

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** “He Lives!”

He lives, he lives!
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life’s narrow way!
He lives, he lives!
Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives;
He lives within my heart!

***POSTLUDE**

***Please stand if you are able**

Scripture for April 12: John 20:19-31



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church



***Loving God;
Loving Neighbors;***

Helping Our Neighbors to Love God

April 5, 2026

Easter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Skye Lanham

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Rev. James Stiener

He is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

He is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

Glory to you, O God, on this day you won victory over death,
raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

**Glory to you, O Christ, for us and for our salvation you overcame
death and opened the gate to everlasting life.**

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit, you lead us into the truth.

Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

**By your power you raised Jesus from death to life. Through his
victory over the grave we are set free from the bonds of sin and
the fear of death to share the glorious freedom of the children
of God. In his rising to life you promise eternal life to all who
believe in him. We praise you that as we break bread in faith,
we shall know the risen Christ among us. Amen**

***HYMN** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

232

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Silence is kept for a time of personal confession

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen**

***RESPONSE** “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Lord, I lift your name on high.
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I’m so glad you’re in my life.
I’m so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift your name on high.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

ANTHEM “Then Came Sunday”

CHILDREN’S CHAT

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Now we are all [sitting] here in the presence of God, to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us (Acts 10:33)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON “Afraid, Yet Filled With Joy”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Scots Confession*, 3.10)**

We undoubtedly believe, since it was impossible that the sorrows of death should retain in bondage the Author of life, that our Lord Jesus crucified, dead, and buried, who descended into hell, did rise again for our justification, and the destruction of him who was the author of death, and brought life again to us who were subject to death and its bondage. We know that his resurrection was confirmed by the testimony of his enemies, and by the resurrection of the dead, whose [graves] did open, and they did rise and appear to many within the city of Jerusalem. It was also confirmed by the testimony of his angels, and by the senses and judgment of his apostles and of others, who had conversation, and did eat and drink with him after his resurrection.

HYMN “He Lives” (see insert)

THE LORD’S PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** “Up From the Grave He Arose” (see insert)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School

Children 3 yr - 6th grade during worship following children's chat
Adult Sunday School - at 9am studying the Holy Spirit

Wednesdays –Story Time is on Wednesdays at 9:30 or 10:30 am

Monday, April 6–Property Meeting @6:30pm

Tuesday, April 7–Women's Association @6:30pm

Wednesday, April 8–Ruth Circle @1pm

VBS Craft items Needed:

Bottle Caps the size of pop/soda

CDs or DVDs

Marbles

There will be a box in the Narthex for the donations

The Women's Association thanks the congregation for the generous donations to The Adoption Connection

Keep Them in Your Prayers: Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Peter Kerlin,
Jack Gennaro, Paul Kulha, Jim Williams, Cheryl Lachowicz, Joanie McCowin

In the Military: William Barth, Nick Hoth

Those who are not able to worship regularly: Dolores Skinner,
Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Dorothy Elko, Betty Solinski,
Ed & Evelyn Lawson, Everitt Laird, Betty Martin, Brenda Jones

OHIO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1236 LONGVUE AVE.
ALIQUIPPA, PA 15001

Our website is: www.ohiopresbyterian.org

Follow us on Facebook and YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@ohiounitedpresbyterianchur1974/streams>

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

Transitional Pastor:

Rev. James Steiner

724-579-4507

pastor@ohioupchurch.com

Administrative Assistant:

Nancy Connell

Church office hours Monday through Thursday 9:00-2:00

Church phone #: 724-378-3690 ext. 3

Church email: office@ohioupchurch.com

Worship Accompanist: Skye Lanham

Custodian: Monica Ward

Treasurer: Chris Hurni

Organist Emerita: Shirley Fluharty

OUR SESSION

CLASS OF 2028: Chris Mathias (2T), Patti Strominger (2T)

Cathy Kapton, Amy Muslin

CLASS OF 2027: Marcus McCowin, Christina Palmer

Michael Kamenski, Charles Hendrick

CLASS OF 2026: Joe Glatz, Jennifer Davis

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

OUR DEACONS

CLASS OF 2028: Denise Mathias (2T), Ken Jones (2T)

Jeff Barth, Missy Sardo

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)

