

# Sixth Sunday of Easter, Heritage Sunday

May 21, 2017 11:00 am

*"God is Spirit, and His worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)*

**Prelude** "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" (arr. Benjamin) Sandy Griese

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

L: Come and give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

**P: We reach out for God as we seek the truth.**

L: Where shall we go to find what we seek?

**P: Look inside, for in God we live and move and have our being.**

L: God is in us and we are in God.

**P: In God we live and move and become who God created us to be. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" **UMH 89**

### Lighting of the Candles

### \*Opening Prayer (in unison)

**"Almighty God, Maker of heaven and earth, Source of all creation, You are never far from each one of us. Reveal Yourself to us and abide in us. We live and hope because of You. In the name of Jesus Christ in whom we live, and the Spirit of truth who abides in us, Amen."**

### \*Passing of the Peace

### Children's Message

**Hymn Response** "Blessed Be the Name" **UMH 63**

### Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

**"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."**

*\*Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

**New Testament** Acts 17:22-31 Mary Kauffman

**Gospel Lesson** John 14:15-21

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn of Faith** "Fairest Lord Jesus" **UMH 189**

### Message

**"I in You, You in Me"**

Rev. Wayne Chung

*In the city of Athens full of idols, Paul found an altar dedicated to "AN UNKNOWN GOD." Why bother worshiping a god you aren't aware? We're created so we would reach out and search for God.*

### Giving in Response to God's Love

#### Offertory

Sandy Griese

**\*Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **UMH 94**

### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

**Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer** (in unison)

**\*Closing Hymn** "Faith of Our Fathers" **UMH 710**

### Sending Forth with God's Blessing

**\*Hymn Response** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (vs. 1) **UMH 557**

**Postlude** "The Royal Banners" (Mansfield) Sandy Griese

### Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53

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*The flowers on the altar today are given by Bill, Linda, Maddie, and DJ Buckley in memory of their niece and cousin Corey Gilger*

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### OUR FAITH IN ACTION

**Our Prayers:** 2017 Graduates, 2017 Confirmands, Wayne Thorne, Iva Gene Ward, Paula Curtin – recovering from knee surgery, Sally Lounsbury - recovering from hip surgery, Florence Bowles, Elsie Arnold, Deloras Ward recovering from surgery, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr., Laura Wise – sister of Donna Nestor, Diana Marshall – niece of Martha Wooldridge, Kathy Wallace, Bill Fowler, Those who travel

