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CANTON, OHIO

CROSSROADS  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## CHRISTIANITY & THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS

### UNDERSTANDING AND LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

Sunday, February 16, 2025

*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

*Chant Donn *

Maurice Durufl 

#### THE CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Liturgist*

To Noah, God said: "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
who keeps covenant with us.**

*Liturgist*

To Abraham, God said: "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
who keeps covenant with us.**

*Liturgist*

To us, God gives a covenant. Jesus said: "For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
who keeps covenant with us.**

**God, help us, in return,  
to keep our covenant with you.**

**AMEN.**

#### THE ENTRANCE HYMN\*

*The God of Abraham Praise*

UMH #116

#### THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*

UMH #893

*Liturgist*

Lord, we confess our day-to-day failure to be truly human.

**Lord, we confess to you.**

*Liturgist*

Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.

**Lord, we confess to you.**

*Liturgist*

Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division.

**Lord, we confess to you.**

*Liturgist*

Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word,

**we have built up walls of prejudice.**

*Liturgist*

Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy,

**we have stifled generosity and left little time for others.**

#### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

*Pastor*

Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us listen to your word of forgiveness, for we are very deaf. Come, fill this moment and free us from sin.

**AMEN.**

#### THE GLORIA PATRI\*

UMH #70

#### THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*cont.*

**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

1 Corinthians 15: 12 - 20

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Pastor*  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

Patricia Mock

*Peace*

**THE THANKSGIVING & DOXOLOGY\***

UMH #94

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Genesis 17: 18 - 20

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

UMH #710

*Faith of Our Fathers*

**THE MESSAGE**

The Reverend Don Ackerman

*Islam*

**THE CLOSING HYMN\***

UMH #100

*God, Whose Love  
is Reigning O'er Us*

vss. 1, 3 - 5

**THE BENEDICTION\***

**THE POSTLUDE**

Richard Elliott

*The God of Abraham Praise*

\* - Please stand as you are able  
UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal

**PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP**

The Reverend Don Ackerman  
*Pastor*

**The Crossroads Choir**  
Beth Polen, *Liturgist*  
& *Director of Music Ministries*

Christopher Dazey  
*Organist, Pianist & Carillonneur*

**Happy  
Birthday**

2/16 — Amy Dunlap-Groves  
2/17 — Eric Smith,  
Claudia Swaney  
2/22 — Eric Slutz

**Spring Newsletter**

**Deadline: TODAY**

Submit your items to Christopher Dazey:  
[christopher@crossroads120.org](mailto:christopher@crossroads120.org)

**Camp Wanake Work Day**

Saturday, April 5, 2025 \* 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Lunch Included  
*Volunteers Needed! - See Jim Kennedy*

**Easter Flowers**

**Easter flower order forms are available  
in the rear of the sanctuary**  
*Deadline: Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025*

**New Community Action Group**

Join with your fellow church members  
and help turn fear and grief about our civic life  
into shared action

*First Meeting Next Sunday, February 23  
11:15 am - Wesley Hall*

See Megan Smith for details

**La Mesa Familia**

**Monday, March 3, 2025  
5:30 pm - Wesley Hall**

*A new, monthly dinner and community gathering  
with a play area for young ones  
and delicious homemade food for everyone*

**LENTEN ORGAN VESPERS**

**Sunday, March 9, 2025 - 4:00 pm**  
*Featuring*

Manuel Halkias, *Reader*  
Christopher Dazey, *Organist*

*Join us for this thoughtful and meditative beginning  
to the penitential season of Lent*

**WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER**

**Sign up for our email news and updates**  
[cantonforallpeople.org/email](http://cantonforallpeople.org/email)

*Peace be on you  
and the mercy and blessings of Allah.*

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

**A Muslim Peace Greeting**

To help keep our sacred space clean, at the conclusion of the service,  
please return this bulletin to one of the wooden tables located throughout the sanctuary

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