

**Upper St. Croix Parish**  
**Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls**

**May 17th, 2020**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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\*This bulletin is for a home service.

- *Prepare to worship God with your body and spirit. Gather together with your family members at a place where it is appropriate for worshipping God.*

**PRELUDE**

*Please prepare for service with your silent prayers!*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*via Zoom, Karen Sciacca (St. Croix Falls)*

**PASSING OF THE GREETINGS**

*The passing of the Peace is a time to briefly greet your family members with the peace of Christ. "Peace be with You!"*

**We Celebrate New Life in Christ**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**    Responsive

Come and hear, all you who fear God. Listen to one another as you tell what God has done.

**God has listened to our prayers in steadfast love; God has tested us, but has not rejected us.**

Have no fear, and do not be troubled; the Spirit of truth dwells in you.

**God is never far from us, even though unknown; the Spirit gives us breath and keeps us alive.**

Bless God, all nations; let praise be heard. God has brought us to this time and place.

**In Christ we live and move and have our being. We are made righteous and restored to wholeness. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Spirit of the Living God*

**UMH 393**

**OPENING PRAYER**    Unison

Gracious God, we seek to feel your presence and to experience the reality of your promises. We want to keep your commandments and to do what is right, but we wish that were not so costly. We long for your love to reign in the world, yet we want to confine you to the shrines we have made. Come dwell in us, we pray, that we may break out of the narrowness of our limited vision. Go with us through fire and water to sustain us in life's troubles. Be known to us now, through Christ. Amen.

**Proclamation of God's Word**

**\*THE GOSPEL LESSON**

**John 14:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

**Special Song-Sharon Asp via Zoom**

**SERMON**    **"What Makes a Difference?"**    **Pastor Jenny Lee**

*(You may hear it through the Zoom Live Streaming Service or watch it on our Facebook Page later. Otherwise, one of your family members may read my written sermon.)*

*We Respond to God's Word*

**RESPONDING PRAYER** Unison

Holy Counselor, speak to us and empower us to live by eternal values. Dwell in us, Spirit of Truth, to fill us with love that surpasses knowledge. Manifest your presence in us, to link us with all who seek your will and long to unite as your people. Make us channels of hope to more of your children. Amen.

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

*(You may participate in a Zoom Live Streaming Service to share your joys and concerns, or you may send me email, letter, or phone call)*

**PASTORAL PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*(Please prepare an offering, and send it to the church, or bring it to the church later when you come to the church next.)*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**UMH 95**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Unison

We give that others may live. We give to praise you for life and love. We give to share with the world the presence and promise of the God unknown to them, in whom we live and move and have our being. May these tokens of your abundant mercy give counsel and hope to your children near and far. Amen.

*We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another*

**\*HYMN**

*The Gift of Love*

**UMH 408**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Pastor Jenny**

**God bless you, and stay in peace!**

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**ONE Parish THREE Churches:  
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**The United Methodist Church**

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## Announcements (Insert) May 17, 2020

1. Today is the **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**. We are still keeping the “at Home Order” due to COVID 19. We hope that everyone is experiencing new life and resurrection through this challenging time.

2. **The direction of the home service:** You may join the Sunday Zoom Live Service, using your computer or your phone (Including your landline). **Sunday Live Zoom Service is at 10 am on May 17. ZOOM IS FREE YOU DO NOT NEED TO PAY TO USE ZOOM**

The link for the Live Service is here and you can find it on our parish website and Parish Facebook page.

**Topic: Sunday Zoom Live Service on May 17**

**Time: May 17, 2020 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)**

Click the link to Join Zoom Service (no need for ID and PW if using the link)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88416695953?pwd=eU9jdU5yVDZvRIBOY3ZOMFVhUERGZz09>

If you want to access to the Zoom Service without the link, you will need the ID and PW:

Meeting ID: 884 1669 5953

Password: 098155

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Meeting ID: 884 1669 5953 & Password: 098155

- You may access starting at 9:50 am. No later than 10:10 am to join the Live Service. We will start the service at 10 am on time.
- When you join in the Zoom Live Service, please turn off your microphone on your computer except the time of passing of the peace and sharing joys and concerns, and

follow the service without turning on your microphone, please.

- No snacks in front of you. No talking with turning on your microphone during service.
- You may have a home service with your family members using the **bulletin and written sermon we sent, or you may find them on our parish website (<https://upperstcroixparish.org>) under the sermon section, and you may find the recorded service later on the Facebook Parish page (<https://www.facebook.com/UpperStCroixParishUMC/>)**

3. We plan to have a **joint service at 10 am on May 31, 2020, in Atlas Park**. Please mark it on your calendar. We will give you an update in the future.
4. **We will not have a Live Service next Sunday, but we will have a home service with a recorded service by The Wisconsin Annual Conference Cabinet with the Bishop's Sermon**. We will post it on Facebook at 10 am next Sunday (5/24), and send written materials to those who do not have internet accesses.
5. **The direction of the offering.** Please prepare your offerings if you are able when we have a Zoom Live Service, or you have a home service, and send them to your church. Please avoid sending cash for offerings.  
You find your church's address here:  
**Atlas UMC - PO Box 254 Luck, WI 54853**  
**Central UMC- PO Box 128 Grantsburg, WI 54840**  
**St. Croix Falls UMC- PO Box 458 St. Croix Falls, WI 54024**

### 6. **This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

Mary Lou Wright 5/17

Laura Drohman 5/21

Jared Bohn 5/22

Sharon & Dave Huff 5/22

