



I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord -
I will remember your wonders of old
- Psalm 77

Sunday, June 29, 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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Liturgist

Our freedom comes as life in the Spirit.

**We reject the works based only on our
fleshly desires.**

Liturgist

We live a new life of spirit and truth.

**Let us worship the Lord in full spirit.
AMEN!**

THE ENTRANCE HYMN*

UMH #152

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Loving God, you give us freedom.

In fact, in you,

we live in perfect freedom.

Fear tries to bind us.

Idolatry comes chasing after us.

**Divisive arguments try to trap us in
corners and keep us locked away from
one another.**

**These are not the freedoms you have in
mind for your children, loving God.**

**We confess, we have submitted to them
in the past, but no more.**

**Inspire us to live in the freedom you have
given us for love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness and self-control.**

You set us free.

Give us the courage to enjoy it.

We pray in Jesus' name.

AMEN.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

Pastor

Beloved children of God: hear and believe the good
news - for freedom, Christ has set us free to live
anew.

AMEN.

THE GLORIA PATRI*

UMH #70

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 77: 1 - 2, 11 - 20

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE THANKSGIVING & DOXOLOGY*

UMH #94

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Kings 2: 1 - 2, 6 - 14

THE MESSAGE

The Reverend Don Ackerman

THE CLOSING HYMN*

UMH #384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

THE BENEDICTION*

THE POSTLUDE

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

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Reverend Don Ackerman
Pastor

Nancy Miller
Liturgist

Julie Smith
Director of Children's Ministries

William Kendrick
Guest Organist

Happy
Birthday

6/29 - Rick Crawford
7/2 - Gary Johnson,
Malinda Ringer
7/3 - Aria Haynes
7/4 - Marcie Simiele

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all life and love: we are your children, and you made us free to live in joyful relationship with you and one another. Your grace empowers us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Give us the courage to love ourselves as much as you love us and to love others with the same compassion. Amen.

The Village

A Moms-Helping-Moms Ministry

Our Village ministry is currently in need of:

Spring PJs, newborn to 2T
(Newborn especially)

Newborn Clothes, boys and girls

Socks, newborn to 1 year

Lightweight Blankets

Bath Towels

Please bring your donation to the church office
or see Erin Ackerman

Crossroads Community Action

Our Next Meetings:

Sundays, July 6 & 20

11:15 am - Wesley Hall

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*

Pastor Don's

All-Church

Rootin'-Tootin'

FARM FAMILY PICNIC

Everyone is Invited!

Saturday, July 19 · 4:00 pm

Please RSVP don@crossroads120.org

—Bring swimsuits for the slip 'n slide—

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