



The Federated Church of Paxton

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
May 3rd, 2015



Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns

Unison Prayer

We come to you, Loving Father, needing the love you alone can give. Your love comes to us in Jesus, bringing abundant life for all who will receive it. Empower us by your love to love one another; abide in us to perfect your gift within and among us. Through Christ. Amen.

Prelude

*Bringing in the Light of Christ

*Opening Hymn *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

PH, #473

*Reading of Psalm 22:25-31

Offertory

*Doxology

Collect

Interpret your Word to us, gracious God, so we can understand and act. Feed us with food that satisfies us and cleanse us from all that pollutes and destroys us. May we be productive branches of the True Vine, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lectionary Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:7-21

Anthem

Gospel John 15:1-8

Message

Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that we are accustomed to having our own way. Our abundance has tricked us into believing that we are independent, self-sustaining creatures. Yet, when our ingenuity solves one problem, a dozen more seem to take place. We need help to understand, to be reconnected, to be truly productive. We need your love and forgiveness in order to live with ourselves, and with one another. Help us, God! Amen.

Hymn *"Break Thou the Bread of Life"*

PH, #329

Prayers

Sharing of Gifts

Prayers

*Closing Hymn *"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"*

PH, #438

*Benediction

*Taking Out the Light of Christ

*Postlude

**All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, May 3rd

Adult Sunday School, 9:00am

Worship, 10:00am

Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship
after Worship

Tuesday, May 5th

Church on Ministry Meeting in
Gilman, 9-2pm

Wednesday, May 6th

K.T. Service, 10:30am

PAMA Mtg, Noon-2

Office Hours, 2-4pm

Bible Study, 6:30pm

Choir Practice, 7:00pm

Thursday, May 7th

Presby Mtg, all day at Westville

Sunday, May 10th

Adult Sunday School, 9:00am

Worship, 10:00am

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

21st - Theresa Struss

23rd - Pastor Colleen Lawrence

28th - Mike & Theresa Struss Ann.

30th - Deana Niewold

Greeters Liturgists Ushers Elders

May - Goudys

June - Roy & Lawrence

July - Andersons

August - J. Niewolds

***Lord, We ask thanksgiving, comfort, healing and faith
for these friends and family members***

Nancy Taylor, Janet Goudy, David Clampitt, Kevin Rossler, Mike Johnsen,
Gayle Dunahee, Matthew Swearingen, Barb Legener, Ann Cofel

Homebound or in Adult Health Care Facilities

Sue Moore, Donald Rhodes, Jani Fraim, Marcella Woodworth

**For the month of May, please bring peanut butter, tuna,
& tuna helper for the Food Pantry.**

As always, all non-perishable food items are welcomed.

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