George Bowen, Friends and Family of Hazel Michael, Jim Ganoe, Elizabeth Martin, Cinderella, Harmony Trip, violence,** Mary Kuykendall, Priscilla LeMaster, Eddie Pepitone, Topsy Taylor, Shelia Wilson, Scott Ashleman and family, Wayne Maphis, Ukraine, Corinne Mihelic; unnamed requests.

### **Announcements**

1. Please speak to Pastor Rob if you are able to provide a meal for the residents of Unity Apartments still displaced by the December fire.
2. Join us after worship at the Town Church next Sunday, May 21 as we celebrate the class of 2023. The Christian Ed Committee will be providing baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, and a half sheet cake. Members of the congregation are asked to bring side dishes to go along with the meal
3. Events this week:
  - May 16: Bible Study, 11:30 am
  - May 17: Choir Practice, 6:00 pm

### **Leadership Next Sunday:**

**Worship Leaders:** Kim Smith (SL) Lisa Hileman (TC)

**Greeters:** Dick Kuykendall and Alana Hartman

**Time for Young Disciples:** Ja'Naye Corbin

**Counters:** Michael Coleman and John Dan Sitar

**Attendance May 7, 2023:**

**St Luke's: 9 Town Church: 40 Online: 3**

**Worship Service**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 14, 2023**

Worship Leaders: John Dan Sitar  
Greeters: Don & Paula Cookman

***We Gather to Worship***

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call "Christ Is Risen" #248

Call to Worship

One: Bless the Lord, O people, sing!

**All: Let the sound of praise ring out.**

One: Come and hear what the Lord has done,

**All: the Lord who has made everything!**

Hymn "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" #624

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

***We Hear God's Word Proclaimed***

Prayer of Illumination

Time for Young Disciples Jonathan Degenfelder

Scripture Acts 17:22–31 NT 128

Anthem (TC) "How Great Thou Art" #625

One: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,  
who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

**All: For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.**

One: You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;  
you let people ride over our heads;

**All: we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

One: I will come into your house with burnt offerings;  
I will pay you my vows,

**All: those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised  
when I was in trouble.**

One: I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke  
of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

**All: Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.**

One: I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

**All: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.**

One: But truly God has listened;  
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

**All: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.**

Scripture

1 Peter 3:13–22

NT 220

Hymn

“Love Divine, All Love Excelling”

#366

Scripture Reading

John 14:15-21

NT 103

One: For the Word of God in Scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us,

**All: Thanks be to God**

***We Respond in Faith***

Affirmation of Faith

from "A Declaration of Faith"

**God makes himself known through his Word. God has not waited to be discovered. The Lord has taken the initiative and addressed his Word to humankind in many ways. Through the Word of God the world was created. The Word became flesh in Jesus Christ. Through the Word of God the New Creation is being formed.**

**We believe God's Word is God's communication to us. Although God is free to speak to us in unexpected ways, we confidently listen for his Word in Jesus Christ, in holy Scripture, in preaching and the sacraments.**

Offering

Doxology

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#606

Offertory Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Refrain

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: receive our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

# We Go Out to Serve

Hymn

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

#12

Charge and Benediction

Postlude



# Happy Mother's Day

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A series of horizontal lines for writing, consisting of 15 lines in total.

# ***Seventh Sunday of Easter***

## ***May 21, 2023***

### ***Scriptures:***

Acts 1:6–14

1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11

Psalms 68:1–10, 32–35

John 17:1–11

### ***Question for Reflection***

Where have you experienced God's welcome in your life?  
Where have you experienced God's welcome in your church? If we are to be one with Christ, as Christ is one with God, how can your church become a more compelling witness to God's radical invitation to homecoming?

### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

Delivering God, you have safely brought me to this new day.  
Keep me free from all dangers, perils, and troubles. By the power of your Spirit, strengthen my focus as I seek to follow Christ and to humbly serve your truth. Amen.

### ***Household Prayer: Household Prayer: Evening***

Redeeming God, by your mighty hand you have safely brought me to this night, and for this and all other mercies, I give you thanks. Post your angels around me this night that I may rest in peace. Amen.

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**Join us for Sunday School**

9:45 a.m. at the Town Church; 10:00 a.m. at St. Luke's

**Join us for Worship**

9:00 a.m. at St. Luke's (1st and 3rd Sundays) 11:00 a.m. at the Town Church;  
Combined Worship at 10:30 a.m. on 5th Sundays

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304-822-5083 Tues and Thurs. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**CONGREGATIONAL VOLUNTEERS: ROMNEY**

Choir Director – Sheri Coleman  
Organist – Beverly Keadle  
Pianist— Katherine Mariska  
Treasurer – Vida Simon

**ST. LUKE'S CHAPEL**

Pianist – Becky Whetzel  
Secretary/Treasurer – Kaye Strawn

**Members of the Session (Officers of the Church)**

Clerk of Session: Pam Eversole-Kizer

<b>CLASS OF 2023</b>	<b>CLASS OF 2024</b>
Michael Coleman	Jim Bowen
Donald Cookman	Peggy Ensminger
Jeannie Hampton	Lisa Hileman
Scott Staley	Kathy Kuykendall