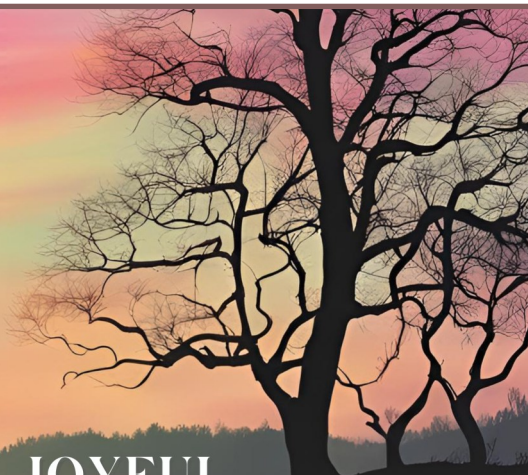




CANTON, OHIO
CROSSROADS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THIS JOYFUL
EASTERTIDE

Sunday, May 4, 2025

10:00 am



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120 Cleveland Ave SW
Canton, OH 44702

cantonforallpeople.org

Our service begins with a carillon prelude at 9:45 am

*You are invited during this time to make your financial offering
in one of the wooden offering boxes located at the center of the sanctuary*

Please silence your electronic devices before the service begins

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

THE GATHERING & CARILLON PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Schmücke Dich, O Liebe Seele
(Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness)*

Setting by Johannes Brahms
Text & Tune at UMH #612

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist
God, you call us from the corners of the Earth.
**From the cities and the prairies,
from the ghettos and the tables of the wealthy.**

Liturgist
God, you sing to us from the corners of the universe.
**In the gentle ocean breeze,
in the colors that burst forth from our landscapes,
in the faces of children ravaged by war.**

Liturgist

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

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.

***THE ENTRANCE HYMN**

UMH no. 581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

UMH no. 882

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again 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 GLORIA PATRI**

UMH no. 70

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

cont.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the message, the children are dismissed to Sunday School

The Lord's Prayer will be said during the liturgy of the Eucharist

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 9: 1 - 6

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Shepherd of the Stars

by Joseph M Martin

Sung by the Crossroads Choir

THE THANKSGIVING & *DOXOLOGY

UMH no. 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 21: 1 - 19

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

There's a Spirit in the Air

UMH no. 192

vss. 1, 3, 5, 7

THE MESSAGE

The Reverend Don Ackerman

THE INVITATION & CONFESSION

UMH page 12

Pastor

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. AMEN.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH page 13

Pastor

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Pastor

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

cont.

Pastor

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you...

...And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

Pastor

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

...And so, in remembrance of the your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH no. 895

Pastor

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**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.
AMEN.**

***THE RECEIVING OF THE EUCHARIST**

All are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's table

***THE CLOSING HYMN**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

UMH no. 396

***THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

The Throne Room From Star Wars

by John Williams

This unusual postlude is presented in honor of today being May the Fourth

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Reverend Don Ackerman

Pastor

Nancy Pierson

Liturgist

Julie Smith

Director of Children's Ministries

The Crossroads Choir

Beth Polen

Director of Music Ministries

Christopher Dazey

Organist, Pianist & Carillonneur

Happy
Birthday

5/5 - Lynne Bonser,
Janice Boswell, Lynette Klotz
5/8 - Karen Croston, Russell Graber,
James Groves, Curtis Rosenberry
5/10 - JoAnna Lindesmith

Faith, Food & Fellowship

La Mesa Comunitario

**Tomorrow, Monday, May 5
5:30 pm - Wesley Hall**

*A monthly dinner and community gathering
with activities for young ones
and delicious homemade food for everyone*

Women of Faith Circle

**Tuesday, May 6
1:00 pm - Denny's on Tusc**

*Contact Nancy Mae Scheurer - nbshymn@yahoo.com
All women are always welcome!*

Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Wednesday, May 7
9:00 am - Wesley Hall**

*Our prayer breakfast is open to all men
You are welcome for food, prayer and fellowship!*

The Village

A Moms Helping Moms Ministry

*Our Village ministry
is currently in need of:*

*Preemie Clothes
Pajamas & Socks, up to 6 mos
-Boys & Girls-*

Bring your donation to the church office
or see Erin Ackerman

Summer Newsletter

**Deadline:
Sunday, May 18**

*Our next print newsletter
will cover June, July & August*

*Submit your items to Christopher Dazey:
christopher@crossroads120.org*

Crossroads Community Action

Our Next Meeting:
Sunday, May 18
11:15 am - Wesley Hall

See Megan Smith for details

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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