

**April 28, 2013**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**10:45 a.m.**

**Please enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship in silence.**

*“There is always something unpredictable about a living faith  
which makes rigid orthodoxy nervous.  
New ventures are a sign of life.  
In the end, the only valid standard of orthodoxy  
is the Spirit of Jesus at work in the world.”  
(Halford Luccock)*

*Now the apostles and the believers in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the Word of God.  
So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying,  
“Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?”  
Peter answered,  
“Who was I that I could hinder God?”  
(Acts 11)*

Prelude

Welcome and Life Together

*Please sign the red attendance pad at the end of the pew and pass it along the row.*

Call to Worship—Psalm 148 (Hymnal 860)

\*Hymn 3      *Earth and All Stars!*      DEXTER

\*Invocation

**Eternal and Ever-Present God,  
we thank you for the gift of life,  
and praise you for the reality of resurrection in which we now live.  
As we have gathered, so fill us now with the presence and power of your Holy Spirit,  
that we too may rise with Christ and carry on His mission in the world.  
On this new day call us in a new way!  
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

\*The Revelation of St. John, 21:1-6 (p.1007)

\*Gloria Patri (2nd century)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*The Gospel of Jesus Christ, John 13:31-35 (p.877)

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Choral Anthem

*This is My Commandment*

Larry Shakely

Time with Children

Hymn 629

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

CHEREPONI

*Children through second grade are dismissed for classes.*

Proclamation

*The Surprising Work of God*  
*Acts 11:1-18*

Peter Hawkinson

Choral Anthem

*I See, I Hear, I Know*

Craig Courtney

*Now I see O Lord, I see the light inside eternity,  
The tree, the bloom, the feast inside the upper room, a whippoorwill a mourning dove,  
The song of wind, the hymn of love have called my soul to see the light inside eternity.  
Now I see, O Lord*

*Now I hear, O Lord, I hear one tune to drive away all fear.  
I hear the sound of life in sea and air and ground;  
I hear a river running through the sky, while choirs of angels sing on high  
Be glad my soul, and hear one tune to drive away all fear. Now I hear, O Lord.*

*Now I know, O Lord, I know why ev'ry seed must die to grow.  
I know the tree of life inside eternity, I know the throne,  
I know the Lamb, the Christ, the Lord, the One, the great I AM.  
I know the Lord, I know why ev'ry seed must die to grow. Now I know, O Lord*

*Now I see, now I hear, I know. -Herbert Brokering*

Prayers of the Church and The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Mission of the Church—Ministries of Recovery and Support, John Couleur

Offertory

*Reflections on "Endless Song"*

arr. by Michael Ryan

\*Response (246)

***Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.***

***Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.***

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 682

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

IRREGULAR

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Tolling

\*Postlude

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*Following the Postlude and during the coffee hour, a Stephen Minister will be available  
near the stained glass windows for anyone interested in individual prayer.*

Welcome! We pray that you will experience anew the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as we worship together.

Our thanks to Colette and Kelly Quackenbush, sanctuary greeters, Carl Balsam, Dick Johnson, Elvida Johnson, Dwight Samuelson, and Sue Samuelson, ushers; Maria Moreno, Scripture Reader; Jane and David Westerfield and Diana and Chant Sayavongsa, coffee hosts; Cindy Buettgen (flute), Jon Pegis (cello), Nancy Magill (piano); and the Handbell Choir, directed by Linda Johnson.

**WINNETKA COVENANT CHURCH**  
**April 28, 2013**

***Welcome!***

***Please join us in the narthex immediately following worship for coffee and conversation.***

**TODAY IN OUR CHURCH**

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. For children, Rotation Sunday School: *The Covenant: The Early Church as the Body of Christ*. For adults, *Exploring Covenant Affirmations* led by Kurt Peterson in the Upper Room and *The Story* in Room 203
- 10:45 a.m. Worship
- 12 noon WCC Quarterly Business meeting. Child care will be provided.
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 7:00 p.m. High League

**TUESDAY—APRIL 30**

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study-final study for the spring. Following the meeting all participants will be going out for lunch. For more information, call Joann Larson.
- 9:45 a.m. Playgroup. All are welcome. Contact: Kira Johnson.
- 7:00 p.m. Mens Basketball

**WEDNESDAY—MAY 1**

- 5:00 p.m. Children's Music—for children age 4 through third grade
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner: A Just Harvest is cooking. All are welcome.
- 6:15 p.m. Singing, Skits, and Scripture in the Upper Room. All are welcome.
- 6:45 p.m. Programs for all ages, ending at 7:45 p.m. Explorers (ages 2-3); Voyagers (ages 4-kindergarten); Pathfinders (grades 1-2); Trailblazers (grades 3-5); Junior High
- 6:45 p.m. Life and Faith Conversations
- 6:45 p.m. The Story in Room 203
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal

**THURSDAY—MAY 2**

- 1:00 p.m. Womens Bible Study—We are studying "*Discerning the Voice of God*", by Priscilla Shirer. All are welcome. Contact: Claire Macfarland
- 1:00 p.m. Community Kitchen—food preparation in our church kitchen. All are welcome.
- 7:00 p.m. **Wedding shower for Brent Strobel and Eva Larson** in the narthex. All women in the church are invited to attend.

**FRIDAY—MAY 3**

- 6:30 p.m. The Marriage Course

**SATURDAY, MAY 4**

- 8:00 a.m. Mens Fellowship
- 8:00 p.m. The **Stanley C. Golder Interfaith Lecture Series**—Ronina Malik in "Unveiled" at Temple Jeremiah (937 Happ Rd., Northfield). Racism. Hate crimes. Love. Islam. Culture. Language. Life. Five Muslim women in a post-9/11 world serve tea and uncover what lies beneath the veil in this compelling one-woman show starring playwright and actress Rohina Malik. Directed by Ann Filmer and featuring musicians Kim Fleuchaus and Alex Wing. The mission of the Stanley Golder Interfaith Lecture Series is to promote understanding among every faith and embrace the unifying spirituality of all religions. The event is free and open to the public.

## **SUNDAY—MAY 5**

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. Rotation Sunday School: *Kingdom Parables*. For adults, *Holy, Human Stories to Connect With*, taught by Art Nelson, and *The Story* will meet in Room 203
- 10:45 a.m. Worship
- 12:45-2 p.m. **A Just Harvest Community Kitchen 30th Anniversary Celebration WCC Brunch.** This will be held at The Community Kitchen (7649 N. Paulina St, Chicago). All are welcome and there is no cost to attend. Please sign up online, call the church office or contact Kelly Quackenbush.
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Education
- 7:00 p.m. High League

## **ADVANCE CALENDAR**

Saturday, May 11, 1:30-4:30 p.m. **Chicago Food Depository.** Volunteer to support the North Park Friendship Center food bank. This is a fun opportunity for adults and teens to serve. Long pants and close-toed shoes required. Age 13 and up. Sign up online ([www.winnetkacovenant.org](http://www.winnetkacovenant.org)) or on the bulletin board outside of the church kitchen.

Sunday, May 19. **Confirmation Sunday.** Confirmands will present their faith papers on Friday, May 17 in the sanctuary. All are invited to attend.

July 13-20, 2013. **Intergenerational Mission Trip** to Covenant Mountain Mission in Jonesville, Virginia. **Registration deadline: May 1.** Questions, contact Jeff Johnson.

## **NOTICES**

Please pick up your copy of the May Network in the narthex after the worship service.

Larger print copies of the morning hymns are available on the table in the back of the church near the sound booth. Children's bulletins are also available in the narthex. Please help yourself as needed.

**Struggling through one of life's storms?** Consider a Stephen Minister. We're companions, listeners, prayer partners. We're there to walk along side you through the difficult times. And our relationships are strictly confidential. Contact one of the pastors to learn more or to be directed to a Stephen Ministry Leader.

**The Story:** A journey together into the story of God's love, continues Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m., and Sundays, 9:30 a.m. *The Story* is scripture condensed into 31 accessible chapters, allowing the stories, poems and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. Materials will be provided. All are welcome.

Would you like to participate in community gardening around the Howard Street area? Would you like to see how A Just Harvest's Genesis Project is working with youth and young adults to cultivate these gardens? Join us on **Saturday, May 11th, anytime between 11 am—3 pm for Planting the Seeds for Change: Community Involvement & Supply Donation Day** at 7647 N. Paulina, Chicago (an open lot south of A Just Harvest). Children are welcome! We'll have gardening activities for children and plants for sale (including petunias, impatiens, kitchen herbs, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, broccoli and cabbage). We will also accept donations of garden equipment. For more information or for a wish list of needed supplies, visit [www.ajustharvest.org/may11](http://www.ajustharvest.org/may11).

**Texts for next week:** Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

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**Ministers to the Congregation**

*Peter Hawkinson, Pastor*

*Andrea Johnson, Pastor of Discipleship and Outreach*

*Christy Bouris, Youth Pastor*

*Arthur A.R. Nelson, Parish Associate*

*Dawn Pegis, Director of Music*

*Dominic German, Music Intern*

*Joshua Smith, Organist*

*The Stephen Ministers*

*Our mission is to be a Christian community and to proclaim the gospel,  
worshiping together in love, nurturing people in the faith, serving others as Christian disciples,  
and building a world of justice and hope in the name of Christ.*

**At Winnetka Covenant Church:**

*We hold grace as our highest value.*

*We practice honest, open, direct communication.*

*We speak the truth in love and listen in love.*

*We believe the best about each other, valuing others above ourselves, as Christ does.*

*We allow room for mistakes, acknowledging that mistakes are part of the growth process.*