May 25, 2025
10:15 AM
Ascension of our Lord

+ GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE O Break Loose All Chains – Sigfrid Karg-Elert

WELCOME AND GREETING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM
In the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

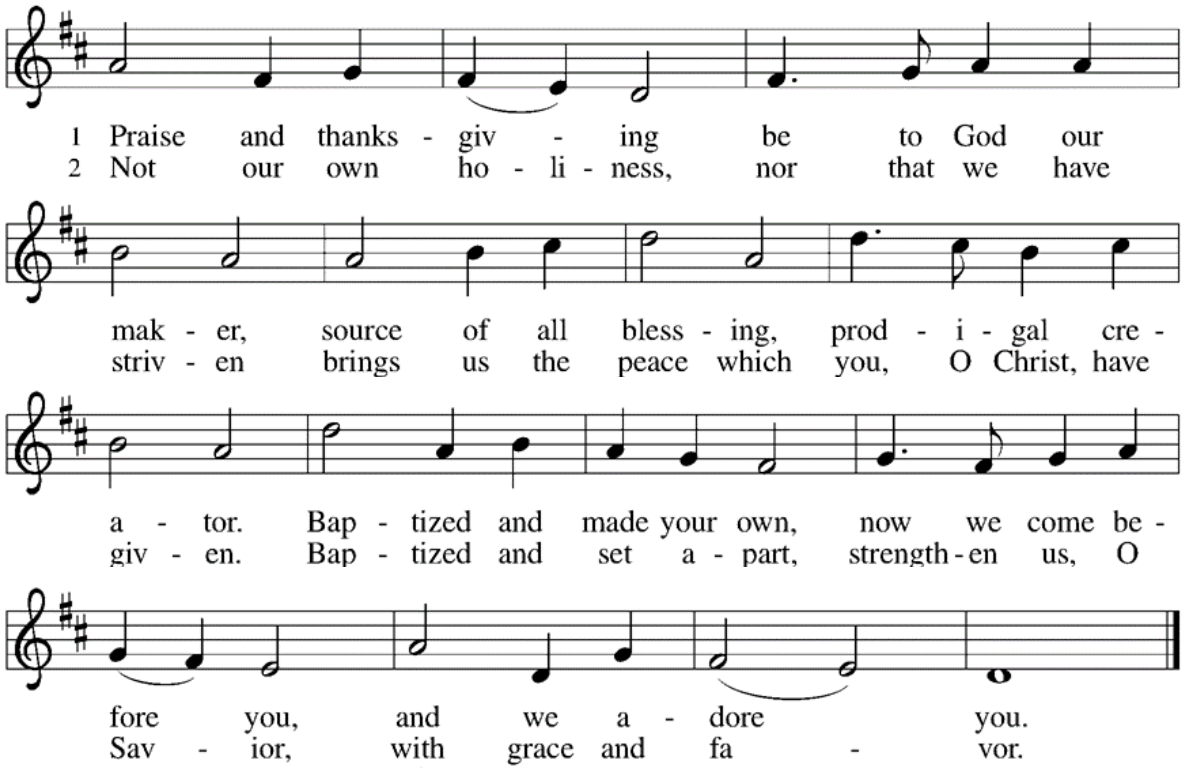
We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

HYMN ELW 392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus vs. 1-2

GREETING
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



OPENING PRAYER
Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ WORD +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

At the end of the reading:
Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:44-53

At the beginning of the reading:
The holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 393 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

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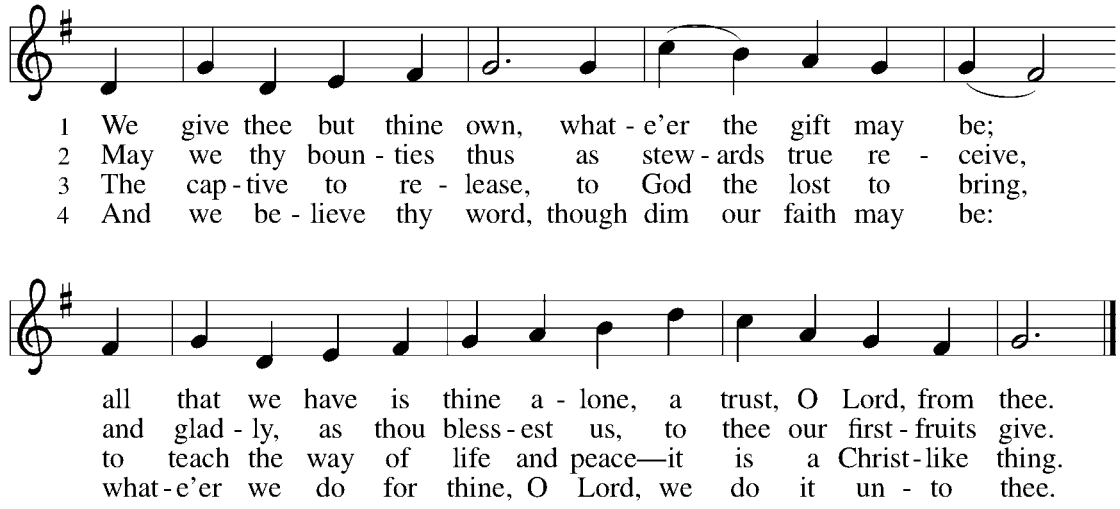
MUSICAL OFFERING Lord, Entroned in Heavenly Splendor – Larry Shackley

OFFERTORY



OFFERTORY PRAYER
God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS

Each petition ends with the phrase:
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

+ SENDING +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION
The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus vs. 3-5

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE The Rejoicing – G.F. Handel, arr. E. Power Biggs

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PRAYER LIST
Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers: Bob Moran, Leonard Gibeon, David Mounts, Ruthie Jadick, Jill Iris, Ed Schanely, Steve Keyser, Andrew Breuninger, Marie Wolfe, Joe Tursi, the Stauffer family, Renee Fels, Rebecca Jellen, Sarah Keller, Linda Lysoby, Mary Bonar, Mary Flint, Richard Ditzler, Margaret Simon, Evan Bolton, Larry Brinckman and Marie Fretz.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday May 26	Office Closed for Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 27	7:30 Executive Meeting
Wednesday, May 28	5-8pm First Food Truck Night!
Fri & Sat, May 30-31	SEPA Synod Assembly
Sunday, June 1	10:15am Worship & Graduate Recognition Sunday
	5-7pm Fun and Faith—Summer Bliss

Our first Food Truck Event of the summer will be on Wednesday, May 28th. Spread the word, come to enjoy and, if you are willing to help, please let Paul Barndt know.

Graduate Celebration Sunday will be on Sunday, June 1st. If you or someone you love is graduating this year, please send information to Vikki at the church office to be included in the celebration.

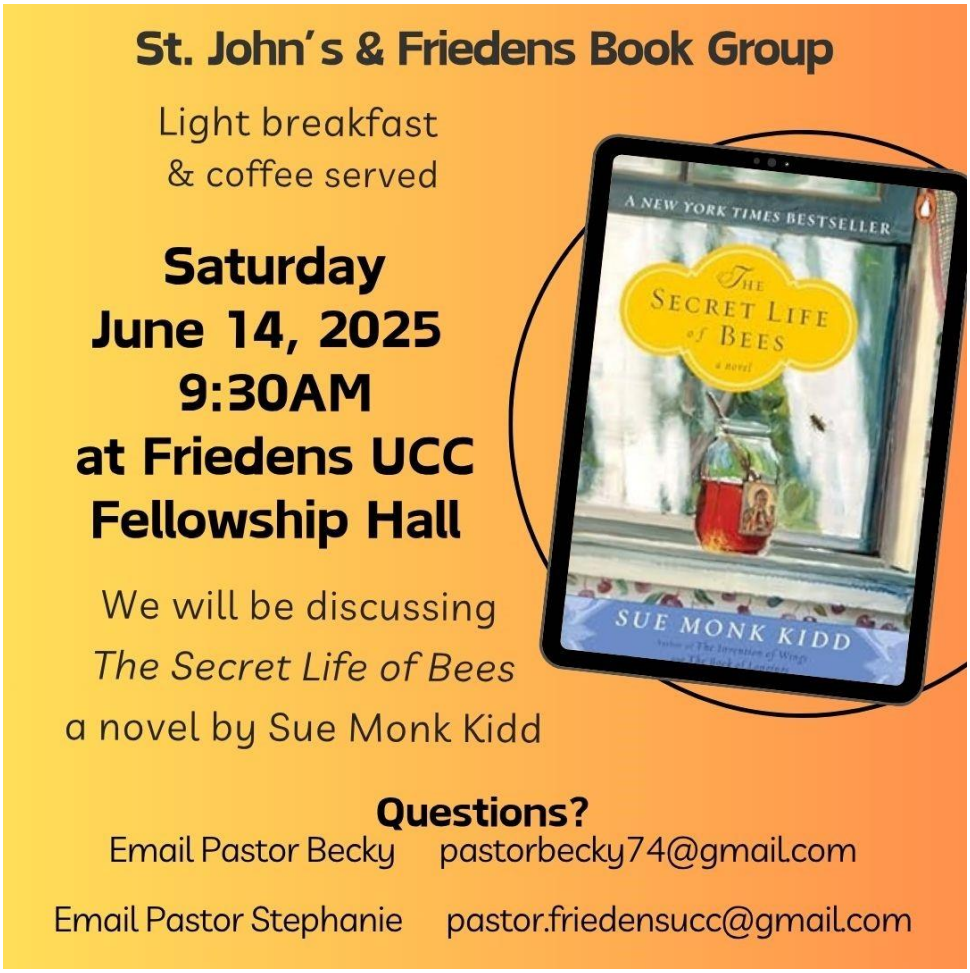
Order your Hoagie by June 9th for pick up on Thursday, June 159h from 5-6:30pm. Turkey hoagies are $9 and Italian hoagies are $8. Sign up outside PB's office or contact Elaine Keller 215-262-5366.

VBS June 23-26 Volunteers Needed! Please see the sign up in the weekly newsletter and help wherever you can.

Church Picnic and Outdoor Worship will be on Sunday, June 8th at 10:30am.
We will be gathering at Friedens UCC for a combined celebration of summer.

Royersford Baptist Church on Lewis Road, will be screening ***1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted a Culture*** on June 1st at 2pm. See the weekly email for more info.

Heavenly Helpers Mission Team is having a fundraiser at Red Robin on Sunday, June 29th from 4-8pm. Dine in or order online, just be sure to mention the fundraiser (see the flyers in the narthex) for HH mission team to receive 20% of your purchase. It's a tasty way to give!



CHOW DOWN SUMNEYTOWN...

IT'S FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAY!

JOIN US FOR FOOD, LIVE MUSIC, LOCALLY-MADE BEVERAGES, SWEET TREATS, LAWN GAMES, AND COMMUNITY!

FOOD BY WRAP 'N' ROLL & STEG'S BBQ

SWEET TREATS BY CREAM AND ICE

DRINKS PROVIDED BY
PERKIOMEN VALLEY BREWERY & CARDINAL HOLLOW WINERY

LIVE MUSIC BY PAYEL GIRWARR & RED HILL BAND

PLACE

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
3104 MAIN STREET, GREEN LANE, PA 18084

MAY 28 5-8PM

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