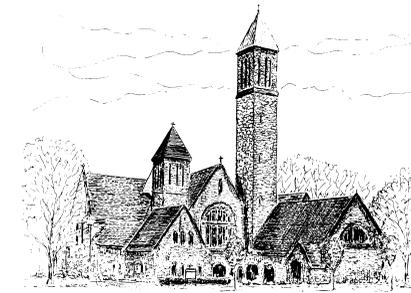


# CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 18	11:15 a.m. Worship, Quinton Meyer preaching — Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Fellowship Time — Chapel
Monday, May 19	Building Closed
Tuesday, May 20	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting — Pastor's Study
	12:30 p.m. Food Bag Assistance — Historical Hall
	4:30 p.m. Literacy Tutoring — Chapel
	6:00 p.m. Gardening for One Symphony Circle
	7:00 p.m. Couchside Calvin at Phil's home
Wednesday, May 21	1:00 p.m. Bible Study — Pastor's Study
	4:30 p.m. Literacy Tutoring — Chapel
	7:00 p.m. Joint Session/Deacons Meeting — Chapel
Thursday, May 22	7:30 p.m. One Symphony Circle Board Meeting — Historical Hall
Friday, May 23	No events
Saturday, May 24	No events
Sunday, May 25	9:30 a.m. Adult Christian Education — Pastor's Study
	11:15 a.m. Worship, Rev. Dr. Philip S. Gittings preaching — Sanctuary
	11:30 a.m. Sunday School — Classrooms
	12:15 p.m. Fellowship Time — Chapel



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### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 18, 2014

*Wherever ♦ appears, you are asked to stand if you are able to do so.  
Text in **bold print** indicates congregational responses.*

PRELUDE Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness *Gerald Near*

#### ♦CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

You are a chosen people, a holy nation, a royal priesthood.

**We proclaim the mighty acts of God, who calls us from darkness to light.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**Once we were no people; now we are the people of God.**

#### ♦PRAYER OF THE DAY (*responsive*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

Almighty God, in Christ you have shown us the way, revealed to us your truth, and offered to us everlasting life. Keep our eyes upon him, that we may see your path more clearly, know your truth more fully, and receive your life more abundantly; through Christ, who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in eternal glory. **Amen.**

♦HYMN 460 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” *Grosser Gott*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You call us to be a holy temple, but we reject the very cornerstone. You call us to be a holy people, but we resist your saving grace. Forgive us; give us new life! Make us new people, a new temple, filled with the Spirit of life—the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

All of us, like sheep have gone astray, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

♦CANTICLE “Glory to the Father” *Richard Wetzel*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as in the beginning, so now, and forever. Amen.**

