

# *West Barre United Methodist Church*



**May 25, 2014  
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**9:00 am, Worship**

\*CHORUS:

"God Is So Good"

"God is so good, God is so good,  
God is so good, God's so good to me.

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GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays & Anniversaries

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Once there was sadness, now we are clothed with Easter joy.

**PEOPLE: Once there was mourning, now there is the possibility of rejoicing.**

Pastor: Once there were tears and silence, now laughter has returned and the song of praise.

**PEOPLE: Once there were hunger and longing, now we are gathered in Christ's kingdom and fed with love. Amen**

\*OPENING HYMN: "See the Morning Sun Ascending" # 674

\*LITANY (Psalm 23)

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;

**PEOPLE: He makes me to lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside the still waters.**

Pastor: He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

**PEOPLE: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for God is with me.**

Pastor: His rod and His staff, they comfort me. God prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies; God anoints my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**PEOPLE: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen**

\*GLORIA PATRI #70

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts of the Apostles: Acts 17:22-31 pg. 137

New Testament Gospel: John 14:15-21 pg. 109

CHOIR ANTHEM:

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Children may leave after the Children's Time)

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS & OF OURSELVES

Offertory Music:

\*Doxology #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

JOYS, CONCERNS & MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

UNISON PRAYER

**When we took to hurrying through beauty, bruising each other and taking blessings for granted, You sent Jesus to open our eyes to the new dawn and stir our dreams to a new beginning. Easter is our second chance, our try-once-more.**

**Holy and loving are You, O God, for each dawn is a resurrection gift, a possibility to deepen relationships, forgive ourselves and those near to us, make peace and share love. Every sunrise rolls back the stone of doubt and lets the alleluia loose. O God, You are wondrous and great; and we give You thanks in the name of Him whose prayer we now pray together.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Please see Pew Card*)

\*HYMN: *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* # 189

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE: 1 Peter 3:13-22 pg. 234

MORNING MESSAGE: "Christians, Christianity & A Secular World"

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN: *"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"* # 325

\*CHRIST'S LIGHT GOES INTO THE WORLD

\*BENEDICTION

\*UNISON BENEDICTION IN SONG "Allelu, Allelu"

"Allelu! Allelu! Everybody sing Allelu!  
For the Lord has risen it is true;  
Everybody sing Allelu!"

\*POSTLUDE

\* Means please stand if you are able.

The words to the Gloria Patri, the Lord's Prayer, and the Doxology are printed on the laminated Pew Cards that are located in Hymnal Rack.

Please see an Usher if you would like the following:

- Activity packets for use by children during the worship service.
- Audio equipment for the hearing impaired
- Pew Bibles

GOD'S SERVANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Organist: Naomi Caldwell  
Choir Director: Hugh Dudley  
Greeters & Ushers: Bill & Mary Shuler  
Lay Reader: Hugh Dudley  
Flowers: Bill & Mary Shuler  
Nursery:  
Children's Church:  
Bulletin Secretary: Sherril Hickman

*Located on the center aisle of each row are Ritual of Friendship pads. We ask that members and visitors alike sign and pass the pad. When all have registered, please return it to the center aisle. Thank you.*

During May our highlighted Mission project is the Golden Cross offering. You can read more about this in the April Newsletter. Thank you.

## Our Church Life Together

Today, May 25, 2014: **9:00 am West Barre UMC Worship; 10:15 am, West Barre Sunday School**; 11:00 am, Oakfield UMC Worship  
Monday, May 26: **Memorial Day**  
Tuesday, May 27: **6:00 pm, Trustees; 7:00 pm, Choir**  
Wednesday, May 28: **Annual Conference in Syracuse through Saturday**  
Saturday, May 31: **7:00 am, West Barre UMM Breakfast**  
NEXT SUN. June 1: **9:00 am West Barre UMC Worship; 10:15 am, West Barre Sunday School**; 11:00 am, Oakfield UMC Worship

### **Next Week –June 1:**

**Greeters:** Jim & Doreen Brumbaugh  
**Ushers:** Jim & Doreen Brumbaugh  
**Liturgist:** Jim Brumbaugh  
**Flowers:** Jim & Doreen Brumbaugh  
**Nursery:**  
**Children's Church:** None – Communion Sunday

Lectionary for June 1:

Acts of the Apostles 1:4-11; 1 Peter 4:12-14; John 17:1-11

## **Financial Statement: Offering Last Sunday**

Giving on May 18, 2014: \$1117.00

Giving to Date: \$31,521.60

## **Birthdays This Week: May 25, 2014**

25 Aaron Ashbery

26 Jill Shuler

27 Melissa Dibley

**Happy Birthday**

28 Jack Baron, Sr.

The following weeks we will be listing a food item to fill the food Pantry. This week's item is **cereal**, or item of one's choice. Thank You

Ruth Miller is collecting manufacturers' coupons for military families. Please put the clipped coupons in a collection box located in the church's chapel. Coupons may be up to 2 months expired. Thank you.