Announcements

Sun. May 22 nd	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.	
	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.	
	"Four Fragile Freedoms – Church Freedom"		
	Matthew 16:17-19		
	Choir Practice	2:00 p.m.	

Wed. May 25th Wednesday Bible Study

Thur. May 26thDisciple's Prayer Life Study10:00 a.m.Sun. May 29thSunday School9:15 a.m.Worship Service10:30 a.m."Four Fragile Freedoms – Religious Freedom"Matthew 22:15-222:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

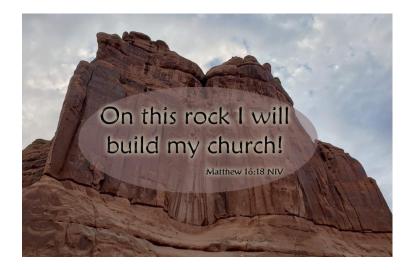
Mon. May 30th Memorial Day – Church Office Closed

Dr. Dew on vacation May 30th – June 12th

Sun. June 5 th	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service – Rev. Alta Whitt	10:30 a.m.
	"Finding the Father in Ordinary Time"	
	Deuteronomy 4:29	
	Choir Practice	2:00 p.m
Sun. June 12 th	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service – Rev. Keith Hudson "Be Bold: Prayer" I John 5:13-15	10:30 a.m.
	Choir Practice	2:00 p.m



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The Worship of God – May 22, 2022 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

COMMUNION WITH GOD

Meditation and Silent Prayer

Prelude Melony Rasbury-Cobb

Welcome, Announcements, and ConcernsDr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship......Hymn 249 Glorify Thy Name by Donna Adkins

- Father, we love You, we worship and adore You, Glorify thy name in all the earth Glorify thy name Glorify thy name Glorify thy name in all the earth
- Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore You, Glorify thy name in all the earth Glorify thy name Glorify thy name Glorify thy name in all the earth
- Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You, Glorify thy name in all the earth Glorify thy name Glorify thy name Glorify thy name in all the earth

Prayer of Adoration and InvocationShorty Hill

Hymn of Faith, Hope and Love......Hymn 406 *The Solid Rock* by B.B. McKinney

> My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

- 2. When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In ev'ry high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. *Chorus*
- 3. His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. *Chorus*
- 4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found; Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne. *Chorus*

Children's Lesson......A Different Kind of Freedom



Theme: We are called to be free, but not free to do whatever we want.

Object: None needed or a picture of your pet

do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature, rather, serve one another in love. Galatians 5:13 Good morning! Have any of you ever gotten a dog from an animal shelter or dog pound? How about a cat? Why did you want a pet? Was it for companionship; to give you comfort when you are sad; maybe to protect you and your house from robbers?

I love dogs and all of my dogs, for at least the last 25 years, have been rescued animals.

If you've ever gotten a pet from a pound or shelter, sometimes you have to pay like \$5.00 or maybe more and when you get them home, you know how they act at first! Once they are freed from their cages and brought home, they go nuts! They jump up on you, get on the furniture, potty in the floor, dig holes in the flower beds, bark and howl all night, etc. Cats usually scratch the furniture, climb the curtains, get on the counter and try to eat the fish in the fishbowl! They are so happy to be free from their former lives they think they can do whatever they want. They have to learn that that is wrong. They have to learn they have a different kind of freedom now. Apart from us, they can't do that. We have to teach them the right way to behave because they can't learn on their own.

Christians are kind of like that. You see, we were once bound by guilt and sin and it was sort of like being in a cage. Jesus purchased our freedom from sin by his death on the cross. But just because we have freedom in Christ doesn't mean we can just go out and do whatever we want. Did you know there are a lot of Christians today who think they can? (I don't mean climb the curtains or bark and howl all night!) We have to learn the right way to behave. The Bible teaches us in Gal. 5:13 says, 'You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature, rather, serve one another in love.' In other words, we have a different kind of freedom now and we are to live like Jesus lived.

Just as we paid the price for, and freed, our pets to serve us, we are to live to serve God. He will teach us because we can't learn on our own. Apart from Him, we can do nothing.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for paying the price and freeing us from guilt and sin. Teach us how to live like you want us to. Amen

WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND PRAYER

Scripture Reading	Matthew	16:17-19
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Prayer of Intercession Dr. Dew (Please review our prayer list and pray for those listed.)

- - The church's one foundation
 Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
 She is His new creation,
 By Spirit and the Word;
 From heav'n He came and sought her
 To be His holy bride,
 With His own blood He bought her,
 And for her life He died.
 - Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses, With ev'ry grace endued.
 - 'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war, She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore; Till with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest, And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

Priesthood of the Believer

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC AND GIVING



An offering plate is placed in the vestibule for your tithes and offerings. You may also use the enclosed envelope in your weekly packet to mail your tithes and offerings to the church.

Choir..... Directed by Woody McDonell *The Longer I Serve Him* by William J. Gaither

Instrumental Selection Melony Rasbury-Cobb

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION



Four Fragile Freedoms Church Freedom

Matthew 16:17-19

Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE

> We are called to be God's people, Showing by our lives His grace, One in heart and one in spirit, Sign of hope for all the race. Let us show how He has changed us, And remade us as His own, Let us share our life together As we shall around His throne.

- We are called to be God's servants, Working in His world today; Taking His own task upon us, All His sacred words obey. Let us rise, then, to His summons, Dedicate to Him our all, That we may be faithful servants, Quick to answer now His call.
- 3. We are called to be God's prophets, Speaking for the truth and right; Standing firm for godly justice, Bringing evil into light. Let us seek the courage needed, Our high calling to fulfill, That we all may know the blessing Of the doing of God's will.

BenedictionDr. Dew

Postlude Melony Rasbury-Cobb



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