

\*HYMN “Jesus Shall Reign” 265

**THE LORD’S PRAYER AND THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERTORY** “Cantilena” By Carson Couman

\*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 “Rejoice, the Lord is King” 363

**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!

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

\*POSTLUDE “Zeal of the Lord” by Anthony Giamancoo

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

**Scripture for May 24:** Acts 2:1-21



**OHIO UNITED**

*Presbyterian Church*



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

***Helping Our Neighbors to Love God***

**May 17, 2026**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**As we prepare our hearts and minds to spread the good news of Christ’s salvation**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** “Quiet Thoughts” By R. Kevin Boesizer Shirley Fluharty

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 68) Liturgist: Chris Mathias

May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him. As smoke is blown away by the wind, may you blow them away; as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God. But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.

**Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds –his name is the LORD –and rejoice before him. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.**

When you went out before your people, O God, when you marched through the wasteland, the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel. You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance. Your people settled in it, and from your bounty, O God, you provided for the poor.

**Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord, to him who rides the ancient skies above, who thunders with mighty voice. Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the skies. You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God!**

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

**O God, light of the hearts that see you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you; to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Although we are unworthy to approach you, or to ask anything at all of you, grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen**

**\*HYMN** “Come Christians, Join to Sing” 267

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Loving God, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom. Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak our wisdom.**

*Silence is kept for a time of personal confession*

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

The prophet declares, “Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land...” My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel – I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**\*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**

Eternal God, your love for us is everlasting; you alone can turn the shadow of death into the brightness of the morning light. Help us to turn to you with believing hearts. In the stillness of this hour, speak to us of eternal things, so that, hearing the promises in scripture, we may have hope and be lifted above our distress into the peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “The End of the Beginning” Jen Davis

**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** John 17:1-11  
Acts 1:1-11

**SERMON** “Is This the Time?”

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**(from *The Heidelberg Catechism 4.049*)**

**What benefit do we receive from Christ’s ascension into heaven? First, that he is our Advocate in the presence of his Father in heaven. Second, that we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that he, as the Head, will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, that he sends us his Spirit as a [promise] whose power we seek what is above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God, and not things that are on earth.**

## **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

**Sunday, May 24**–Minute for Mission Communicycle

**Sunday, May 24**–Communion

**Sunday, May 24**–Fellowship following worship

**Tuesday, May 26**– MANNA

**Sunday, May 31**–Baptisms of Kathleen Crosby and Hayes Hopkins

**REGISTER NOW!** VBS IS JUNE 8 – JUNE 12  
9:30AM – 12PM

### **VBS Craft items Needed:**

Pop/Soda twist off bottle Caps

CDs/DVDs

Marbles

Empty toilet paper rolls

Empty paper towel rolls

Camp Lanterns

There will be a box in the Narthex for the donations

**Ruth Circle is starting a new Bible Study in June about the book of Job.**

**Ruth Circle meets the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm in the**

**Library from March through November. If interested in an afternoon**

**Bible Study contact Karen Keller to order a study book.**

**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

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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 Accompanist:** Skye Lanham

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**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)

