

May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter 10:30 AM - Festival of Christian Homes

*Those who are able, please stand
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME: We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. This is the Fourth Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day and Communion Sunday. Today we honor all women of the World, no matter where they may live as this is also the Festival of the Christian Home.

The flowers are in Memory of Hilda Paul given by Werner Paul and the Paul Family

May 12, 2025 - Free Lunch 11:00 - 12:30 w/North Main

May 17, 2025 - Celebration of Life 9:00 AM in Sanctuary

May 19, 2024 - Food Pantry 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

May 22, 2025 - Coalition Barbeque @ Runnings 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

May 26, 2025 - Memorial Day

June 11, 2025 - Baccalaureate @ Church of Holy Spirit - 6:00 PM

MUSICAL PRELUDE: "Through it All" Pianist Mavis Baldwin

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

Lord of love, you have called us together on this Mother's Day and the Festival of the Christian Home. On this special day, help us to make our home in you. Help us to appreciate all that you have given to us, to cherish our families and our friends, to seek your hope and peace throughout all our lives. Long ago Jesus said to his disciples, "I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from [God]. You did not choose me, but I chose you!" Jesus speaks these words to us today as we thank Jesus for all the women of the world. Thank you, God for giving us your Son this Day.

Invitation to Worship

Leader: Jesus prayed for his disciples, giving them into God's eternal care

People: Lord, we are thankful for your care for us and prayers for us also.

Leader: Jesus asked all of his friends to live lives reflecting the love of God.

People: We come as families, large and small in number, seeking God's love

Leader: May our spirits be renewed and our connection to God be strengthened through our worship today.

People: Lord, we rejoice in the hope you give us this day.

Leader: Come and celebrate the eternal promises of Christ.

People: Lord, we are so grateful that you have given to us so much and that you promise God's presence with us always.

Leader: Open your hearts today. Hear God's special word just for you!

People: Praise be to God who has created and is creating anew! Praise be to God who re-creates God's love in us each day.

All: Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God's love to us. That's good news.

GATHERING SONG "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH 474

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Gracious God, on this day of the festival of the Christian Home, the celebration of Mother's Day, the witness to the eternal love of Christ, remind us that we are responsible for caring for each other. We are called to lift up rather than tear down; to support rather than abandon, to reach out when others have turned away. Give us hearts of love that, in all places and times, we may be a witness to the hope that is found in Jesus Christ. You have called our names, and in your voice we hear such love and surety. As we worship today, bring us safely on this journey and strengthen us that we may serve you in all that we do. AMEN.

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN Let us continue to pray for all Women

SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING - Blessing Gift Bags for Domestic Violence

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" TFWS 2200

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "O Blessed Spring" Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Thank You Lord, for all the wonderful gifts with which you have blessed our lives. Take these gifts, these tokens and use them to build your realm, to heal the broken hearted, bind up those who are wounded, welcome the stranger, become the gate of hope. Give us the depth of faith and hope that we may offer your love and hope to others, for it is in the name of the Risen Christ that we pray and offer our gifts to You and our church. Amen.

SONG OF COMMITMENT “Happy the Home When God is There” UMH 445

PSALTER READING Psalm 23 UMH 754

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle’s Creed UMH 881

GLORIA PATRI (*We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible*) UMH 70

SCRIPTURE Acts 9: 36-43 Gospel John 10:22-30

SHARING THE STORY “A Magnificent Masterpiece” Pastor Joyce

HOLY COMMUNION(Bulletin Insert)

SENDING SONG “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine” UMH 369

THE SENDING FORTH This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Go in joy and faithfulness, knowing that you, the chosen friends of Jesus, abide in Jesus’ love and bear the gift of this love to the world. Share with others this day and every day. The power and love of Jesus Christ is with you. You are sent forth to be his witnesses in the world, bringing the good news, healing, establishing ministries of justice and peace. Go in confidence and the power and love of God goes with you each day in Jesus Name. Amen

Lectionary Reader” - Certified Lay Servant James Medbury

MUSICAL POSTLUDE “God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian” Mavis Baldwin

Prayer List: Family of Sheila McDonald, Staff Sgt Donald Bentley, Nick Orlosky, Dave Winnie, Logan Van Dyke, family of Portia Robles, The family of Tom Estes, Doug Topliff, carol Johnson, Nancy Egan, Bev Bartlett, Calae Bonfey, Jean Hart, Elaine Schrum, Ivy Patterson. A special prayer for Jack and Diane Sanford, Don Williams.

*** If you have a joy or a prayer request please call Carol Johnson at 518-921-9902

Welcome to Worship

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We Gather to Worship

We Scatter to Serve

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER – Mother’s Day

