WORSHIP OUTLINE FOR OLDER ADULT SUNDAY: MAY 5, 2019

By Rev. June Begany

The scriptural texts for the Fourth Sunday of Easter are: Acts 9:1-6 & 7-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Prayer before Worship

Be Thou my vision, O Lord. Help me see your presence everywhere I look. For you are always with me, with us. For this we give you our thanks and praise. Amen

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 30)

One: Let us sing praises to God, the faithful one.. Let us give thanks to God's holy name. All:

One: God's anger is for a moment, God's favor for a lifetime..

Weeping may linger for a night but joy comes with the morning. Unison: O Lord our God we give thanks to you forever. Let us worship God.

Prayer of Confession

As we gather to worship you, O Lord, we remember that we do not always appreciate your good gifts. We sometime fail to heed your call. We get too busy following our rules and agendas to stop to hear your voice or see you in the people around us or the world you created. Forgive us, God. Help us turn toward you and away from our own thoughts and directions. Fill us with your spirit. Renews us as your disciples.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: God does not hold on to anger. God forgives and helps us begin a new

life as God's own disciples.

Thanks be to God for this forgiveness and new life. All:

Time with Young Disciples

Might focus on seeing with eyes and heart or asking for help or another connection to the sermon topic. Check with "The Text This Week" under the text you will use for the section dealing with children. Look for the selection marked story time for a related story or book to use.

^{*} **Opening Hymn** Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun #265 G2G, 423 PH

Choir or special music

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord, as well as the eyes of our minds that we may receive your word for us this day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scriptures

Acts 9:1-9 or Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19 or Psalm 30

Sermon possibilities

- John 21- Disciples gather at a familiar place dealing with grief
- Invite people to place markers (handed out before hand) in a favorite place in the sanctuary – share stories
- May combine Psalm 30 and John 21 to talk about grief stages lingering, moving on, anger, reconciliation
- John or Acts Asking for, getting unexpected help Jesus telling the disciples where to fish, Paul being led to a believer's house – getting help from each other – youth help with technology
- May look at the John and/or Acts texts to talk about asking for help how the church can do that
- If it is a communion Sunday the help that comes from community, sharing the sacrament offering selves to one another

* Hymn	My Shepherd Will Supply My Need	803 G2g, 171 PH
Or	Come Sing to God	805 G2g, 181 PH

^{*}Affirmation of Faith (Iona Book of Worship) unison

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place: into action, into vulnerability, and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; choose life, and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

* Doxology

* Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison) from Revelation 5
Blessing and honor to you, O God for all your gifts to us. Receive these gifts we bring, receive these lives we offer, for we bring them with thanksgiving. May these gifts and these lives help spread the news of your love to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* Closing Hymn Called as Partners in Christ' Service 761 G2G, 343 PH
Or In the Bulb There is a Flower 250 G2G

* Benediction

* Postlude

Rev. June Begany served as an Associate Pastor for 24 years at a downtown Cleveland church, as an interim pastor for 2 years and is now retired. She is also a licensed social worker, has taught history in the Cleveland school district, and is certified to administer the Myers Briggs Type Indicator. She completed her capstone project for certification in the Older Adult Ministry program in 2014. She has recently served as secretary to the POAMN Executive Committee.