

Columbiana First United Methodist

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April 14th, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

Prelude:

***Enter the Light of Christ**

Pastor's Welcome

Announcements:

- **Sunday School 9:30 am, all are welcome.**
- **No Bible Study this coming Wednesday.**
- **Choir Practice on Thursdays @ 6:30 pm.**
- **The Canfield Community Concert Band will be performing their Spring Concert today, 3pm at Canfield High School Auditorium.**
- **April 17th Fellowship Breakfast at the Dutch Haus. All are welcome, no reservations needed. 10 am**
- **April 18th thru the 21st, Pastor Cyndi will be away. In case of any emergencies required Pastoral Care, please contact Pastor Cyndi at (330) 651-2568.**
- **April 28th Chef Brad's Brunch After Worship Service.**

Opening Prayer:

Dearest Father, we pray that You quiet our minds. Still our hearts so that we can hear Your voice and live in You. Strengthen our lives and inspire our spirits so that we can feel Your living waters flow. Through Your endless grace, may we come to know and serve You better. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" TFWS #2158**

Call to Worship:

L: How shall we live when lavished with love?

P: "We are God's children, but it has not been revealed what we are to become in the future."

L: Just as in our origins, our future is tied to our planet.

P: Creator has given us partners for mutual flourishing.

All: Let us worship God, who makes all things new.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Choir Anthem: "I Find My Peace in You"

Offertory:

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

Loving Creator, we come together to present our tithes and offerings. We are reminded of the profound love with which You have called us Your children. Help us recognize that our generosity and stewardship of the resources You've entrusted to us are a sign of our commitment to this holy transformation. May these offerings we bring today be a reflection of our love for You and our desire to be faithful stewards of Your blessings. Bless our giving and guide us in using these gifts wisely. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Children's Message by Gabrielle Burbick

*** Hymn Sing**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 4

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36b-48

Gloria Patri

#70

Message: "You Are Witnesses"

Pastor Cyndi

***Closing Hymn: "Victory in Jesus"**

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*Benediction

***Sending: "God Be with You."**

*Postlude

**Indicates for the congregation to stand if you are able*

Dear Heavenly Father,

What an awesome God You are, You have brought us through this past week and stirred our hearts to be here in Your house this morning.

We come here today, to feel Your presence, to hear Your Words, and to be restored and refueled for the week that is ahead of us. Only You know the challenges and joys we will face. So, we turn our lives over to You this morning so that You will direct our minds, our hearts, and our souls through it all.

Thank You for the successes that we have seen, and You have allowed. Thank You for the traveling mercies You have extended to those who traveled further than usual so to get a rest and enjoy some me-time. Thank You for the healing You have given and thank You for the comfort and feeling of peace You have extended to us who have dealt with heartache and pain.

Dear Heavenly Father, we continue to see death and destruction in so many ways in our world today. There is so much hatred and evil. We ask You Lord to keep Your hand of protection upon us, guide us as we carry Your Light into the world, hoping to gain souls that have been lost to the world and the evil in it. Allow us to be Your beacon of light and hope to the world, especially to those who tend to only see the darkness. We know that even among the storms You bring calm, and even among the darkness, You bring light.

We lift to You those in our families and church families who are in need. You know better than we do, what those needs are. We join together in lifted Judy Nelson to You, we know that You know her needs, and we know that You are the One that will fill them. I ask that You continue to bring healing to those who need it, continue to bring comfort in ways that we can't to those who need it; and bring wisdom to those who are making decisions for themselves, or others. Stir the hearts of those that are trying to do things on their own, to remind them that You are near and willing to help. Be with our teachers and those who make the decisions for our children when they are in their hands. Give them Your wisdom, so they know their needs. Be with our children so they continue to be shaped and molded into the people You want them to be.

We join Nellie is praising Your name for the time she got to spend with her daughter-in-law Jennifer. Nellie says she was blessed by the conversations that they had, and the most important is that she knows without a doubt that Jennifer knows You and loves You, which warmed Nellie's heart. Thank You Jesus!

We join Victoria in asking for the vacation that is coming up with her family. She will miss her church family, but knows she will be back.

We are coming closer to General Conference; we ask that You be with each representative of Your Church called the United Methodists. Help them to hear Your voice and stir their hearts so that their desires will be Yours, and the result of the work done there will be pleasing to You.

We praise Your name for this community and this church. Continue to be with us as we, Your church, play a part in sharing You with those around us. Let them see You in us and have the desire to have You in them. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen