

**Columbiana First United Methodist**

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May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026      **Happy Mother's Day**      6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Prelude:

**\*Enter the Light of Christ**

**Pastor's Welcome**

**Announcements:**

- **Adult Sunday School at 9:30 am. We are studying Jesus in Me. A Bible Study written by Anne Graham Lotz. It is about the Holy Spirit and the part He plays in our lives, led by Pastor Cyndi.**
- **May 12<sup>th</sup> Drive-Thru Ham Dinner. Call 330 482-2382, and reserve your dinner. Cost is \$10. Dinner includes Ham, Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, and a Brownie. Volunteers who would like to help in any way, please get in touch with Anne Brown.**
- **May 17<sup>th</sup> Chef Brad's Brunch after Worship Service. Come and join us for some extended fellowship and great food.**
- **May 20<sup>th</sup> One Board Meeting at 4:30 pm.**
- **Geraniums can be ordered in memory or in honor of your loved ones. They will be displayed on May 24<sup>th</sup> during the worship service, and then, as it is our tradition, they will be planted around the church. Cost and deadline TBD.**

**\*Opening Prayer:**

God, we thank You for breath, community, and Your presence. Open our hearts and quiet our minds so we can receive Your wisdom and peace. Guide our worship to connect us with You and each other, renew us, and send us out to reflect Your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth 1,4,6"      #92**

**Call to Worship:**

L: Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path, Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

**P: God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.**

L: The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus.

**P: God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.**

L: The Spirit draws us into God's story, showing us how to cooperate in writing God's dream into reality.

**P: God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.**

L: Easter people, God's story abides in you, calling you to live as co-creators of love and abundant life.

**P: We come to worship God and listen for the Spirit who inspires, guides, and helps us join in God's story, until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer**

Offertory:

\*Doxology

#95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Abiding Spirit of Love, you have not left us orphaned. Even in our uncertainty, you draw near, whispering truth, stirring memory, teaching us to live as those who know we are loved. As Jesus offered himself in love and obedience, so we offer these gifts today—not out of obligation, but as signs of our love and trust. Take them, bless them, use them—to remind the world that Christ's story abides in us. May your Spirit strengthen us to live what we give and give what we believe. In the name of the one who promised never to leave us. Amen.**

**Hymn of Preparation: Faith of Our Mothers**

(sung to the tune Faith of Our Fathers) (*insert*)

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:1-7

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21

**Gloria Patri**

#70

Message: "He Abides in Us"

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*

Dear Heavenly Father,

We're here with You this morning, asking You to refresh us and give us strength for the week ahead. You're our hope, and we want to worship You with our whole hearts.

We've seen You at work in our lives this past week in so many ways:

- You helped guide our conversations, so we didn't have to figure everything out on our own.
- You stayed close to us—protecting us and showing us which way to go.
- You brought the right people at the right time—making us smile when we were down, and letting us encourage others too.
- You listened to what was on our hearts and met our needs—emotionally and spiritually.
- And You've surrounded us with family, friends, and a church family who truly care.

Father, we admit that we don't always notice You in the moments where You're working. We don't always turn to You first when the day begins—or when we're facing a decision. And sometimes the way we live doesn't reflect You the way it should.

So we place all of that at Your feet today. Please renew our minds, soften our hearts, and help us want what You want.

Many still need Your healing, so we lift up Bob Belding, Becky McMurray, Jim Hawkins, Millie, and Cliff. Please guide their medical teams with Your wisdom, provide clear answers, and lead them to the care they need. Surround them and their families with Your peace—calming every heart and mind and assuring them that You are in control.

We also lift up Cora, asking that her next step in treatment brings relief from the pain she has endured. Give her clarity about what to do next, and bring Your healing to her body and spirit.

We lift up the Merdich family as they begin a new chapter with Jeanette. Please guide Bill and his family as they make decisions for his mom, and give them meaningful moments together—bright spots in their visits where they can experience Your joy. You alone know how hard this transition is for Jeanette, so let her feel Your presence. Calm her spirit and help her adjust to her new home, all for Your glory.

Let us pause for a moment to lift to You our personal struggles. We ask that You take these struggles and deliver us from them, or if it is Your will, help us to endure them with You.

Thank You for everything You've done for us. Thank You, too, for bringing healing to those who have needed it.

You've taken care of us in so many ways. We haven't gone without:

- A place to stay—a warm home to rest in
- Food on our table
- Transportation to get where we need to go (and sometimes where we want to go)

We're so grateful, Lord. Thank You for providing so generously.

We also know not everyone is in the same place we are. If there are people in this community who are struggling, please help us notice—and help us show up as Your hands and feet.

Please be especially close to anyone who could use:

- **Practical help**—a hand with the everyday stuff
- **Friendship**—someone to come alongside them and remind them they're not alone
- **Courage**—the strength to reach out and ask for help

Give them a gentle nudge to take that next step and help us guide them to the right people and resources that will meet their needs.

And through it all, may people see You clearly, come to know You more, and may Your Kingdom grow.

Lord, we're still living in a world that can feel heavy.

We see so much around us:

- Conflict, anger, violence, and war between nations
- Rising costs while wages stay the same
- Extra pressure on those living on a fixed income, especially in retirement

Please step in where intervention is needed, and bring Your peace where peace is needed.

And when things feel uncertain, keep being our hope and encouragement. Help us remember that You will never leave us or forsake us.

We pray all of this in the name of Jesus. Amen.