

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ**

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Worship 10:30am

*No matter who you are,  
or where you are on life's journey,  
you're welcome here.*



*Welcome to  
St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Online Streaming Worship Service*

*May God's loving presence be very real to you,  
and may you receive strength and guidance today  
that will enable you to handle life's challenges.*

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**Sunday, May 16, 2021  
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

## We Gather

*We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God,  
and provide for one another our love, support, and care.*

### A TIME OF GATHERING

#### RINGING OF THE BELL

#### PRELUDE

*“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

arr. by John Carter

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#### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*{To center your hearts and minds,  
you are invited to individually offer this prayer silently during or before the Prelude}*

#### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP <sup>②</sup>

Watch over us, holy God, as we take time to pray and to meditate on the continuing impact of Easter on our lives. Jesus Christ has become for us the measure of life. He represents to us your gift of love and eternal life. We are a resurrection people no longer bound by fear of death but freed to become witnesses to the light. Nourish us to become like trees, planted beside streams of water, that flourish and bear much fruit because of your constant attention and abundant provision for our needs. Be known to us here in this hour. Amen.

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

#### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*“Lord, Enthroned in Holy Splendor”*

vs 1 & 2

♩ Red #344

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#### \*INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

ALL: **Amen.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP <sup>②</sup>

Leader: We are together today because Christ has claimed us.  
We are called to be the body of Christ in today's world.

People: **We are not here just for ourselves, for our own needs.  
We are drawn together by a larger purpose.**

Leader: We have been called by Christ for a mission.  
The gathered community is sent out into the world.

People: **We are here to be equipped for ministry.  
We have been chosen as apostles of good news.**

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## The Church of Christ

GEORGE H. BOURNE, 1840-1925

8. 7. 8. 7. 4. 7.

BRYN CALFARIA  
WILLIAM OWEN, 1814-1893

1. Lord, en-throned in heav-en-ly splen-dor, First-be - got - ten from the dead,  
2. Here our hum-blest hom - age pay we; Here in lov - ing rev-erence bow;  
3. Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er; For when, hum - bly, in Thy name,

Thou a - lone, our strong de - fend - er, Lift - est up Thy peo-ple's head.  
Here for faith's dis - cern-ment pray we, Lest we fail to know Thee now.  
Two or three are met to - geth - er, Thou art in the midst of them:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - ie - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Je - sus, true and liv - ing Bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing Bread!  
Thou art here, we ask not how, Thou art here, we ask not how.  
Touch we now Thy gar-ment's hem, Touch we now Thy gar-ment's hem. A-MEN.

## We Repent

*This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.*

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION<sup>®</sup> (Leader)

If the people of Galilee spent too much time looking up toward heaven, perhaps our problem is that we spend too little. In our busyness, we do not examine our busyness. Are we about God's business? Are we on a spiritual quest in the midst of all our doing? Let us confess the way things have come between ourselves and God.

### \*CONFESSION OF SIN<sup>®</sup> (Unison)

**O God, it is hard for us to wait for anything. We want instant answers and immediate gratification of our desires. We are more acquisitive than grateful. We forget the amazing riches of your gifts to us and only want more. We do not take time simply to enjoy being in your presence, singing your praises, delighting in your love. Forgive us for our arrogant, selfish pride and our neglect of values and relationships that would supply all we really need. Amen.**

### \*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

*{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON<sup>®</sup> (Leader)

Forgiveness is yours to receive and to proclaim to all nations. The power of God at work in Christ, is offered to us: the power of love to make a difference among us. Let us give thanks that we are restored as sons and daughters of the Living God who promises to us the baptism of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### \*CALL TO PRAISE

Leader: Let us sing praise to our ascended Lord.

People: **We praise Christ's holy name.**

### \*SUNG PRAISE

*"Alleluia"*

♫ *Blue #189*

**He's ascended, alleluia; He's ascended, alleluia;  
He's ascended, alleluia; He's ascended, alleluia!**

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*{Please be seated}*

# We Hear the Word of God

We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings.  
 We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God."  
 Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.

**PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE**

**First Lesson:**

[Acts 1:1-17, 21-26](#)

**Second Lesson:**

[Ephesians 1: 15-23](#)

**Gospel Lesson:**

[John 17:6-19](#)

**HYMN**

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

vs 1 & 4

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## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

F C F B $\flat$ /F F C F/A F

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

Gm/B $\flat$  C<sup>7</sup> F C F B $\flat$ /F F C F/A

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

F Gm/B♭ C<sup>7</sup> F Am Dm Gm

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

C F Dm Gm C F

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

B♭/F C<sup>7</sup>/E F C F B♭ F/C C<sup>7</sup> F

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

## EXTINGUISHING THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Ascension Sunday Gospel: [Luke 24:44-53](#)

*{After the reading of the Ascension of Christ,  
the Paschal Candle is extinguished}*

### Ascension Praise

Leader: Christ goes up with shouts of joy!

People: **Our Lord ascends to the sound of trumpets!**

### Sung Response (ALL):

**I will praise you, alleluia; I will praise you, alleluia,**

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Leader: The Almighty rides in triumph.

People: **The Almighty leads captivity captive.**

Leader: Who shouts for joy? Who blows the trumpet?

People: **The hosts of heaven sing the honor of his name;  
they praise him with an endless alleluia.**

### Sung Response (ALL):

**I will praise you, alleluia; I will praise you, alleluia,**

Leader: The Lord has brought down death itself.

People: **The Lord has wiped away the stain of sin.**

Leader: The Lord has trodden the winepress of suffering;  
he has paid the price to rescue the lost.

People: **Now he returns to his throne of glory;  
the hour has come to reclaim his crown.**

### Sung Response (ALL):

**I will praise you, alleluia; I will praise you, alleluia,**

Leader: Jesus Christ, the Prince of Life,  
now reigns in heaven with the Father.

People: **Jesus Christ, the Prince of Life,  
now rules in the congregation of the righteous.**

Leader: Ascended Lord, how can we honor you enough?

People: **Ascended Lord, how can we rightly praise the victory you have won?**

Leader: Prepare us for that welcome day  
when we shall behold you in all your majesty.

People: **Prepare us for that welcome day  
when we shall stand before you and rejoice forever.**

### Sung Response (ALL):

**I will praise you, alleluia; I will praise you, alleluia,  
I will praise you, alleluia; I will praise you, alleluia!**

*Adapted from David J. Diephouse 2007 "A Litany for Ascension Day".  
Based on Texts from J. S. Bach's Cantata "Gott fahret auf mit Jauchzen" (BWV 43).  
From Reformed Worship; Resources for Planning and Leading Worship*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

## We Respond with Thanks

*We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped,  
we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have  
learned more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by  
re-affirming our faith in God,  
praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and  
giving of ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.*

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(based on Colossians 1:15-20)*

Leader: Let us profess our faith, using Paul's words from his Letter to the Colossians...

**ALL: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation;  
for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—  
all things have been created through him and for him.  
He himself is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.  
He is the head of the body, the church;  
he is the beginning,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything.  
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of his cross.  
Amen.**

*{Please be seated}*

### CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray....

### ASCENSION DAY PRAYER

Leader: Jesus Christ, mediator and high priest,  
we thank you for becoming human and for experiencing  
the joys and sorrows of life, which assures us that you  
are able to sympathize and rejoice with us.  
We praise you for the many joys of life:

**People: for the beauty of creation,  
for your work in this world,  
for the growth of your kingdom,  
for the greatest source of our happiness: the gift of eternal life.**

Leader: As our mediator, you stand before God, petitioning him on our behalf,  
so we boldly bring before you our prayers

**People: for creation and its care,  
for the nations of the world,  
for our nation and its leaders,  
for this community and those in authority,  
for the church universal as it works on your behalf,  
for this local church in its ministry,  
for persons with particular needs.**

Leader: We pray this in your strong name, O Christ,  
our mediator and high priest, who taught us to pray....

*Reformed Worship; Resources for Planning and Leading Worship  
(based on The Worship Sourcebook O.4.4.1)*



**LORD'S PRAYER** (*Unison*)

**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.**

**SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE**

*"Alleluia"*

♫ *Blue #189*

**You're my Savior, alleluia; you're my Savior, alleluia;  
You're my Savior, alleluia; you're my Savior, alleluia!**

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**OFFERTORY INVITATION** ②

**Leader:** God loves us so much that Jesus was sent to be the atoning sacrifice for our sin.  
**People:** **The balm of love was offered for our healing so we might be reconciled to God and one another.**  
**Leader:** What will we offer in thanksgiving for so great a gift?  
**People:** **We offer the fruits of our labors, our time, talent and treasure.**

**RETURNING GOD'S TITHES AND PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS**

Online Giving

*{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person.  
A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed  
when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.  
Whether worshiping in person or online,  
the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church  
is through our secure [Online Giving](https://sprucc.org) option on our website at [sprucc.org](https://sprucc.org). [Click Here](#)  
Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul's UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551}.*

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*"Alleluia"*

♫ *Blue #189*

**You are worthy, alleluia, You are worthy, alleluia,  
You are worthy, alleluia, You are worthy, alleluia!**

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**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** ② (*Leader*)

Gracious God, may our offerings leave no doubt that you are head of our church and the inspiration for our lives. Empower our ministries with the fullness of Christ that we may be inclusive in our outreach and effective as teachers and healers. Help us to find joy in our praying and in our serving. For these purposes and to the glory of your name, we dedicate our money and our lives.  
**Amen.**

## We Are Sent Out

*In response to God's love and grace,  
we go out into the world to share God's Good News  
through our words and actions.*

**\*COMMISSION** <sup>2</sup>

**Leader:** You have been chosen as disciples and apostles.  
Your task is to learn and proclaim God's Word.

**People:** **We are learning from the life of Jesus.**  
**We are seeking to live in ways Jesus taught.**

**Leader:** You do not belong to the world but to God.  
You are in the world as bearers of God's truth.

**People:** **We will live as the incarnate Body of Christ.**  
**We will share God's love wherever we go.**

**ALL:** Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN**

♩ Red #558

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**\*SENDING HYMN**

"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

all 4 verses

♩ Red #181

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*{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us,  
as we now go to carry God's light and love back into the world.}*

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CHARLES WESLEY, 1739

C. M.

RICHMOND  
T. HAWES, 1734-1820  
Arr. S. WEBBE, the younger

*With joy, but not too fast*

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great Re - deem - er's praise,  
2. Je - sus, the Name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease;  
3. He breaks the power of reign - ing sin, He sets the pris - on - er free;  
4. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,

The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace.  
'Tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.  
His blood can make the sin - ful clean, His blood a - vailed for me.  
To spread through all the earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy Name. A - MEN.

Alternative tune, *Azmon*.



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## The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God's call by worshiping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others



## † Prayer List †

*Please lift up those listed here in your prayers this week.  
“Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.  
The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” ~ James 5:16b*

### **Medical Concerns & Healing:**

Alex  
Sam B.  
Lori & Ryan B.  
Rich D.  
Jacob E.  
Jaden G.  
Ann H.  
Leigh H.  
Rev. David K.  
Jim & Donna K.  
Janice L.  
Robin L.  
Ella L.  
Amy M.  
Diane M.  
George M.  
Starr M.

### **Medical Concerns & Healing:**

Terry O.  
Paul P.  
Fred R.  
Julie R.  
Jim S.  
Rob & Jodi S.  
Martha W.

### **Mourning:**

Family & Friends of Barb B.  
Family & Friends of Elaine R.  
Family & Friends of Rev. Bill W.  
Family & Friends of Marilyn W.

### **Social Concerns:**

Those impacted by COVID-19  
Those working on a vaccine for COVID-19

*Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you.  
All are welcome to add names to the prayer list.*

*Names are generally left on the list for about four weeks.  
Please let us know if you would like a name to remain longer or shorter.  
If you would like someone's name added to the prayer list,  
please contact the church office at 610-621-5770 or [office@sprucc.org](mailto:office@sprucc.org).*

### **Visitation Care Team**

Our Visitation Care Team (VCT) is composed of lay members who have been trained for visitation. If you are in need of prayer, a visit, or just a listening ear, they are here to be of support to you. To contact the Visitation Care Team with a visitation request or to share information about a potential care need email the VCT at [CareTeam@sprucc.org](mailto:CareTeam@sprucc.org). For more information, go to our “[Visitation Care Ministries](#)” page at [www.sprucc.org](http://www.sprucc.org) under the “ministries” tab.

For the week of May 16 the Primary VCT is Phleane Kissling, the Secondary VCT is Jon Henning.  
For the week of May 23 the Primary VCT is Elsa Wertz, the Secondary VCT is Robin Henning.

## ††† General Announcements †††

### Welcome!

We are glad that you are here to worship with us. May you find the worship and message meaningful and satisfying to your soul. May your week be blessed.

### Post-Quarantine Church Book Study: April 18 - May 23

NO meeting tonight. Next Sunday will be the last meeting for this 6-week study series of the book, *The Post-Quarantine Church* by Thom S. Rainer. The meeting will be via Zoom and go from 6:30-8:00pm. Below is the Zoom log in information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87452124156?pwd=RzI3dTI4Uy8vWGpBQnRzOGV2bnlrdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 5212 4156  
Passcode: 783249

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### Weekly Lectionary Bible Study

Every Tuesday morning Zion UCC of Womelsdorf offers a Zoom Bible Study based on the scripture passages for the coming Sunday. You may use any version of the Bible. The study goes from 9:00 to 9:45am. We would be happy to have you join us! Zoom login information may be found on our [website](#).

### In-Person Sunday School

In-person Sunday school is available for children and adults. Sunday school will continue in-person until May 23. Classes will begin at 9:00am and finish at 10:00am.

As always, the youth may continue to learn about God's Word through the information available on our website. Sunday school music, videos, and an assortment of other materials are available for downloading. Click on this link for [Sunday school for youth](#).

Devotional music for all ages, courtesy of Pastor Bob, is also available on our website. Click on this link for [Devotional Music](#).

For our Sunday school COVID precautions click on this link: [COVID-19 Safety Precautions](#).

### Confirmation Sunday

Next Sunday, May 23, is Confirmation Sunday. We hope you will join us when we celebrate in the Rite of Confirmation, and welcome our newest and youngest member to our congregation, Michael Meehan!

### Memorial Remembrance

A brief memorial remembrance ceremony will be held at Robesonia's *Henry P. Robeson Memorial Park* on Thursday, May 27 at 6:30pm. The ceremony will honor the men and women of our community that gave their lives for our country while serving in our armed forces to protect us and the freedoms that we value. All are encouraged to attend to show respect and gratitude for the ultimate sacrifice that these heroes made. Children are welcome and especially invited. The guest speaker will be Steve Mannino of the Berks County Department of Veterans Services.

### Summer Schedule

On May 30 we will switch to our summer schedule. The worship service will begin at 9:30am. An outdoor hymn sing in the parking lot is planned. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be indoors. There will be no Zoom, but we will have Live Streaming, Phone Streaming, and Facebook Live.

### Community Vacation Bible School (VBS)

In-person VBS will take place from Monday, June 14 to Thursday, June 17, from 6:00-8:00pm at St. Daniel's Lutheran Church. The theme is "*Christmas in June*". VBS is open to children 3 years old and up to and including Grade 6. This event is sponsored by St. Daniel's, St. Paul's and Zion churches. Online registration is required. Go to the church's website, [www.sprucc.org](http://www.sprucc.org), to register.

### Telephone Live Streaming & Playback Worship

This service is being offered to those who do not have internet access. You may call us at our toll free number **1-888-649-5770** and listen to the worship service live using a landline or cell phone. (No internet, smartphone, tablet, or computer is necessary - this works with a standard corded phone, cell phone, or even with a rotary phone). You also have the option for the church to automatically call you when the live stream worship begins (rather than you calling the church); which you can sign up for at the above toll free number, or you can call the church office, and we can add you to the call list. If you have any questions, difficulties, or issues, please let us know by calling the office at 610-621-5770. There is no charge to you for this service. If you know of someone who does not have internet access, please let them know of this feature, especially as they cannot log onto the website and find out about this themselves.

## About Today

**Church Season: Easter** - Easter is the 50 days from the Saturday of Holy Week to Pentecost. Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and is the most joyful season of the church year. The first Sunday of Easter, Resurrection Sunday, is the highest and holiest day of the Christian Church.

**Color of the Paraments** (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

**White** - symbolizing the defeat of death and the darkness of sin with the resurrection to eternal life.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year B**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Mark.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ's birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church).

### **This Sunday, May 16, 2021, Lectionary Reading for Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

#### **The Acts of the Apostles**

The Gospel of Luke and The Acts of the Apostles (NT) are attributed to Luke "the beloved physician" written around 59-90 A.D. This is essentially volume 2 of the Gospel of Luke. The Book of Acts records the ministry of the early church after the ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven, and guides us how we are to live, act, work, and be the church.

#### **Psalm 1**

This OT song, gives praise to God's law, and proclaims the blessings of following God's law.

#### **The First Letter of John**

This epistle (letter) is a homily attributed to the apostle John, as is the Gospel of John. Of the core 12, John is believed to be the "beloved disciple" (John 19:26). This epistle is believed to be written in Ephesus around 100 A.D.

#### **The Gospel According to John**

John is the latest of the four Gospels, written around 80-90 A.D. probably in Ephesus, and attributed to John the son of Zebedee, the beloved disciple of Jesus. This Gospel was "written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and through believing you may have life in his name" (20:31).

### **Next Sunday, May 23, 2021, Lectionary Reading for Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-21 *or* Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27 *or* Acts 2:1-21;  
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15



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