

# The Yoke



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## SUNDAY SERVICE

*In co-operation with requirements set forth by state government and the Northern Illinois Conference, please follow these social distancing guidelines when attending services:*

- Only sit in the approved areas pre-marked
- PLEASE BRING AND WEAR A MASK
- Please take home your bulletin. Do not leave in pew or discard at church. Please do not discard ANY garbage at the church, including tissues and gum or candy wrappers, etc.
- The offering plates and bulletins will be on the table at the back of the church. These will NOT be passed around. Please take a bulletin and submit your offering at the table.
- NO COFFEE HOUR

### COMMUNION

**WILL BE CELEBRATED ON MAY 9 (MOTHERS' DAY) INSTEAD OF MAY 2.**

### Look Ahead

"The spirit of complaint is born out of an unwillingness to trust God with today," says Priscilla Shirer. "Like the Israelites, it means you are spending your time looking back toward Egypt or wishing for the future, all the while missing what God is doing right now."

**BIRTHDAY SUNDAY  
AND ALL OTHER  
ACTIVITIES  
CANCELLED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE**

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**"If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded."**

**—Maya Angelou**

FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Friends,

As we approach Mother's Day, 2021 I have been thinking about Kathy's parents and my parents. None of them is still with us. I went back to re-read something I wrote in May 2002. I am reprinting it here with updated years.

"Here we are already entering May. Soon we will honor mothers, and five weeks after we will honor fathers.

"My thoughts go easily to my mom and dad, even though she has been gone 35 years and he 62 years.

"Lloyd and Ruby Young made a major contribution to my life, and how I would love to sit and talk with them from my present perspective.

"I would tell them how much I appreciate the stable and loving home in which I spent my childhood and adolescence. I would thank them for the many ways they expressed their love for me and for everything they contributed to my confidence and competence as an adult. I would tell them how much I value their wonderful examples of hard work and service.

"I would especially thank them for teaching me to value education even though they both left school following 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Their encouragement and assistance inspired me to complete college, undergraduate, and graduate studies, and I would want them to know the part they played in that.

"I would tell them that I love them dearly, and that my only regret is that we did not worship together regularly as a family."

If you have your parents with you still, let me encourage you to tell them that you love and appreciate them.

*RLY*

Pastor Richard Young



## **ONCE AGAIN COMMUNITY BIBLE DAY CAMP WILL NOT MEET THIS SUMMER**

**out of concern for  
the health and well-  
being of children  
and counsellors. It  
is tentatively  
scheduled to meet in  
June 2022.**

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- **St. Paul the Apostle Catholic**
- **Immanuel United Church of Christ**
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# The Christian Review

## A Week of Tributes to Mom

To celebrate the special woman in your life, use a quote a day the week before Mother's Day, or honor her with tributes the whole week after. Write one of these (or one of your own) on a card, make a message into a placemat, tape one to the bathroom mirror — get creative!

Every day of the week is a good day to celebrate her love and show her yours.

"There is no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one." —Jill Churchill

"The art of mothering is to teach the art of living to children." —Elaine Heffner

"An ounce of mother is worth a ton of priest."  
—Spanish proverb

"When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it's a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway." —Erma Bombeck

"The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom."  
—Henry Ward Beecher

"Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible." —Marion C. Garretty

"Being a mother is learning about strengths you didn't know you had." —Linda Wooten

## At Home with Christ

In *The Longing for Home*, Frederick Buechner writes: "The word *longing* comes from the same root as the word *long* in the sense of length in either time or space and also the word *belong*, so that in its full richness to long suggests to yearn for a long time for something that is a long way off and something that we feel we belong to and that belongs to us. ... The home we long for and belong to is finally where Christ is. I believe that home is Christ's kingdom, which exists both within us and among us as we wend our prodigal ways through the world in search of it."

While awaiting our heavenly home, we pray: Most High God, be our shelter from the storm and our dwelling place. May we always be at home with you in the eternal household you have prepared for those who love you. And may Christ always find a pleasant home in and among us. As you have welcomed us into your family, give us the compassion to welcome others into our own homes and lives, knowing that as we do it unto the least of these, we do it unto Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

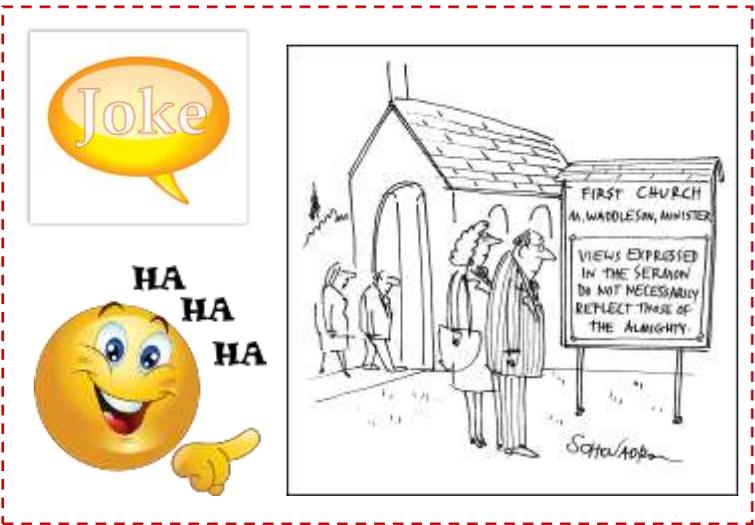
## Christian Symbol

### THREE INTERWOVEN CIRCLES

Each circle in this symbol represents one of the Persons of the Holy Trinity — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The circles, having no beginning and no end, signify the Trinity's eternal nature. The circles' interlacing symbolizes unity. In the center is a triangle, an ancient symbol of the Trinity.



# ACTIVITIES



## TRIVIA

Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach." What "former book" did the author write to Theophilus?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

Last month's trivia answer:

Answer: D (See Luke 24:18.)



## A lasting promise

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.

*Directions: Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.*

Find a letter that's in  but not in . \_\_\_\_\_

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"But you will receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8, NIV

# May 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2  <i>Service 10:30am</i>	3	4	5  <i>Disciple Bible Study 10:00AM via ZOOM</i>	6	7	8
9  <b>Happy Mother's Day!</b>  <i>Service 10:30am</i>	10	11	12  <i>Disciple Bible Study 10:00AM via ZOOM</i>	13	14	15
16 <b>OPERATIONS Committee Meeting</b> <i>Special Sunday Offering Bishop's Appeal</i> <i>Service 10:30am</i>	17	18	19  <i>Disciple Bible Study 10:00AM via ZOOM</i>	20	21	22
23  <i>Service 10:30am</i>	24	25	26  <i>Disciple Bible Study 10:00AM via ZOOM</i>	27	28	29
30	31	<p><b><u>Helping Hands - May</u></b></p> <p>The NOW Committee encourages you to bring your contributions of the following items to church so they can be delivered to Helping Hands: <b><u>PAPER PRODUCTS: toilet paper, paper towels, and tissues.</u></b></p>				

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**May 2021**

SANCTIFY  
THEM  
IN THE  
TRUTH;

**YOUR  
WORD  
IS TRUTH.**

**JOHN 17:17**