

# Order for the Worship of God

## Welcome & Announcements

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### GATHERING

Welcome

*from John 20:19-21*

L Peace be with you, Jesus said to his disciples.

**C Showing them his hands and his side, they believed and rejoiced.**

L Peace be with you, Jesus said again.

**C As the Father has sent Jesus, so we are sent in his name.**

Prayer

\*Opening Hymn (Blue #113)

*"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*

Worship from the Psalms

*(Psalm 16, ESV)*

L Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

**C As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.**

L Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

**C The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.**

L The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

**C I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.**

L I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

**C Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.**

L For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit.

**C You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you, trusting in your forgiveness and grace. We confess the ways we are afraid of the future, and we pray we would trust you to guide and care for us. We confess that we wander from your path, preferring our own desires and distractions. You have prepared the way for us, return us to your path. We confess that we take you for granted and your joy is lacking in us. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we can rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from You. Amen.**

*Please take a moment and offer your silent personal prayers to God...*

Silent Prayers of Reflections

Assurance of Pardon

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayers for Illumination

Special Music

*Easter Anthem*

Sermon Text Reading

*Acts 2:14a, 22-32 (ESV, pp. 1081-1082)*

*John 20:19-31 (ESV, pp. 1077-1078)*

Message

*"Resurrection Gifts"*

*The Rev. Ann Wasson*

Prayer of Affirmation

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn (Blue #306)

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

\*Offering Prayer

*Our offering is received in the offering plate on the back table in the sanctuary.*

\*Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*The prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are responsive. When you hear the leader say:*

God of our salvation

*Please respond,*

**Answer us with grace.**

Lord's Prayer

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation.**

**But deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN**

### *SENDING OUT*

\*Closing Hymn (Blue #115)

*"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"*

\*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

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## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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### CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**VANCREST:** Dollie Smith

**BEACHWOOD:** Connie Cobb

**ALPINE VILLAGE:** Sandy Johnson

**PRAYER LIST:** Gene & Carol Detmer, Sandee Schweter, Julie Fogle, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder's sister), Enoch & Adyē Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall's father and mother), Jacob Clegg (Brenda Stough's friend), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek's Wife)

*Easter Anthem* by William Billings

The Hastings College Choir, under the direction of Dr. Fritz Mountford, perform an engaging anthem by the early American composer and singing master, William Billings.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pyRhy6NjINA>

The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!  
The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!  
Now is Christ risen from the dead  
And become the first fruit of them that slept  
Now is Christ risen from the dead  
And become the first fruit of them that slept  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

And did he rise? And did he rise? Did he rise?  
Hear it, ye nations! hear it O ye dead!  
He rose, he rose, he rose, he rose  
He burst the bars of death  
He burst the bars of death  
He burst the bars of death  
And triumphed o'er the grave

Then, then, then I rose  
Then I rose, then I rose  
Then first humanity triumphant  
Past the crystal ports of light  
And seized eternal youth  
And seized eternal youth  
Men all immortal hail, hail, heaven  
All lavish of strange gifts to man  
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss  
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss

## Welcome to our Worship!

*We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship after worship. Thank you, Jana Schroeder, for being liturgist today.*

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Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary, you can give online using the **QR code** at right or donate from our **website**.

Please volunteer to be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.



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Our guest preacher today is **the Rev. Ann Wasson**. Ann retired from active service in ministry at the end of 2024 after 40 years as a pastor for congregations in Missouri, Oklahoma and since 2018, in Defiance, Ohio. She and husband, Norman, a retired United Methodist minister, will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary this year and will celebrate the wedding of their son, Andrew to Dr. Allison Cuttner in May in Atlanta, GA. Their daughter Elizabeth is a professor and director of the music library at Oklahoma City University.

**Connections Bible Study** meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. They are studying *Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate* by Jerry Bridges. Please talk with Patricia for a book.

**Bruce will be on vacation** from Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> to Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Jason Armstrong, associate pastor at First Presbyterian, Maumee and founding pastor of Love First, Toledo, will be preaching on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Operations** meeting will be meeting on Thursday, April 16th at 4:00 p.m.

Our next **Friendship Lunch** is at Hill's on Tuesday, April 21st at 11:00 a.m.

**Congregational Life** will be meeting on Thursday, April 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

**Session** will be meeting on Monday, April 27th at 4:00 p.m.

Our **Card of the Week** is going to Sandy Johnson.