

Columbiana First United Methodist

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May 12th, 2024

Ascension Sunday & Mother's Day

Prelude: Ave Maria

***Enter the Light of Christ**

Pastor's Welcome

Announcements:

- **Sunday School 9:30 am, all are welcome.**
- **Bible Study this coming Wednesday at 11:00 am. The character of the Bible that we will be studying is Josiah.**
- **Choir Practice on Thursdays @ 6:30 pm.**
- **May 14th Ham Dinner cost \$10. Anyone who can help with the Ham dinner please let Anne Brown know.**
- **One Board meeting May 15th @ 5:30 pm**
- **May 19th we will have Chef Brad's Brunch after Worship Service.**
- **May 20th Baccalaureate Program will be held here at Columbiana First UMC @ 7 pm. We are in need of greeters to help seat our guests, and cookies for a time of fellowship after the program. Please let Pastor Cyndi know if you can help in either of these areas. Or call the office and leave a message.**

Opening Prayer:

Blessed are You, Holy One, Creator of all that is and all that ever will be. You sent Your Holy Child, Jesus, to heal us and bless us, to show us Your love. After His suffering and death on the cross, He was still among us, proclaiming repentance and forgiveness of sins for all who call upon His name. Just as You sent the power of the Holy Spirit to those who first believed, fill us now with Your power and grace, that we may become the hands and feet, and heart and spirit, of Christ. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: "Faith of Our Mothers" (see insert)**

Call to Worship:

L: Easter people, raise your voices, for you belong to the Risen Christ!

P: We belong to Christ, and so we share in Christ together.

L: Just as we share in Christ together, so we are called to share Christ with the world.

P: We share Christ by proclaiming the good news of God's love to the world.

L: How will you share God's love with the world?

P: By loving, respecting, and honoring our neighbors, especially those the world neglects, overlooks, and ignores.

L: Easter people, you belong to the Risen Christ!

P: Because we belong to Christ, we will share Christ's love everywhere we go.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Choir Anthem: "Love Is"

Offertory:

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

Compassionate Creator, in our communal life, may our actions, love, and giving reflect Christ's presence within us. Help us live in a way that displays Christ's life in us, showcasing love, respect, and hospitality. As we share and give, may it glorify You. Guide us in honoring one another and celebrating our commitments as part of our faith. In gratitude, abundance, and equity, we present these gifts, believing that sharing Christ is the most loving act. In the name of Jesus, our Rock and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Children's Message by Gabrielle Burbick

***Hymn of Preparation: Hymn Sing**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 47

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:44-53

Gloria Patri

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Message: "He Opened Their Understanding"

Pastor Cyndi

***Closing Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God"**

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*Benediction

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

*Postlude

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

Welcome to all that have come to worship and praise our God this morning.

33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you [a]will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”John 16:33

We gather together believing that He is the peace that comes in this world full of tribulation. May the Spirit join us today and bring to us the feeling of peace beyond our understanding. As we lift to our God the praise and worship that will bring to Him all the glory and honor that is truly His.

Let's have church ...

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come to You this morning with hearts of gratitude. We are thankful that You have chose us to be Your children and allowed us the opportunity to choose You as our One true God. Without You in our lives, I am not sure how we would get through the things that this world throws at us.

You walk alongside us no matter what path we choose to take. You allow us to make our own decisions, and You guide us with Your Spirit when decisions are needed to be made. You tug on our heart when we are thinking about taking the wrong turn. You tug even harder when we choose the wrong path and need to make a change.

Today we celebrate Mother's Day. Thank You Lord for all our mothers, and thank you for allowing us to be a mother. Thank you for their caring hearts, and instilling within us Your love and compassion that reflect You to all the children You allow us to care for. Some of us have had mothers taken from us too soon, but You have placed others in our lives to take their place so that we may still be nurtured and loved. So I thank You for those that mothered us in their place. And thank You for the opportunities that You have given to us to share Your love with children that You have placed in our lives, so that they come to know You through us.

We lift up Dave Tatman's son and daughter-in-law as they prepare to move to Salt Lake City. We ask that You guide them, bring to them peace as they start a new journey in their life. We praise Your name for the new opportunity you have given to Dave's son. May You bring to them wisdom for every new decision they may need to make, and may they see Your great works along the way.

We join Bob in praying for Betty as she is dealing with some physical issues. May You guide them to the right doctor, and may You give to this doctor Your wisdom, so that Your healing takes place in her quickly. All for Your glory and honor.

We live in a world where anything goes, but the world You created did not include sin. So we ask You Lord to continue to walk with us so that we can be strong in our faith, confident in ourselves because we are confident in You. And, so that we can be all that You want us to be. Place in our hearts Your desires, and remove the desires of our hearts that lead us towards the temptations of this world.

Thank You Lord for being with us this past week, we ask that You continue to be with us as we walk in the coming week. Place Your hand of protection upon us, keeping us from any harm.

Extend Your hand of healing upon us that need Your healing. Give to us Your wisdom when we need to make a decision. Help us to be still when You would like us to be still and give us a little nudge when You would like us to move. So that at the end of each day we lift to You all glory and honor.

We lift to You all the leaders of our world, our nation, our communities, and Your churches. Help us to be still and know that You are God. In the stillness, may we hear Your voice, and follow Your guidance so that all decisions are made in a way that is pleasing to You.

All this we pray, in Jesus' name, Amen.