

THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE



ALLELUIA

Sunday, April 28, 2024

*Prayer candles are available at the communion rail
Financial gifts may be made in the wooden offering boxes
Please silence your electronic devices*

THE GATHERING & CARILLON PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Ye Sweet Retreat William Boyce/arr. Virgil Fox

THE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Liturgist

Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen
Christ, the life-giving Vine.

We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.

Liturgist

We are branches of the Vine - sustained, nurtured,
and pruned by Love.

**We have no life apart from Love,
the life-giving Vine.**

Liturgist

When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine
makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

**We produce the fruit of Love,
the life-giving Vine.**

Liturgist

Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love,
the life-giving Vine?

**We will love and learn to love as we rest,
play, work,
and build community with God and one
another. AMEN.**

THE ENTRANCE HYMN*

Christ for the World We Sing

UMH #568

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Merciful One,

**you know when we are afraid to love;
you know when we are too cowardly
to show mercy.**

**Remind us again that perfect love casts
out such fears.**

**Surround us and strengthen us with your
perfect love,
even in the face of our imperfections.**

**Imbue us with a love so strong,
with such growth toward perfection,
that we may cast aside our pride
and embrace the power of love.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

Pastor

Christ is the vine. We are simply branches. If we abide
in Christ, Christ's words will abide in us. Ask for
whatever you wish in Christ's name and it will be
granted. In the name of Christ, you who seek
forgiveness are forgiven!

In the name of Christ,

**you who seek forgiveness are forgiven!
AMEN.**

THE GLORIA PATRI*

UMH #70

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 2: 11 - 22

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor

Hear, O Lord,
and have mercy upon us.

cont.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC Lloyd Larson
Cornerstone

THE THANKSGIVING & DOXOLOGY*
UMH #94

THE GOSPEL LESSON
John 15: 1 - 8

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD UMH #472
Near to the Heart of God

THE MESSAGE The Reverend Don Ackerman
A Faith that Heals a Broken World

THE CLOSING HYMN* TFWS #2172
We Are Called

THE BENEDICTION*

THE POSTLUDE JS Bach
On Easter, the Son of God Triumphs

* - Please stand as you are able
UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS - The Faith We Sing

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Lisa Varavvas
Liturgist

The Reverend Don Ackerman
Lead Pastor

The Crossroads Choir
Beth Polen
Director of Music Ministries

Christopher Dazey
Organist, Pianist & Carillonneur

Happy
Birthday

4/29 — Robert Weise,
Timothy Miller,
JaVonne Hammond
4/30 — Jenn Peters,
Gillian Crog
5/2 — Cynthia Hammond
5/3 — Sarah Conley
5/5 — Janice Boswell,
Lynette Klotz,
Lynne Bonser

THIS WEEK AT CROSSROADS

Tuesday, April 30
Community Worship
10:30 am - Wesley Hall

Wednesday, May 1
Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am - Wesley Hall
Men of Tomorrow
4:00 pm - Youth Room & Gymnasium
Re-Entry
6:00 pm - Wesley Hall
Sisters of Sobriety
8:00 pm - Conference Room

Thursday, May 2
Dinner Church
6:00 pm - Harmont

Friday, May 3
Gibbs Food Ministry
2:00 pm - Cope Chapel

TODAY AT CROSSROADS

Oatmeal Breakfast
6:30 am - Wesley Hall

Bible Study
9:00 am - Wesley Hall

Worship
10:00 am - Sanctuary

New Vision Lunch
1:00 pm - Wesley Hall

Men of Tomorrow
3:00 pm - Youth Room and Gymnasium

Planning Ahead

Save the Date

Church Social Outing

See the Akron Rubber Ducks

Friday, July 19, 2024
See Jim Kennedy for details