

Boulevard United Methodist Church on Broad



The ordinary and the routine will no longer be either ordinary or routine...For, even as the disciples retreat to their familiar trade, as we might retreat to the office or to the store or to the garden, what they ultimately discover is that Jesus is there, and he is waiting to serve and nourish them.

- Gary D. Jones

May 5, 2019

3rd Sunday of Easter
4:00 pm at 1837 W Broad

Greeting Rev. Drew Willson

Call to Worship - Psalm 30

Hymn *Ain't No Grave*

Time with Children

Joys & Concerns

Prayer

Interlude

Hymn *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore vv. 1-2*

Scripture John 21:1-14

Music

Scripture John 21:15-19

Sermon Rev. Rachel G. May

Hymn

Offering

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Lord's Supper

Hymn *All Who Hunger* 2126

Dismissal with Blessing



Storefront Inklings

with Rev. Rachel

³ **WE WILL GO WITH YOU** John 21

These are the Sundays that ask us to attend the risen Jesus appearing to his disciples. These fifty days – happy Eastertide y’all – invite attention on several fronts, actually.

Some preachers and some congregations are remembering the formation of the early church. They are diving in to the Book of Acts and I wish them well in those waters.

I find myself being pulled in another direction. This means that I’ll be trying to take you with me. So, this is full disclosure (or a revelation of my own willfulness).

The Scriptures of the season reacquaint us with the personhood of the apostles. I say, “reacquaint” because, by the time we get to where we are, it’s been a while since we considered the lives they left for a life alongside each other.

It’s been a while since we looked with wonder upon the stories of Simon Peter and the Beloved Disciple, to name the two featured in the 21st chapter of John.

I had forgotten how the disciple that Jesus loved (v.7) – a self-reference on John’s part – recognizes Jesus. It is *his* insight that Peter literally jumps off of, when Peter decides to swim toward the shore. John offers, as his sacrifice of praise, *insight*.

I had forgotten how Peter had invited the others to go fishing with him (v.3). However many weeks out this is from the day of resurrection, Peter is caring for Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others (v.2). He is offering unto God *his boat* as a place for the shipwrecked to be and to be together.

This time with them on this side of the passion, does something within and among us; at least, that is my contention. This window into their post-resurrection existence lets a breeze of fresh blessing.

Let their personalities and particular expressions of faith into your heart. By their stories, we are fed.

John 21:1-3a

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’

NURTURE

caring for one another and for our growth as disciples

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for Jim and his family, Chris Gregory, the Anderson family, the Kirkland family, the United Methodist Church, Grayson Foy, Nancy Tate, and Bishop Sharma Lewis. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH for infants - 5 years of age begins after the children's moment. They rejoin us for Communion. Our childcare provider is employed by Grace Covenant Child Development Center.

THE PHYSICIAN WITHIN, a medical educational program, will address Hospice on Wednesday, May 8 at 6pm. Legal aspects, decision-making, and religious perspectives on the modern hospice concept will be discussed. Location: First Baptist's Flamming Hall. This event is sponsored by Richmond's First Baptist Church and the Richmond Academy of Medicine. Bring questions!

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OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

OUR CURRENT MISSION FOCUS involves those who experience domestic violence, sexual violence, or human trafficking.



Stay after the service today to hear from a Safe Harbor representative about how the organization works to save and rebuild lives. It will be relaxed, relatively brief (5:10 – 5:35), and local pizza will be served!