



## GOSPEL

*John 21:20-25*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup> Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" <sup>21</sup> When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!" <sup>23</sup> So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?" <sup>24</sup> This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. <sup>25</sup> But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karyn Parker, Children's Ministries Coordinator

## SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

## SONG OF THE DAY

*"The Potter's Hand"*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Jim Kershner

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. Instill in political leaders, business leaders, school administrators, and all who care for others a desire for peace and equality. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, and new employment, and accompany us in our prayers during these times. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: O God, your promise of eternal life is certain and sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). May we be confident in the assurances you give. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of new beginnings, as Pastor Diane joins us in her new journey with Beautiful Savior, and as our histories of serving you are woven together, we ask for continuing grace and Holy Spirit guidance. Bless Pastor Diane and our community as we focus on following and sharing the way of Jesus. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### STEWARDSHIP READING

*1 Corinthians 16:1-2a*

Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn...

### OFFERING

*"Mighty to Save"*

### OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

### HOLY COMMUNION

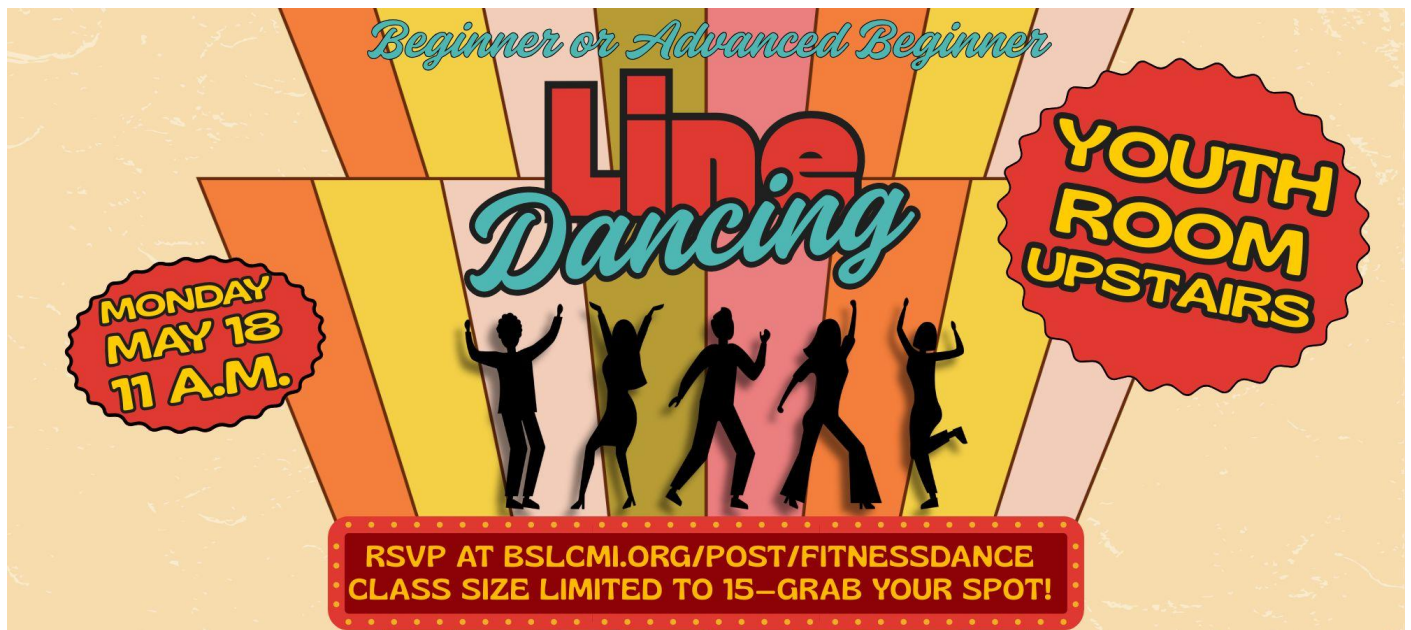
### POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

### BLESSING

### SENDING SONG

*"Lord Reign in Me"*

### DISMISSAL

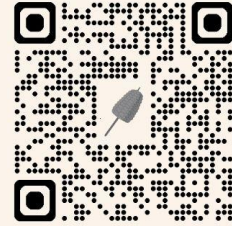


Summer Send-off

## CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC

Sunday, May 31

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
tasty potluck  
start at 10:30 a.m.  
picnic games



Food - Games - Fellowship - Fun

RSVP @ [bslcmi.org/post/picnic](https://bslcmi.org/post/picnic)

# TRAVEL TIME

with Bob Hoffman

## TURKEY

Tuesday, May 19 at 3 p.m.

*Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Welcome Center; no cost, no need to RSVP. Just come and enjoy.*