

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 29, 2022

Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude		Christopher A. McCroskey
Call To Worship	<i>“Sing a New Song to the Lord”</i>	Choir
Centering Words		
*Hymn	<i>“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”</i>	154
Opening Prayer		
The Lord’s Prayer		895
Proclamation of the Word		
Prayer of Illumination		
New Testament Reading	Ephesians 1:15-23	Page 182 (N.T.)
Psalter	Psalms 47	781
*Hymn	<i>“Open Our Eyes”</i>	TFWS 2086
New Testament Reading	Acts 1:1-11	Page 113 (N.T.)
Anthem	<i>“Let There Be Peace on Earth”</i>	Choir
Gospel Reading	Luke 24:44-53	Page 88 (N.T.)
Sermon	<i>Stay and Wait</i>	Rev. John D. Jordan
Response to the Word	<i>“The Apostles’ Creed”</i>	881
Pastoral Prayer		
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory		Christopher A. McCroskey
*Doxology	<i>“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	95
*Hymn	<i>“I Love to Tell the Story”</i>	156
*Dismissal With Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>”Be Exalted, O God”</i>	Choir
*Postlude		Christopher A. McCroskey

*The Congregation May Stand

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor:	<i>John D. Jordan</i>	AV Director:	<i>Marie Stiles</i>
Choir Director:	<i>Christopher A. McCroskey</i>	AV Assistant:	<i>Chris Derrick</i>
Church Musician		Time Together:	<i>Mary Louise Robinson</i>

VISITORS ARE WELCOME in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor’s tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. **Large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

You may join as a member into the life and work of this congregation by Confession of Faith or by Transfer of Membership from another church. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

Today’s Lovely Flowers are given to the Glory of God in ***memory of all Service Personnel who have passed away in battle, and in loving memory of George Hardee, by his family.***

“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS...

Jackie McNeill	Charles McNeill	Becky Derrick	Charlie Hooker	Patsy Zeigler	Christopher McCroskey
Jimmy Grahl	Oren Edwards	Hilda Edwards	Steve Aiello	Patsy Shuler	George Taylor
John Ballentine	Boots Morgan	Dale Wells	Latson Lewis		

Shut-Ins: Shirley Butler; Esther Carter; Nell Cooke; Gillett Hipp; June Hutto; Georgeann Pace; Shirley Padgett; Jean Raynor; Claudia Sineath; Irvin Wells

Family and Friends: **Mary Collard** (daughter of Jackie McNeill); **Howard Stephens** (former church member); **James Boggs** (father of Claire Boggs); **Stacy Coggins** (daughter of Steve Aiello); **Dan & Leslie White** (brother & sister-in-law of Steve White); **Cindy Bassett, Alva Humphries** (friends of Marty Johnson); **Judy Bauer** (cousin of Marty Johnson); **Neal Hart** (uncle of Dee Senn); **Bill Areheart** (friend of Bonnie Ramsey); **Jane & Bob Bryant** (sister and brother-in-law of Patsy Zeigler); **Max Nova** (son of friend of Edwa Meek); **Addie Kinard** (cousin of coworker of Edwa Meek); **Stuart & Penny Lloyd** (son & daughter-in-law of Tom & Marilyn Lloyd); **Cindy Ellenberg** (friend of Ray Frady); **Megan Corby** (daughter of Carlis Edwards); **Chip Hooker** (Wayne Hooker's father); **Robert Bradley** (Business Associate of Simon Ross); **Gary Becton** (friend of Mark Branham); **Wade Albert Payne** (friend of Mary Louise Robinson); **Florence Lee Carter, Monnie Tiller** (friends of Chris Derrick); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey); **Alexa Lookingbill** (wife of coworker of Kathy White); **Katelyn Rose** (daughter of co-worker of Kathy White); **Vickie Edwards** (neighbor of Kathy White); **Beverly Jordan** (sister-in-law of John Jordan); **Teddy Derrick** (uncle of Arvan Derrick); **Haidee Baehr** (friends of Ruth Frady); **Dianne Schmotzer** (sister-in-law of Gale Frady); **Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson** (cousins of Gale Frady); **Dan Conner, Max Johnson** (friends of Gale Frady); **Ray Culbreth's Group House; Nellie Gantt** (mother of friend of Ray Culbreth); **Amelia Zinski** (great-niece of Linda Maloch); **Wayne Blair** (son of Dot Johnson); **Xavier Crane** (grandnephew of John Ballentine); **Walt & Janet Beck** (friends of Jo Ann Heiting); **Earle Watson** (father of friend of Jo Ann Heiting); **Adam Lavender** (son of Phil Lavender)

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com.

OUR PRESENCE ...

In-Person Attendance 05/22 SS: 9 Worship: 31

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 05/22 \$ 1,750.69

OUR SERVICE ...

OUR WITNESS."

Upcoming Events

05/30	Memorial Day Office Closed
06/01	Class Meeting, 7 p.m.
06/03	Office Closed

The Exercise Class will not meet during the summer. They will start classes again in September.

Wonderful Wednesdays will not be held during the summer.



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Pastor
Resident Bishop
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The Congregation
John D. Jordan
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Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform



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Stay and Wait

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Luke 24: 44-53 & Acts 1:1-22

As a sophomore in high school, I was not able to drive alone. In Georgia, you got your driver's license at sixteen. With a learner's permit, you had to have an adult with you in the car. So, I could not drive to school. We lived about five miles outside of town so walking or riding a bike was not an option. During the first two years of high school, I rode with my older brother but he had left home for college. Therefore, on many days I would have to stay and wait for someone to pick me up. Some days I did not have to wait long, while other days I waited over an hour. I hated having to stay and wait. I could think of so many other things I could be doing. Sometimes I thought whoever was supposed to pick me up forgot about me (this was way before cell phones so no one could call me). The only good thing was that I did get some of my homework done.

I believe most people do not like to stay and wait. We want to get on with whatever we have to do. We want to move forward, not stay in one place. We want to go now and not waste time waiting.

In both the stories of Jesus' ascension, the disciples were told they would be Jesus' witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. They were to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name to all nations.

The disciples had received their orders. They had seen Jesus and they were ready to go and spread the gospel. But Jesus gave them an order. Not an instruction, not a suggestion, Jesus gave them a command to stay in Jerusalem and wait. Don't go out preaching the gospel right now. Don't go to other places. Stay here and wait.

Then he left them. He left them with the command to stay and wait.

Why stay and wait? The disciples had been with Jesus throughout his ministry. They knew all his teachings. They had seen him be crucified and raised. Now they had seen him ascend into heaven and they knew he was coming back. They had received his blessing. Why did they have to stay and wait?

The disciples had to stay and wait for the power of the Holy Spirit. They had to stay and wait for their number to be complete, for the twelve to be twelve again. They had to stay and wait for the right time.

When we have a new idea for ministry, we may get all fired up and ready to go. Then Jesus tells us to stay and wait. We don't want to stay and wait so we forge ahead and often fail. We start a new ministry but it just doesn't gain any traction or it may do well for a while but is not sustainable.

We may fail because our team is not complete. I remember when we had a coed softball team here. The rules stipulated that each team had to have five males and five females on the team. In one game we had five men and three women in the dugout. The other team was also short of female players. Time for the game to start and passed. It appeared that the game would simply be canceled because neither team was complete. Someone noticed Heather Wells and Eva Stamps sitting in the stands. The umpire said if Heather and Eva got in the dugout, we would have a full team and the other team would forfeit and we would win the game. We won the game because we had a complete team. Sometimes we have to stay and wait for the team to be complete. We may have to wait until God sends the right person to fill out our team.

The disciples knew that they could not succeed without a complete team. There had to be twelve for twelve is a complete number according to Jewish numerology. Eleven is an incomplete number, so they could not succeed without twelve. They had to have a complete team.

We may fail because the timing is not right. Since I first learned about the Wesley class meeting in seminary, I wanted to get one started in the churches I served. I never could get any enthusiasm for it. Most people asked, "Why do we need another group." Then when Tom told me he was taking this class about the Wesley class meetings for his lay servant school, I was excited. With the pandemic and in-person gatherings beginning to open, it seemed the right time to start this new ministry. Sometimes we may need to stay and wait until the timing and circumstances are right.

The disciples stayed and waited until Pentecost. Pentecost was one of the festivals, celebrating the wheat harvest. People would bring the first fruits of the harvest as an offering to the temple. It was a day when Jews from all over the world would be in Jerusalem. They received the power of the Holy Spirit on that day because the

time was right. A lot of people were in Jerusalem from all over the world on that day. Pentecost was the time God chose to send the Holy Spirit.

We may fail because we do not wait to receive the power, the resources. We may need to wait until we receive the financial or human resources. More importantly, we need to stay and wait until we receive the spiritual resources and strength.

At one church, one of my parishioners was a young man who was incarcerated for an assault that occurred while drinking. He had a history of alcohol abuse and violence. While incarcerated, he got involved in a prison ministry which was a positive influence. When he was released, he told me he wanted to tell all his drinking buddies about Jesus. While acknowledging his enthusiasm, I told him that was the last thing he needed to do. He did not have the strength and spiritual maturity to face his “friends” who would be encouraging him to drink. Sadly, he started drinking, got into a fight, and ended up back in prison. We may need to stay and wait until we have the spiritual strength and maturity for our calling. We need to stay and wait until we receive the power from on high.

The disciples stayed and waited in Jerusalem. They completed their team by adding Matthias to the twelve. They waited until God’s time, which was when thousands of people were in Jerusalem for Pentecost. They stayed and waited until they received the power of the Holy Spirit which enabled them to speak boldly and in different languages. They received the power to spread the gospel throughout Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

As frustrating as it may be, Jesus may command us at times to stay and wait. We wait for God’s timing to begin a new endeavor. We wait for us to have our team together and all the people needed for success. Most of all we wait for the power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to go forth boldly and witness what God has done and is doing in our lives and our church. We stay and wait for God’s timing and power, then whatever we do that is in God’s plan for us will succeed.