

Prelude & Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray.

C: Amen.

P: Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn:

“O Christ, Our Hope”

ELW 604



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might-y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

**Greeting & Call to Worship*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

**Prayer of the Day*

A: Let us pray. O God our shepherd,

C: you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

R: A reading from the book of Acts:

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23 (Read in Unison)

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

**³ he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.**

**⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

**⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

**⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

R: A reading from First Peter:

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² “He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**
Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the book of John, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

**Gospel Reading:* John 10:1-10

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok

Hymn of the Day: "Good Shepherd, We are Not Alone"

1. Good Shep-herd, we are not a-lone, for you pro-
2. An-oth-er shep-herd might turn back and flee at
3. A thief may well de-destroy and steal, but you, Good
4. You gath-er sheep from far and wide, from folds we

fect and love your own. And we, re-spond-ing,
dan-ger's first at-tack; but you laid down your
Shep-herd, save and heal. You lead your sheep to
know and from out-side. One flock, one Shep-herd,

know your voice; we hear you call-ing and re-joice.
ver-y life, a lov-ing shep-herd's sac-ri-fice.
pas-ture land, to life a-bun-dant, by your hand.
there will be, a lov-ing, blest com-mu-ni-ty.

WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2012 (John 10)
MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874

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The Apostle's Creed

A: Together, let us confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A: Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

A: Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

A: Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

A: Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and protect those who are ill or injured especially Gail, Rachel, Gary, Jaime, Carol, Ann, Dempsey, Lynne, Phoebe, Cassidy, Colin, and Ken. Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

A: Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

A: Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

P: God of resurrection, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Choir Anthem:

“In Thee is Gladness”

Words: Johann Lindemann, 1598; trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858

Music: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1593

**Offertory Prayer*

P: Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus, Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving:*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and
praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin,
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with all the witnesses of the resurrection, all of
creation, and all those who sing praise around your throne in
glory we say:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Words of Institution*

P: In the night in which he was betrayed...

P: Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Lord's Prayer*

**C: 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 and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

P: We invite our assistants to come forward to prepare.

Come to the table of mercy. Join the feast of Salvation.

Holy Communion

*(All baptized Christians are welcomed at God's holy meal or you
may come forward for a blessing.)*

Communion Hymn: “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” ELW 484

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



Refrain

so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997
Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996
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Communion Hymn: "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" ELW 774



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929
Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

***Post Communion Blessing**

***Benediction**

***Sending Hymn: "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" ELW 789**



1 Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

****Dismissal***

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the Good News: Christ is Alive!

C: Thanks be to God.

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Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Gail, Rachel, Gary, Jaime, Carol, Ann, Dempsey, Lynne, Phoebe, Cassidy, Colin, and Ken

Thank you to those serving this morning

Pastor: Rev. Kristy Buyok
Pianist: Joe Hennell
Cantor: Lesley Mast
Reader: Mark Miller
Assisting Minister: Noah Raines
Ushers/Greeters: David Svegel & Tim Preston
Communion Assistant: Ernie Buyok
Altar Care: Sandy Allen
Bread Baker: Lesley Mast



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This Week

Sunday:	Worship Sunday School	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Monday:	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	
Wednesday:	Meal Choir Handbells	5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming & Announcements

People to People: Needed items: small cans of canned chicken, canned fruit, pasta sauce, Chef Boyardee Spaghetti and ravioli, instant mashed potatoes, and dry cat and dog food. Thanks!

Canned Food: If you have extra that you can share, consider bringing canned food to place in the food box located in the church drive. If the food box is full you may place your food on the back table in the small fellowship hall. We will use this food to refill the box throughout the week. Thank you for your generosity.

Sneaker Impact: We are collecting clean, used sneakers for Sneaker Impact: a company who collects and ships sneakers to local merchants in developing countries. Bring in your used sneakers to help!

Let's send cards to Ann Buss to show our love. 959 Oakhill Drive,
Wooster OH 44691



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Wednesday Night Meals

April 29: Pizza, Salad, and Dessert

Serving in May In-Person	5/3	5/10	5/17	5/24	5/31
Lay Reader	Zachary Mast	Heather Blough	Lesley Mast	Brad Stumpp	Kathy Smith
Assisting Minister	Lynn Moomaw	Hans Kwee	Pam Root	Lynn Moomaw	Noah Raines
Greeters/ Ushers	Bob Race Pat Badger	Ernie Buyok Alvin Rehm	Nancy & Steve Carr	Rex Raff Larry Allen	Duane & Robin Eggeman
Communion Assistant	Alvin Rehm	Aleena Mast	Rex Raff	Lyn Miller	Nancy Carr
Altar Care	Duane Eggeman	Robin Eggeman	Beth Raff	Sandy Allen	Ernie Buyok
Bread Baker	Nancy Carr	Nancy Carr	Nancy Carr	Nancy Carr	Nancy Carr

Act of Kindness for the Week: Check in on someone who is going through a hard time.