



**DRIFTLESS REGIONAL MINISTRIES**  
LIBERTY POLE, NEW HOPE, AND RETREAT  
**United Methodist Church**  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
*May 2, 2021*



*“Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.  
31 “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” ~Acts 8:30-31*

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the Transformation of the World*

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or send offerings and tithes to Retreat, c/o Jodi Waddell, S6908 Missel Rd, De Soto 54624  
Liberty Pole, c/o Bill Marohl, S3784 Bakkon Rd, Viroqua, WI 54665  
New Hope UMC, c/o Gloria Warmuth, E812 County UU, De Soto 54624  
Worship in person at Retreat 8 a.m.; Liberty Pole 9:15 a.m.; and New Hope 10:30 a.m.

*Online worship is available at*

<http://driftlessministry.org/worship/sermons/lpnhr/>

*You can also access on our You Tube channel – Driftless Ministries  
and on the church facebook pages: New Hope and Retreat UMC at 4 p.m. Sunday, and Liberty Pole UMC*

**Worship service is broadcast on Vernon Communications channel 15. Look for Retreat UMC:  
Mon. 12:30 p.m. Tues. 9:30 a.m. Wed. 7:30 a.m.  
Thu. 5:30 a.m. Fri. 3:30 a.m. Sat. 1:30 a.m. Sun. 2:30 p.m.**

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PRELUDE

Marla Withey/Tom Baker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING OF THE COLLECTIVE

L: God is Good **P: All the Time**

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CENTERING THOUGHTS

**God speaks to me with new truth through scripture using many voices.**

**Lord, I come to seek Your wisdom and to understand Your Word that I may serve You.**

HYMN #318 UMH

*Christ is Alive*

OPENING PRAYER

**Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. AMEN.**

OUR CONCERNS AND PRAISES

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN #2128 TFWS

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8:26-40

MESSAGE

*Ask A Question*

Pastor Pam

OFFERING PRAYER

**Lord, the call to abide in other places is strong. As we offer our gifts and ourselves to you, help us turn away from other calls and abide in that place of heart's deepest desire: in your Son, Jesus, and he in us. In Christ, we pray. Amen**

COMMUNION HYMN #630 UMH

*Become To Us The Living Bread vs 1-2*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 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. Amen**

CLOSING HYMN #571 UMH

*Go, Make of All Disciples vs 1 and 4*

## MY FAITH IN ACTION

**The Lord asks me to guide those who are on a different path.**

**The Lord gives me the wisdom I need to do God's work. Thanks be to the Lord of all.**

## BENEDICTION

HYMN TO TAKE WITH YOU #672 UMH     *God Be With You Til We Meet Again*

## PRAYERS

**Pastor Carter and Alyssa, our nation and her leaders, peace in our world, the ministry of the Driftless Region, Schools and children, persecuted Christians worldwide.**

- *Retreat: Ron Hanson, Marla Withey, Cathy Hanson, Tim (Lynell's cousin)*
- *Liberty Pole: Jeff Matson*
- *New Hope: Gloria Warmuth, Marion Whitney, Dixie (Nicole's mom), Smith family house fire, Ryan Stallsberg*

**Anytime on Facebook or YouTube: Sunday School with Christine**

**Today            4:00 Last Confirmation Class**

**Tuesday        6:30 Zoom Book Study**

**Wednesday    NOON Bible with Bob at New Hope**

**Saturday        9-11 Road Cleanup**

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## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*This includes a partial litany with your responses in bold.*

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin

and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will,**

**we have broken your law,**

**we have rebelled against your love,**

**we have not loved our neighbors,**

**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is a right, good and joyful thing, .....

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one**

**who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## **Christ is Alive**

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.

2. Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim the here and now,  
and dwell in every place and time.

3. Not throned afar remotely high,  
untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
But daily in the midst of life,  
Our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

4. In every insult, rift, and war,  
where color moved by human pains,  
but daily, in the midst of life,  
our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and all creation ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

## **Go Make of All Disciples**

1. "Go make of all disciples"  
We hear the call, O Lord,  
that comes from thee, our Father,  
in thy eternal Word.  
Inspire our ways of learning  
through earnest, fervent prayer,  
and let our daily living  
reveal Thee everywhere.

4. "Go make of all disciples"  
We welcome thy command.  
"Lo, I am with you always."  
We take thy guiding hand.  
The task looms large before us;  
We follow without fear;  
In heaven and earth thy power  
Shall bring God's kingdom here.

## **Come and Find the Quiet Center**

1. Come and find the quiet center  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed;  
Clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.

2. Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being, touches base,  
making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking,  
finding scope for faith begun.

3. In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:  
There's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare.

## **Become to Us The Living Bread**

1. Become to us the living bread  
By which the Christian life is fed,  
Renewed and greatly comforted  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Become the never-failing wine,  
The spring of joy that shall incline  
Our hearts to bear the covenant sign  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **God be With You**

God be with you til we meet again.  
By his counsels guide, uphold you  
With his sheep securely fold you  
God be with you til we meet again.