

Sermon Notes

ST. MATTHEW

May 21 & 22, 2022



Greetings Friends,

We have been looking at some of the choices of Easter these past few weeks. We have looked at the choice of love, the choice of peace, the choice of working, the choice of believing. Today we look at one more Easter choice. But we have to look closely. It is hidden in all the symbolism of our reading from Revelation. In our Revelation reading today, John gets a picture of the new heaven. An angel says to John, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” That is the only spoken sentence in this whole reading. Everything else in the reading is a matter of what John sees and tries to describe to us. However it is not what John sees, but what he doesn’t see that presents us with a choice today. He doesn’t see a temple and he doesn’t see a sun. They aren’t there. They have been replaced by something better. We will be digging into that during the sermon today.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill Hugo

WORSHIP NOTES: Christ is risen! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA! 10:00 a.m.= Children’s Choir will comment on the picture of heaven from our epistle lesson for today in Hal Hopson’s setting of the traditional song “Twelve Gates”. Our thanks to the choir, the music team, and all other worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend. To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of May 22

We pray for **Elroy Honl**, at the death of his brother.

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 66
May Tithes & Offerings to date: \$12,778
May Budgeted Offerings: \$37,654

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, May 23

6:00 PM DCLC BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 24

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

Wednesday, May 25

11:00 AM WOMEN'S GROUP

6:45 PM HAND IN HAND

7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

Saturday, May 28

5:30 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, May 29

8:15 AM YOUTH/ADULT CHOIR

8:30 AM ADULT BIBLE CLASS (live & on ZOOM)

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN/YOUTH

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

ENJOY PHOTOS from our recent production of "Bright Star" featured in the June-July newsletter coming out this week!



St. Matthew will be participating in the Columbia Heights, city-wide garage sale on Fri./Sat., June 10-11 as a final fundraiser for the teens headed to the National Youth Gathering in July.

Your donations are welcome!!! Thank you for only donating gently used, clean, working and sellable items.

Your donations may be brought to St. Matthew immediately after worship on Sunday, June 5, and on Wednesday, June 8 between 6:00pm-8:00pm. If those time slots don't work for you, please call 763-788-9427 to arrange a different day/time to drop-off your items. (Any items not sold will be donated to a local thrift store.)

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

Children's Ministries: (contact: brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org)



YOU can be part of this community cooperative mission project called VBS, with your prayers, with your *financial support and with your **hands-on volunteering. Contact Brenda for details.



What? VBS 2022 - "Monumental"

When? Sun., July 24 - Thurs., July 28

5:00PM-5:25PM (pre-event meal served)

5:40PM -8:00PM (program time)

Where? McKenna Park (Col. Hghts.)

Who? Families are encouraged to participate together!

***Financial support** – You can use a provided VBS envelope (Welcome Table) for cash and/or write a check to St. Matthew with 'VBS' on the memo line.

** A **Volunteer List** is posted across from the Welcome Table, showing spots filled/yet-to-be-filled, and a table with Volunteer Registration information.



Icky, Sticky, Hairy, Scary Summer Sunday

School is right around the corner – starts June 5! Let Brenda know which sessions you would like to lead/assist.

DCLC Signs are available at the Welcome Desk. Please take one and stick it in your yard to help promote our day-care.