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**Sermon Theme:**

We often think of the Christian message as one of obedience to please God, and this is certainly a part of it. But we must clearly hear the words of Jesus himself which emphasize joy and love, first and foremost. In a world where the enemies of joy are all around us and love seems hard to find, Christ commands that we love one another as he has loved us. It is His love that motivates us, gives us purpose and brings us joy in the midst of pain. Our message then, to the world, is that we love others and do what we can to increase their joy. When we embrace that joy and receive that love, we automatically obey God’s plan for us. What the world needs now, is love.

 ***“ Working Together with All to Connect to God’s Love”***

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 **First United Methodist Church of Horseheads**

 **May 5, 2024**

**Greeting and Announcements**

{as this service begins, please use the white prayer cards on the pew-back in front of you if you want something read aloud from the pulpit. During our first hymn, the Ushers will collect cards to be read aloud.}

**Prelude:** Eat This Bread                  Malcolm Kogut

**\*Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn:** I Come with Joy #617 UMH

**\*Unison Prayer:**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Silent Prayer**

L**:** Ascribe to the Lord. O heavenly beings,

**P: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

L**:** Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God’s name,

**P:** **worship the Lord in holy array.**
L: The voice of the Lord is upon the water,
**P:** **The God of glory thunders, the Lord upon many waters.**

L: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

**P:** **The voice of God is full of majesty.**

**ALL: Let us praise the name of the Lord!**

Oh Lord, your wondrous birth means nothing unless we are born again,

 your death and sacrifice mean nothing unless we die to sin,

 your resurrection means nothing if you be risen alone.

Raise and exalt us, O Savior,

 both now to the estate of grace and hereafter to the state of glory;

 where with the Father and the Holy Spirit

 you live and reign, God for ever and ever. Amen.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer (on screen)** p.#895

**Gift of Music:** We Come As Guests Invited        John Carter

**Scripture:** I John 5:1-6 p. #241

 Leader: The word of God for the people of God

***People: Thanks be to God!***

**\*Hymn:**  They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love #2223 FWS

**Scripture**: John 15:9-17 p. #109-110

 Leader: The word of God for the people of God

 ***People: Thanks be to God!***

**Sermon: It’s All About Love**

**Communion:** We offer an Open Table to all who are willing to be open to Christ! p.#23

 Our Offering will be received in the plate, as you come forward for communion.

**\*Hymn:** There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy #121 UMH

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** Vivace — Concerto in G          Johann Walther

 [Please feel free to be seated and enjoy the Postlude}

 \*indicates please stand, if able UMH = red hymnal

 FWS =   black songbook

**Announcements May 5, 2024**

*Flowers on the altar are given to the GLORY OF GOD*

**Calendar for May**

 **8th**: 1pm and 7pm: Open church meeting regarding changes to the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH led by Pastor McDowell. Please familiarize yourself with General Conference updates beforehand if possible, by going to [umnews.org](http://umnews.org/).

 **11t**h: 3pm, Choir Practice

**May House Bank for Hunger:**  This event will continue throughout the month of May.   In the past, this collection has raised funds for worldwide hunger through UMCOR World poverty and Hunger, Bread for the World and to local hunger issues through Horseheads Food Pantry.   It has come to our attention that Meals on Wheels needs funds to meet the growing need for their services.  The mission committee has decided to give the funds raised this May to the local meals on wheels.   A wooden house bank will be in the narthex during the month of May, or you can place your gift in the offering plate. Please indicate in the memo of your check or envelope the amount that is slated for the May House Bank.   The missions committee thanks the congregation in advance for your support.

**Cookbook**: Thanks to Bob Aiello’s idea, the cookbooks are now available for sale in the narthex or in the church office during the week for $15. (If you write a check, please make it out to the church with Kitchen Fund in the memo line.)  The proceeds will go to help update the church kitchen. Thank you to all who helped make this book possible.

**Outreach Committee:** The Annual Clothing Collection for Vets will begin May 13 and run through June 16 when the items will be delivered to the Bath VA.  As in the past, they have asked for sweatshirts and sweatpants (Med. To 2X, plain, no logos.)   They are hard to find this time of year.  If you have been able to find them, they will be appreciated.  Additionally, they have also requested men’s underwear (med., Lg., xL., and 2X), men’s t-shirts (Lg., ExL, and 2X), and socks.  They can also use new or gently used sneakers.   The T-shirts can be white or colored with no logos or writing on them.

**Casowasco Summer Camp registration** is now open! We will help you with the costs of attending! Go to https://Casowasco.org for information. Camp for all children’s ages is available! Contact Pastor McDowell for more information about our scholarships.

**Help needed:** There will be a Special Workday event on May 18th from 9am till noon. Painting outside window frames and outdoor cleanup will be the focus.

**Newsletter:**  The newsletter was sent out on the 27th of April. Please contact the office if you did not receive it. You may also find copies of the newsletter in the narthex.

**CPR TRAINING:**  Starting in May, our church will be offering three different types of CPR training. Please sign up on the sheet in the entranceway.

**Class On May 19th:**  We will offer a 2-hour course that will focus on the first steps to take upon walking into a situation and the different scenarios you could be faced with, from choking to finding someone unconscious.  This will not be a certification class.  Class size will be limited to 10 people but there will be more classes offered if the interest is there.

        **Class on May 19th** is called Hands Only, which goes into finding an unconscious person and what to do.  It does not go into AED use, or resuscitation, (breathing), for the victim.  These classes will be limited to 10 participants.  (More classes will be scheduled if more than ten people are requesting this class.)

  **Class on June 30th:** This is a recertification class and is 4 hours long.  If you need to be certified in CPR this would be for you.  Extra classes will be scheduled if there is a need for more.

   All classes will start right after church service in the Fellowship Hall.   Sign-ups for these classes will be in the entranceway.  Depending on the number of people interested, we will schedule more classes.  If you have questions, please call Dennis Tubbs or Ande Tubbs at 607-739-7082

 **CALLING ALL WOMEN, ALL AGES**

 ***Porcelain and Lace Tea Party***

 ***Saturday May 18 @ 3pm in the Fellowship Hall***

 ***Sponsored by United Women of Faith***

 ***Assorted teas & desserts, Games, Fellowship and Devotions***

 ***Bring a friend a, family member, a neighbor AND your favorite teacup.***

 ***Invitations are available on the welcome table. RSVP is required.***

 ***Contact Louise @ 607-739-1954 no LATER than May 13th.***

**The Faith Builders Group** continues to offer activities throughout May. All are welcome anytime!

--**Tai Chi exercises** for anyone over 50 years, every Wed. @ 10am in the Wesley Room.

--**Euchre:** every Friday noon – 2pm. in the large conference room. Bring lunch if you’d like. There are always snacks!

--**Monthly book club**: May 20 @ 1pm. The book for this month’s discussion is Becoming Madam Secretary by Stephanie Drays of the life story of Francis Perkins, the first woman to serve in US Government.