



HE IS NOT HERE ; HE HAS RISEN

**May 6, 2012, 10:45am**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

*“Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.”*

*(John 15:4-5)*

Prelude

Greeting and Life of the Church

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

\*Call to Worship

It is God our Creator who sets us free to live,

***Who calls us into a community of freedom and commitment.***

It is Jesus our Christ who has blazed the trail of new life,

***Who has gone before us to overcome sin and death.***

It is the Spirit of peace that makes us one,

***Who flows among us like a healing river.***

***Glory be to God, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, in all that we say and do here! Amen.***

\*Hymn 31

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

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\*Invocation

### WORD AND SACRAMENT

The Hebrew Scripture

Psalm 22:25-31 (p.435)

The Epistle

1 John 4:7-21 (p.991)

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God!***

Choral Anthem

*"Beautiful In His Time"*

Dan Forrest

\*Gospel

John 15:1-8 (p.878)

\*Hymn 581

*"Though I May Speak With Bravest Fire"*

GIFT OF LOVE

*Children through fifth grade are dismissed for classes.*

Sermon

*Abiding in Christ, and Loving Each Other*

Peter Hawkinson

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Call and Invitation

Confession and Assurance

\*Affirmation of Faith, Hymnal 878

\*Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration and the Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

*Please hold the bread and the cup until all have received, so that we may eat and drink together. We will sing hymns 568 and 581.*

Thanksgiving after receiving

Prayers of the Church

### RESPONSE

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Response (241, verse 3)

***All praise, O risen Lord, we give, to you, who dead, again now live;  
to God the Father equal praise, And God the Holy Ghost we raise. Amen.***

\*Prayer of Dedication

### GOING FORTH

\*Hymn 676

*"Go, My Children"*

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\*Charge

\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

\*Tolling

\*Postlude

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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

Today we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. Ours is an open table. All who love and follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to share the bread and cup. At the conclusion of the service, ushers will be at the exit doors to receive the regular monthly offering following communion for the Community Mission Fund.

A Columbarium Committal Service of Ethel Pearson will take place about noon following the worship service this morning. All are welcome as we gather in the garden. Ethel, along with her husband Ken and children Debbie and Dennis, joined the Winnetka Covenant Church on April 7, 1962. Ethel died on January 23, 2009, and today we commit her remains to their final resting place. Ethel is remembered for her musical gifts, and a warm, generous spirit that drew others in. We pray for her family today. Peace be to Ethel's memory.

Our thanks to Rick and Inger Eiesland Schultz, sanctuary greeters; Carl Balsam, Reed Brunzell, Mer Crow, Eric Fogel, and Hal Jenkins, ushers; Ron and Deb Peterson, coffee hosts; Darlene Foss, bulletin cover design;

The chancel flowers, arranged by Drake Johnson, are given in honor of the birthday of Jon Pegis.

## WINNETKA COVENANT CHURCH

May 5, 2013

*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, *Holy, Human Stories to Connect With* led by Art Nelson in the Upper Room and *The Story* in Room 203
- 10:45 a.m. Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Education. Art Nelson will be leading with the topic of Prayer.
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 7:00 p.m. High League

### **TUESDAY—MAY 7**

- 9:45 a.m. Playgroup. All are welcome. Contact: Kira Johnson.
- 7:00 p.m. All Boards and Committees meet. Gather first in the sanctuary.
- 7:00 p.m. Mens Basketball

### **WEDNESDAY—MAY 8**

- 5:00 p.m. Children's Music—for children age 4 through third grade
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner. 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 9**

- 8:30 a.m. Leisure Class Breakfast at The Bistro (Covenant Village, Northbrook). All are welcome. Contact: Sam Paravonian.
- 12:30 p.m. Quilters, Knitters, Etc. meet at the home of Elizabeth Johnson. No need to bring a sandwich this time. Please RSVP. If needed, directions will be given when you respond.
- 1:00 p.m. Womens Bible Study—We are studying "*Discerning the Voice of God*", by Priscilla Shirer. All are welcome. Contact: Claire Macfarland.

### **FRIDAY—MAY 10**

- 6:30 p.m. The Marriage Course

### **SATURDAY, MAY 11**

- 8:00 a.m. Mens Fellowship
- 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 12—MOTHER'S DAY**

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. High League—Senior Night

### **ADVANCE CALENDAR**

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

Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 19, & 26, 6-8:00 p.m. **Summer Night Live.** More information to come.

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

## **NOTICES**

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.

**A Caring Companion. Wonderful anytime. Essential sometimes.** Need a companion, someone to talk to, to listen, to pray with, to be supportive, to just be with? Consider a Stephen Minister. Ours is a loving and strictly confidential ministry designed to provide companionship in difficult times. Contact one of our pastors who can answer questions and/or direct you to a Stephen Ministry leader.

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).

**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.

**Texts for next week:** Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

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*Jed Bassett, Director of Youth Programs*

*Tyler Krumland, Interim Youth Pastor*

*Rebekah Strobel, Interim Youth Pastor*

*Arthur Nelson, Parish Associate*

*Dawn Pegis, Director of Music*

*Joshua Smith, Organist*

*Dominic German, Music Intern*

*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.*