Fear and Great Joy: We are God’s Offspring
May 17, 2020

GATHERING
Words of Welcome
Richard Gehring

Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him
Green #3, v. 1-3
Karin Redekopp Edwards, Song Leader

Call to Worship
Deborah Wetherill
Leader: Come to worship, people of God, with praises on your lips.
People: Even when we are feeling isolated and fearful, we can glorify the One who holds our hands in our loneliness.
Leader: Come into the presence of the One who makes holy every place and space.
People: Even when we continue to stay safe in our homes, the doors of grace are flung wide open for us.
Leader: Come and hear the stories of the One who loves you.
People: Together and alone, in living rooms and on devices, we will sing our songs and tell the stories of the peace and hope which is ours.
Leader: Come lift voices and hearts in worship as beloved members of God’s family.

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OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING AND CONFESSIONING
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven! Blue #65
My Soul is Filled with Joy Green #13, v. 1, 3, 5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

OFFERING PRAYER

HEARING GOD’S WORD
Children’s Story
Kermit Eby
Lauren, Matt, Beatrice, and Arthur E. C.

Scripture Reading
Ken G Kabira
Leader: Listen for the Word of the Lord.
People: Our ears are open.
Acts 17: 22-31
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON
Barbara Krehbiel Gehring
“The Unknown”
And I Will Raise You Up Blue #596

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Music for Meditation
Stephen Schroeder

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation
Oliver Bulley

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,
People: O Lord, Hear My Prayer Blue #348

Congregational Prayer
Work of the Church

SENDING
We Will Walk With God Green #78
Words of Blessing

Leader: Wherever you are, continue to speak of what God has done.

**People:** We will remind everyone that, despite everything, God loves us.

Leader: Wherever you find yourself, continue to sing of what God is doing.

**People:** We will rejoice that God has not left us orphaned, but makes us one with everyone around us.

Leader: Whenever you can, continue to imagine what God will do.

**People:** We will bear witness to the hope which seems distant, yet is as close to us as our hearts.

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This Week's Activities

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Announcements

- In two weeks, on Sunday, May 31, we will hold a **congregational meeting** after the worship service. The meeting is primarily to discuss the office wing renovation, including a motion to increase the maximum cost of the project by a significant amount. The agenda went out in Friday's e-news. If you’d like a hard copy mailed to you, please contact Katharine.

- Thank you to all who have donated to the **Agape Fund**. Your response has been inspiring! Thanks to your generosity, the Agape Fund now has a sufficient amount to cover immediate needs. We will update you if that changes.—Pastoral Care Team