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May 4th, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude:

***Enter the Light of Christ**

Pastor's Welcome

Announcements:

- **Sunday School @ 9:30 all are welcome.**
- **Bible Study Wednesday, @ 10 am.**
- **The Canfield Community Concert Band will be performing their Spring Concert on Sunday, May 4 at 3:00pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Youngstown (3300 Canfield Rd.)**
- **May 13th Ham Dinner \$10 ea. Reserve your dinner by calling (330) 582-2382. If you can volunteer to help please let Anne Brown know.**
- **May 14th SPRC Meeting 1 pm**
- **May 18th Cher Brad's Brunch, after Worship Service.**
- **May 21st One Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm**
- **May 28th SPRC Consultation with DS @ Canfield UMC.**

Opening Prayer:

Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead and given to us new life. Open our hearts to receive Your wondrous words of love, O God. Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve You by serving others. In Christ's Name, we pray. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful 1,2,4 #147**

Call to Worship:

L: God, You call us from the corners of the Earth.

P: From the cities and the prairies, from the ghettos and the tables of the wealthy.

L: God, You sing to us from the corners of the universe.

P: In the gentle ocean breeze, in the colors that burst forth from

our landscapes, in the faces of children ravaged by war.

L: God, You speak to us from the corners of the Earth.

P: 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.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music:

by Steve Burbick

Offertory:

***Doxology #95**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty Father, as we present these offerings before You, we surrender our hearts in gratitude. May our gifts reflect our thankfulness for Your abundant blessings. Teach us to give with joy, knowing that everything comes from You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

***Hymn of Preparation: Here I Am, Lord #593**

Celebration Communion

Apostle's Creed #881

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 30

Gospel Reading: John 21:1-19

Gloria Patri #70

Message: "I'm Goin' Fishing" Pastor Cyndi

***Closing Hymn: How Great Thou Art 1,3,4 #77**

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

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

Dear Heavenly Father,

Who are we to be called Your children? Who are we to be loved by You?

We come to You today to praise Your name for Your unconditional love towards us. We come together as a family to worship You.

You created us to be together, to live, laugh, and love together. We don't always get along, we don't always agree with each other, we don't always follow Your lead, and our desires are not always Your desires. But by Your mercy and grace, we receive a new day. Today we ask that You renew our minds, restore our hearts, and create in us the desires that You have for us.

You have given us opportunities to share You, to reflect on You, some opportunities we have taken action on, and some we may have missed completely. I ask that You open our eyes so that we don't miss the opportunities to come and bring to us boldness through the Holy Spirit to tackle them in the way that You are seen and glorified.

We thank You for all those that You place in our lives, and we thank You for the lives that You place us in. If we take a moment we can see just how You weave our lives together so that we may remain strong in You, and You in us.

Life is hard, and each day we face has its challenges. But because You are with us, there is not a challenge that we can't face unafraid. May You breathe Your Holy Spirit upon us, so that we receive Your courage, wisdom, and strength so that, our hearts reflect Your love in all situations.

There are those in our church family who continue to need Your healing, Inez Corey, Don and Jackie Leonard, Cory, Joyce, Patty. Some need Your healing in situations that just arose this past week. Some need Your healing of physical pain that is continuous. Some need mental healing, allowing their thoughts to be calmed. Some need Spiritual healing, where they have been hurt by situations in their lives and can't understand how You could have allowed it.

We ask that You extend Your healing hand upon all those that need it, and believe that You can bring it. Extend to those that are struggling mentally Your wisdom so that their minds may be renewed and their thinking made clear, so that they may find joy in the life You have given to them. And we ask that You restore the joy in the hearts of Your children who have forgotten what it feels like to have You as One at the wheel. For You have said, take upon you My Yoke, and learn from Me. For My Yoke is easy and My burden is light.

May we Your Church take that advice, May we follow You by seeing Your visions, hearing Your voice, and Loving all as You have loved us. It is in Jesus' name, that we pray Amen.