

## Scripture Reading: Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup> Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup> “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. <sup>28</sup> ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

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**Love, Hope, a place to Belong**

***Pastor Carolyn Westlake***

***May 21, 2017, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter***

**UMH (United Methodist Hymnal) FWS (Faith We Sing)**

**(\*\*Indicates for Congregation to stand if able)**

**Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Time of Reflection**

***O Day of Peace***

**Pianist: Joel Blair**

**\*\*Hymn #2031 (FWS)**  
**#2065 (FWS)**

***We Bring a Sacrifice of Praise***  
***More Precious Than Silver***

**\*\*Call to Worship**

**Liturgist: Margie Berg**

L: From fire and storm, we come, O God.

**P: Gather us in, and make us whole.**

L: From suffering and pain, we come, Holy One.

**P: Gather us in, and make us one.**

L: From the highways of life, we come, Great Spirit.

**P: Gather us in, and make us your disciples.**

**\*\*Hymn #393 (UMH)**

***Spirit of the Living God***

**Children's Sermon**

**Dean Murray**

**Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in Heaven; hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done; on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**\*\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Choir**

***No Hands but Yours***

**Scriptures**

**Acts 17:22-31**

**Hymn #92 (UMH)**

***For the Beauty of the Earth***

**(vs. 1, 5, 6)**

**Message**

***Where They Are***

**Pastor Carolyn Westlake**

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offering - Please sign Pew Pad.**

**\*\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*\*Offertory Prayer**

In gratitude and thanks, Oh God, for your constant care and your many blessings, we return these gifts to you now, that they may bring hope and light to a world in need. Amen.

**\*\*Hymn #369 (UMH)**

***Blessed Assurance***

**Benediction / Greeting/ Postlude**

**Prayer for Living Generously**

Gracious and Generous God, send your Holy Spirit to:

- Break through and renew and revive our churches, unleashing your gifts of radical hospitality, saving grace, and abundant life on a broken world.
- Empower our clergy and lay leadership to offer you, O God, all the gifts you have bestowed upon them.
- Boldly use me, without limits, delays or excuses to live generously and serve the full arrival of your reign on earth.
- Create in me a generous heart and a desire to live in your presence with ever-growing gratitude.

I pray in the name of Jesus whose love, mercy and justice know no bounds.

Amen

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**Fellowship:** Please join us for fellowship time following the service downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. **Nursery:** Available for your use.