

## OFFERING

Our lives overflow with God's blessings in Christ and in creation.  
With gratitude for all that we have received,  
let us present our offerings to God,  
trusting that God can do a new thing with our gifts - and with our lives!

**\*RESPONSE** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God,  
Whom we adore. Amen

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, you have given us life and furnished it with much beauty and blessing.**

**In Christ you have given yourself to us.**

**So we offer to you a portion of what we have received to share in the work of your kingdom.**

**Use our energy and ability for your purposes for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

**\*HYMN** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" 761

## \*BENEDICTION

**\*RESPONSE** "Know that God is Good" 659

## \*POSTLUDE

**\*Please stand if you are able**



# OHIO UNITED

*Presbyterian Church*



***Loving God,  
Loving Neighbors;  
Helping Our Neighbors to Love God***  
**May 4, 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kalyn Stewing

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you**

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another...

(please share the peace of Christ with those around you)

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the worship of God.

## PRELUDE

Alli Feszko

## GATHERING

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to the Lord, you faithful;

**We will give thanks to God's holy name.**

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning.

**We will give thanks to God's holy name.**

God has turned our mourning into dancing! Let us praise and not be silent!

**Lord our God, we will give thanks to your holy name, now and always!**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

Liturgist Diane Gennaro

**God of the Risen Christ and the rising earth,**

**we come giving thanks for all the wonder in your creation:**

**for the tiny perfection revealed in a baby's fingers grasping ours,**

**in each daffodil unzipping its jacket to greet the spring,**

**and each rock face worn by wind and water,**

**bearing its rugged beauty with your praise.**

**These details lift our hearts to praise you, too.**

**So let the details of the story of the Risen Christ lift our hearts this day,**

**that we may greet a new week**

**as an occasion to discover him in our midst,  
making all things new with the springtime of your Spirit.  
Receive our heartfelt worship, O God,  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One,  
now and evermore. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!” 305

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of grace,  
we acknowledge ways in which  
we fall short of your hope and purposes for us.  
We confess we find it difficult to forgive others and ourselves.  
We carry grudges about things done by others long ago,  
and things we have done still haunt us.  
Forgive us and give us the grace to forgive others;  
amend who we are and set us free to begin again with you and one  
another...**

*Silence is kept for a time of personal confession.*

#### **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Amen. Friends in Christ, while it is true we have fallen short of God’s intentions, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God’s love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God, Jesus offers forgiveness and new life.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen**

**\*RESPONSE** “In God Alone” 814

### **HEARING THE WORD**

**ANTHEM** “Gonna Build an Ark”

**CHILDREN’S CHAT** Jen Davis

**PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING** Liturgist Diane Gennaro

God, source of all wisdom,  
by your Word, you give light to the soul.  
Pour out your spirit of understanding on us,  
so that our hearts and minds may be open to know your truth and  
your way. Amen

**FIRST SCRIPTURE** Acts 9:1-20 Liturgist Diane Gennaro

**SECOND SCRIPTURE** John 21:1-19

**SERMON** “Tending to God’s Sheep”

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

**Born in the light of the Bright and Morning Star,  
we are new.**

**Not patched, not mended...but new  
like a newborn...  
like the morning...**

**The guilt-blotched yesterdays are gone;  
the soul stains are no more!**

**There is no looking back;  
there are no regrets.**

**In our newness we are free.**

**In the power of God’s continuing creation, we are:  
new shoots from the root of Jesse,  
new branches from the one true Vine,  
new songs breaking through the world’s deafness.**

**This then is a new day.**

**New shoots, new branches,  
new songs, new day...**

**Bathed in the promise of God’s New Creation,  
we begin!**

(New Shoots, by Ann Weems from Searching for Shalom, p.56)

**\*HYMN** “Rise and Shine” (see insert)

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 debts  
as we forgive our debtors  
and lead us not into temptation but  
deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory  
forever. Amen

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Sunday School**

Children 3 yr - 6th grade during worship following Children's Chat

Adult Sunday School-9am to 9:45am

**Sunday, May 4**-Youth Group 7-8:30pm Flag Football

**Monday, May 5**-Property Meeting 6:30 pm

**Tuesday, May 6**-Women's Association Meeting @6:30pm

**Wednesday May 7**-Story Time 9:30 or 10:30 am

**Sunday, May 11**-Communion

**Tuesday, May 13**-Deacons @6:30 pm

**Tuesday, May 13**-Session @7pm

**Wednesday, May 14**-Story Time 9:30 or 10:30 am

**Wednesday, May 14**-Ruth Circle @1pm

The Choir will be ending their season on Sunday, May 18. We are looking for volunteers who would like to share their talents with us this summer. Do you like to sing, play an instrument, dance, read a poem? Any other way that you like to praise God. If so, please sign up for a Sunday or two on the sign up sheet located outside the choir room. Any questions, please see Chris mathias.

**Keep Them in Your Prayers:** Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Paul (Karen Keller's friend), Lynn Smith, Peter Kerlin, Marcia Davis, Jack Gennaro, Tom Owczarzak, Paul Kulha, Jim Williams

**In the Military:** William Barth, Nick Hoth

**Those who are not able to worship regularly:** Sarah Jane Shaffer, Dolores Skinner, Pat Wozniak, Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Dorothy Elko, Libby Urick, Trudy Boggs, Betty Solinski, Ed & Evelyn Lawson Everitt Laird, Betty Martin, Brenda Jones

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- Sunday worship 10:00 am
- Sunday School for our younger members (Grades Pre-K - 6th grade) during worship

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**Worship Leader/Pianist:** Alli Feszko

**Custodian:** Monica Ward

**Treasurer:** Chris Hurni

**Youth Coordinator:** Peggy Franzese

**Organist Emeritus:** Shirley Fluharty

### **OUR SESSION**

CLASS OF 2027: Wendi Rybicki (2T), Christina Palmer

Michael Kamenski, Charles Hendrick

CLASS OF 2026: Joe Glatz, Jennifer Davis

Rich Palmer (2T), John Martin (2T)

CLASS OF 2025: Chris Otto (2T), Casey Honess (2T),

Patti Strominger, Chris Mathias

### **OUR DEACONS**

CLASS OF 2027: Eleanor Pike (2T), Bob Hurni (2T)

Chris Hurni, Ginny Adams

CLASS OF 2026: Dave Kocher, Ivonne Holsinger

Greg Holsinger, Dianne Kanitra (2T)

CLASS OF 2025: Dawn Psik, Terri Owczarzak

Denise Mathias, Ken Jones

