

HEALTH CONCERNS

Members:

- Konnie Conrad** (heart catherization on April 26)
- Lucy Dillon (health issues)
- Faye Hodges (Summerstone Rehab receiving treatment for health issues)
- Bernie Krecklow (health issues)
- Hamp Langdon (health issues)
- Bob Myers (heart issues)
- Jean Nitkin (recuperating at Baptist from a fall on April 9)
- Norman Self (recuperating at home)
- Gerry Sharp (health issues)
- Millie Vernon (health issues)
- Rodgers White (health issues)

Friends & Family:

- Barham Mark Walker & Family (surg. to remove brain tumor)
- Bolen Marie Tuttle (breast cancer); Brett Tuttle (health issues with a brain tumor); Tricia Dowdy (COVID); Faye Dean Watson (cancer treatment); Amy Ikerd; Cindy Strickland (diabetes & health issues); Carol Carroll (health issues)
- Briggs Rebecca Huminski (daughter—health issues)
- Budkey Patricia Kenndy (Joy’s aunt—end stages of condition)
- Conrad Helen Foster (serious back surg.)
- Myers Keith Downs (Bob’s nephew—cancer)
- M. Newton Mike Lucire (Marcia’s 41 yr. old son-in-law—stroke and Aortic leak)
- Nicholson Steve Webb (son of dear friend—pancreatic cancer has returned)
- Pruitt John Fair (organist—Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem—cancer); Julian Pruitt (John’s father—health issues)
- Self Steve Rierson (Tom’s Plant House who supplies church Easter & Christmas plants—throat cancer)
- Watts Denise Gray (Dale’s sister—new brain tumor surg. 4/20); Wayne Baldwin (Eggs—recuperating from serious back surg.)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

- Bolen Catherine Bolen
- Nicholson Diane Nichols (son’s pancreatic cancer has returned)
- Vernon Prayers for family members

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

- Vernon **The family of Eric Nelson** (48 yrs. old who passed away from massive heart attack)



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May 2, 2021 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to worship God, whose love was revealed in Jesus. Let all the ends of the earth turn to our God.

People: We will worship the Almighty and sing praises. We will proclaim good news to others.

Leader: Beloved, we are called to love as God loves us. We are to love one another as sisters and brothers.

People: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. We seek to let God’s love be perfected in us.

Leader: Remember that you have been baptized. God claims you and has high expectations of you.

People: Christ is the vine; we are the branches. We will bear fruit when we abide in the vine.

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN NO. 393 “O Day of Rest and Gladness”** ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDOVOGELEIN

*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have ignored our origin in you and denied your rule over the nations. We have pursued illusions of self-interest rather than abiding in your love. We have turned away from brothers and sisters as if they were enemies to be hated. We are afraid to love those who differ from us or who have the power to harm us. We hesitate to take risks of caring for fear that we may be hurt. Discipleship seems too demanding. O God, release us from our fears and failures to trust your love and live with bold generosity. *(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)*

Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: There is good news for all who sincerely repent and seek a living, growing relationship with God. Those who are open to the gift of God's love are blessed with the capacity to extend love to others and thus experience the depth and riches of life that God intends for us. When we love one another, God's love is perfected in us. Friends, believe the good news...

People: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

*RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 22:25-31

John 15:1-8

SERMON

"Vines and Branches"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 729

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN NO. 546

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

SICILIAN MARINERS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE