

CHRIST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

10:30am Worship Service

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Al Naab

CHORAL PRELUDE

Season of Promise (Excerpt)

M. Hayes

INTROIT

Honor & Praise

TFWS 2018 v. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, you call us from the corners of the Earth.

People: From the cities and the prairies, from the ghettos and the tables of the wealthy.

Leader: God, you sing to us from the corners of the universe.

People: In the gentle ocean breeze, in the colors that burst forth from our landscapes, in the faces of children ravaged by war.

Leader: God, you speak to us from the corners of the Earth.

People: To the east, to the west, to the north and to the south, above us, below us, and within us, your voice rings clear. Send your voice to sing in us, we pray, as we worship this day.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

UMH 307

CALL TO CONFESSION¹

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Call on Him

J. Leavitt

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CHILDREN'S HAPPENING

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 9:1-20

Pew Bible 893

Psalm 30

UMH 762

*John 21:1-19

Pew Bible 883

God is still speaking. **And we are still listening. Thanks be to God!**

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

UMH 71

SERMON

Pastor Dianne Tobey Covault

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF REFLECTION

One Bread, One Body

UMH 620

CALL TO THE OFFERING²

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Worthy are you, O God, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing. Receive these gifts of thanksgiving and praise and use them for your glory and the good of your people; in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lamb. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING WITH INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

PRAYER RESPONSE

All I Need is You

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SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

You Alone Are Holy

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*POSTLUDE

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CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

*Non-weekly meetings and activities are in **bold print**.*

- SUN (05/04): Communion**
Sunday School, 9:00am
Worship, 10:30am
- MON (05/05): Loss Group, 6:30pm/Emma Lang Lounge**
- TUE (05/06):** Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm
- SAT (05/10): Cleveland Pops Orchestra Chorus, 7:30pm/
St. Joseph Catholic Church (32929 Lake Rd, Avon Lake, OH)**
- SUN (05/11): Mother's Day**
Sunday School, 9:00am
Worship, 10:30am
Finance, 11:45am/Emma Lang Lounge

We Are All God's Children

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

** denotes member*

<i>*Bobby Blankenship</i>	<i>Al Tobey</i>	<i>Erik T.</i>	<i>Lindsey Elswick</i>
<i>*Monta Demchak</i>	<i>Carol De Laat</i>	<i>Frank</i>	<i>Lindsey Parker</i>
<i>*Dave Dickman</i>	<i>Carol</i>	<i>Gail</i>	<i>Mary</i>
<i>*Mitzi Herrick</i>	<i>Caroline</i>	<i>Geof Funk</i>	<i>Mary Ellen</i>
<i>*Cindy Light</i>	<i>Chris M.</i>	<i>J & J</i>	<i>Mary W.H.</i>
<i>*John Motley</i>	<i>Darlene</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Max</i>
<i>*Peter Oesterreich</i>	<i>Darlene</i>	<i>Jim</i>	<i>MJ</i>
<i>*Janis Pongallo</i>	<i>Daryana</i>	<i>Jim</i>	<i>Rosie</i>
<i>*Linda Prudhoe</i>	<i>David R.</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>Roy Buser</i>
<i>*DeeDee Rencehausen</i>	<i>Dennis</i>	<i>Joshua C.</i>	<i>Seth Buser</i>
<i>*Nadene & Dennis Smith</i>	<i>Diane</i>	<i>Kathy</i>	<i>Sheri G.</i>
<i>*Joan Thorkelson</i>	<i>Dixie</i>	<i>Laurie</i>	<i>Ted and Marie Nyland</i>
<i>*Galen Younkin</i>	<i>Doug Emery</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Tom Szor</i>
<i>Ukraine, Israel and Gaza</i>	<i>Dotty</i>	<i>Lily Van Scyoc</i>	<i>Viola</i>
<i>Pastor Jason Thompson</i>	<i>Ed Rote</i>		

STAR WORDS

At the beginning of the year, we handed out “Star Words”. I invite you to take the word you chose and use it throughout the year as a way to center your prayer time and to be aware of God’s presence throughout the day. If you have not received a word, please let Pastor Dianne know and she will get one to you! Each week in the bulletin there will be a journal prompt or reflection question that encourages you in your use of the word.

For this week: **Look for an opportunity this week to share about your word with a friend or relative. Write about your experience.**



MISSION in ACTION: Today, May 4, is Native American Ministries Sunday. This Sunday recognizes and supports the contributions of Native Americans to the church and society. Part of the funds collected allow us to collaborate with existing native ministries, create programs and support seminary scholarships for United Methodist Native Americans. Fifty percent of the offering remains in your annual conference to develop local ministries.

CALLING ALL 2025 GRADUATES

Please contact the church office by May 25 if you, your child or grandchild is graduating. From where is the graduate graduating, special degree, plans for next year? Graduation Sunday will be June 8.

CLEVELAND POPS ORCHESTRA CHORUS

The Cleveland Pops Orchestra Chorus presents “A Celebration of Spring” on Saturday, May 10th at 7:30pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church (32929 Lake Road, Avon Lake, OH 44012). Works include: Whitacre, Dello Joio, Lauridsen, Copland, Hagenberg, Garrett, and more. Free admission, but donations are appreciated.

SERMON NOTES

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION³

Psalm 23 affirms that God supplies our every need. How do our lives change when we trust this great promise of God?

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: MORNING

Holy God,
you have called a people to be your family
out of every tribe, language, and nation,
to love and serve you daily
in a world of beauty, complexity, and diversity.
Help us to honor and respect
the dignity of difference
as we seek to be one with you and each other
this day and always. Amen.

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: EVENING

O Shepherd of all,
you have brought us to the close of another day;
for this gift and the blessings we now name,
we give you thanks. . . .
All that we have and all that we are come from you;
and so, trusting in the goodness of your divine care,
let us lie down this night in peace,
that tomorrow we may rise to greet you in resurrection joy. Amen.

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GOAL - FOCUS - STRATEGIES

GOAL: Grow in relationship with Jesus Christ in order to change the world around us, starting with our own community.

FOCUS: To achieve this goal, we will prioritize reaching out to our community as essential to our personal and congregational growth as Christians.

STRATEGIES:

1. We will build meaningful relationships with the people in our community.
2. We will strive to listen and understand the needs of our community.
3. We will use our building and resources to meet those needs in a tangible way.



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***Ask an usher if you would like a LARGE PRINT HYMNAL,
Braille hymnal or hearing device.***