

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! Our Savior is alive! We are called to new life too, 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.



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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**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 of glory,

**C: your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your presence.
Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

R: A reading from the book of Acts:

When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

R: Let God rise up; let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.

**C: As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before the fire,
let the wicked perish before God.**

R: But let the righteous be joyful;
let them exult before God;
let them be filled with joy.

**C: Sing to God; sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—
his name is the Lord.**

R: Father of orphans and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.

**C: God gives the desolate a home to live in;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

R: O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

**C: the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,**

R: Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;
you restored your heritage when it languished;

**C: your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

R: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord,

**C: O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

R: Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel
and whose power is in the skies.

**C: Awesome is God in his sanctuary,
the God of Israel;
he gives power and strength to his people.
Blessed be God!**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

R: A reading from First Peter:

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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 seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

****Gospel Reading:*** John 17:1-11

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok

Hymn of the Day:

“I Come with Joy”

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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: Let us pray. O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus.
Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

A: Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

A: You are a just God. Bring your justice to our world. Fill all people with a passion for peace and equity. Put an end to systems of oppression. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

A: Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick especially Cindy, Andy, Allie, Barb, Judith, Gail, Gary, Jaime, Carol, Ann, Dempsey, and Ken. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

A: Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment, and accompany us in our prayers during these times. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

A: O God, your promise of eternal life is certain and sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us, so that we may be confident in the assurances you give.

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:

“Lord Reign in Me”

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**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 this holy meal,
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.

Communion Hymn:

“Bind Us Together”

Refrain
F Dm Gm

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

C⁷ F F

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

Dm Gm C F

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

F C⁷ F F C⁷ F

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam-'ly of God. You are the prom-ise di - vine.

F C⁷ F F C⁷ F *Refrain* B^b/C

There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing:
You are God's cho-sen de - sire, you are the glo-rious new wine.

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Communion Hymn:

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

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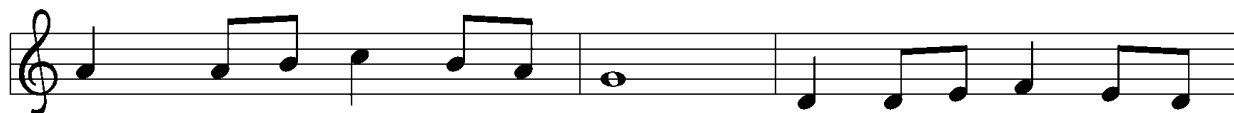
Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1	Break	now	the	bread	of	Christ's	sac -	ri -	ficē;	giv -	ing
2	Seek	not	the	food	that	will	pass	a -	way;	set	your
3	Love	as	the	one	who,	in	love	for	you,	gave	him -
4	Dwell	in	the	one	who	now	dwells	in	you;	make	your
5	Drink	of	this	cup	and	de -	clare	his	death;	eat	this



thanks,	hun -	gry	ones,	gath -	er	round.	Eat,	all	of	you,	and	be
hearts	on	the	food	that	en -	dures.	Come,	learn	the	true	and	the
self	for	the	life	of	the	world.	Come	to	the	one	who	is
home	in	the	life -	giv -	ing	Word.	Know	on -	ly	Christ,	Ho -	ly
bread	and	be -	lieve	Eas -	ter	morn;	trust	his	re -	turn	and,	with

Refrain



sat -	is -	fied;	in	Christ's	pres -	ence	the	loaves	will	a -	bound.
liv -	ing	way,	that	the	full -	ness	of	life	may	be	yours.
food	for	you,	that	your	hun -	ger	and	thirst	be	no	more.
One	of	God,	and	be -	lieve	in	the	truth	you	have	heard.
ev -	'ry	breath,	praise	the	one	in	whom	you	are	re -	born.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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***Post Communion Blessing**

***Benediction**

***Sending Hymn: "Be Bold, Be Strong"**

Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with
you. Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with
you. Do not be a - fraid, do not be dis - mayed.
Walk in faith and vic - to - ry,
walk in faith and vic - to - ry, walk in faith and vic -
to - ry, for the Lord your God is with you.

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Repeat

****Dismissal***

A: You are representatives of God's love.
Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Cindy, Andy, Allie, Barb, Judith, Gail, Gary, Jaime, Carol, Ann, Dempsey, and Ken

Thank you to those serving this morning

Pastor: Rev. Kristy Buyok
Pianist: Joe Hennell
Cantor: Lesley Mast
Reader: Lesley Mast
Assisting Minister: Pamela Root
Ushers/Greeters: Nancy & Steve Carr
Communion Assistant: Rex Raff
Altar Care: Beth Raff
Bread Baker: Nancy Carr



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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>	
Tuesday:	Quilting	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	Meal Choir Handbells	5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
		11:30 a.m.

Upcoming & Announcements

People to People: Needed items: Cereal (not sugary), chili beans, canned chili, Sloppy Joe mix, sliced bread, and fabric softener. 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.

A Look Ahead: Pentecost is 1 week away. Don't forget to celebrate the Holy Spirit by wearing red on May 24th!

Campfire Worship: Our summer campfire worship services begin again on May 31st at 6pm. We will also have services on June 14th, July 19th, August 9th, and August 23rd. Bring a chair if able!

Putt-n-Stuff Youth Event: All youth and kids are invited to join us at Putt-n-Stuff on May 27th from 6-8pm. Friends are welcome!

Blood Donation: The need for blood donation is great and Wayne County has multiple opportunities to donate at locations nearby throughout the year. In honor of Tom's May birthday consider donating blood at the Red Cross building, 244 W South Street, Wooster. To schedule an appointment go to redcrossblood.org or call 1.800.Red Cross. Thank you in advance for blessing someone with your life impacting donation. ~Tom Lantz Family

Elijah Prophet of Fire: Join us for a special outing to a matinee showing of Elijah: Prophet of Fire at the Ohio Star Theater. We'll meet for lunch at Dutch Valley Restaurant on August 29th at 11:15 a.m., followed by the show. The cost is \$50 per person, which includes both dinner and the performance. Please sign up in the narthex if interested!

Weeding Schedule: We are in need of helpers to weed around the church landscaping. If you are able to help, please sign up on the bulletin board to the right of the sanctuary doors.



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Wednesday Night Meals

May 20: Kitchen Committee Casserole
May 27: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, 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: Go an entire day pointing out the positive rather than the negative.