



Sunday, April 27, 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

Morning Has Broken

Keith Chapman
Text at UMH #145

THE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Liturgist

In the rising of the morning sun, the Holy speaks:
You are my children. Shine!

Liturgist

In the greening of the Earth and blooming of
creation, the Holy speaks:
You are my children. Grow!

Liturgist

In the mountains reaching toward the sky, the Holy
speaks:
**You are my children.
Stand With strength!**

Liturgist

In the darkness of the winter days, the Holy speaks:
You are my children. Trust!

Liturgist

In the presence of the skies that float above us, and
the assurance of the Earth beneath us, and with
the calm of the Spirit within us, the Holy speaks:
You are my children. Live!

THE ENTRANCE HYMN*

Hail, Thou Once-Despised Jesus

UMH #325

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Liturgist

Risen Lord Jesus, what is it that keeps us from
recognizing you?

**When we are so full of ourselves,
it is all too easy to block you right out of
our lives.**

Liturgist

Maybe it's the way we interpret Scripture that
obscures the signs pointing to you.

**Perhaps we are guilty of being slow of
heart when we don't recognize you in
our neighbor,
or in the guise of the poor or the
dispossessed.**

Liturgist

Our eyes and ears have become so crammed with the
sights and sounds of living that we simply fail to
see you or to recognize your voice.

**Risen Lord Jesus,
help us to empty ourselves of all that
hinders our awareness of your
presence with us.**

**Fill us with the joy of knowing your
continuing presence,
so that, like the disciples who first
encountered the Resurrected Christ,
we too might hasten to share this great
good news with others.**

AMEN.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

Pastor

We know that we were ransomed from futile ways with the precious blood of Christ and have been born anew through the living and enduring word of God. In this we recognize God's great love for the world revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus, who came into the world not to condemn it but to save it. Those who believe in him are not condemned.

Thanks be to God! AMEN.

THE GLORIA PATRI*

UMH #70

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 5: 27 - 32

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Greg Gilpin

Instrument of Peace

THE THANKSGIVING & DOXOLOGY*

UMH #94

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 20: 19 - 31

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

UMH #163

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

THE MESSAGE The Reverend Don Ackerman
Saint Francis of the Margins

THE CLOSING HYMN*

UMH #315

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain vss. 1, 3 - 5

THE BENEDICTION*

THE POSTLUDE George Shearing
I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Megan Smith

Liturgist

The Reverend Don Ackerman

Pastor

The Crossroads Choir

Beth Polen, *Director of Music Ministries*

Christopher Dazey

Organist, Pianist & Carillonneur

Happy
Birthday

4/29 - Robert Weise

4/30 - Gillian Crog,
Jennifer Peters

Crossroads Community Action

Meeting TODAY

11:15 am - Wesley Hall

All Are Welcome!

THIS WEEK AT CROSSROADS

Wednesday, April 30

Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:00 am - Wesley Hall

Friday, May 2

Gibbs Food Ministry

2:00 pm - Frm Education Wing

See the Akron Rubber Ducks

Friday, July 11

Fireworks Night!

\$15.00

Deadline to buy tickets: June 30

*Tickets are available through the church office
or from Jim Kennedy directly*

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