

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Praying Together

... for those who are homebound, ill, hospitalized or recuperating:

Gayle Agg, Nora Beach, Vince Besesdnjak, Joan Clarke, Chuck Dickey, Bill Flick, Dan Fleming, Eddie Flick, Barbara Fossa, Alan Fugo and family, Donna Franz, Risa Gabor, Barb Gaglione, Michelle Garnett, Rosa Garnett, Jane Gradert, Marge (Shriver) Katarzynski, Dorrie Kearns, Dylan King, Karen Kipfsthul, Elaine Knerem, Nel Lanese, Jennifer Lewane, Barbara Mingee, Phyllis Nemeth, Patti Novak, Dick Ptak, Madeline Ptak, Ginny Robinson, Steve Senderak, Claude, Starks, Arlene Stoltz, Barb Toth, Verl Williamson, Maud Wright, Charlotte Zaranka, Wilma Dancy, Bill Helmick, Nancy Helmick, Robert Lambrecht, Laura Mele, Judy Morgan, Kris Sandor, Lois Williams, Eugene Winfrey, the Copeland/Lane Family.

Last Week

General Fund receipts for week ending 5/3/2026: \$ 2052.00



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 10, 2026

9:00 am

Here are a few notes to make you feel more at home as we praise the God of new life!

Bulletins are available to be picked up at the back of the sanctuary. We encourage you to participate throughout worship by speaking the **bold** print and singing along with the hymns. An asterisk * indicates when you are invited to stand, as you are comfortable.

All are welcome to come forward for communion. The ushers will guide you. Juice and gluten-free wafers are available; please let your server know if you need either of these.

A basket for offerings is at the rear of the sanctuary.

A children's table is located at the back of the sanctuary, where you'll find some books and activities to help children feel more at home in worship.

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister	Rev. Andrea McDonough
Organist	Gerry Mass
Assisting Minister	Ted Lockmiller
Lector	Paula Hohenstein
Crucifer	Adrian Bernardo
Offering Bearer	Maggie Hernandez
Parish Administrator	Jennifer Lasher-Dobush
Custodian	Vanessa Petrakos

*Sending Hymn: Alleluia, Sing To Jesus ELW# 392



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scept - ter,
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scept - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



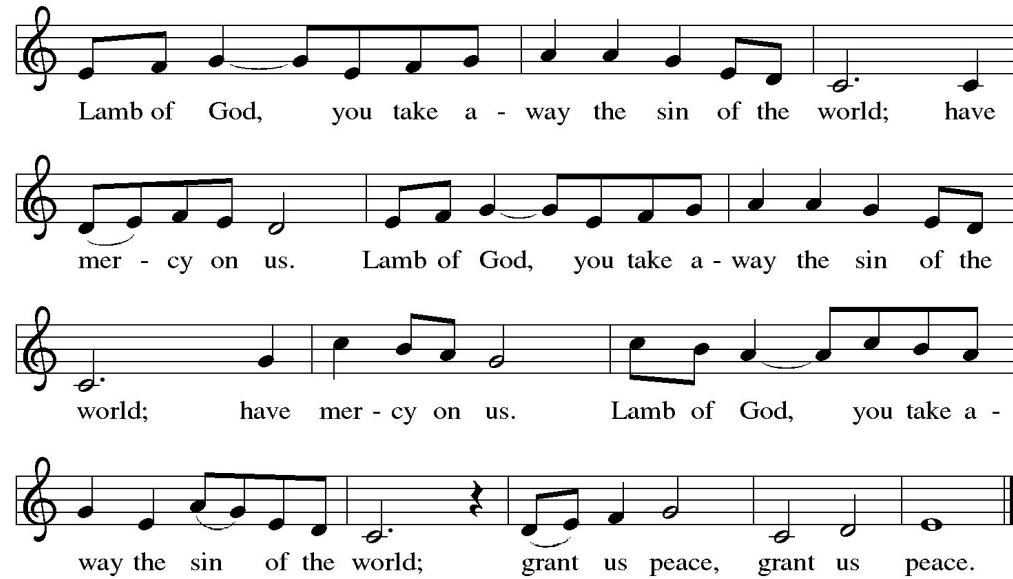
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

*Communion Hymn



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Post Communion Prayer

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

*Blessing

May God, who creates, redeems, and sustains, keep you steadfast in faith, buoyant in hope, and abounding in love. And the blessing of God, † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sixth Sunday of Easter — May10, 2026

Prelude: It is Well With My Soul United Handbell Choir

Welcome & Announcements

*Confession & Forgiveness

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed!**

Come and hear what the Lord has done, **the Lord who has made everything!**

Brother and sisters, God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love.

Loving God,

we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

***Gathering Hymn: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation**

ELW # 645



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

***Greeting:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***Sanctus (next page)**



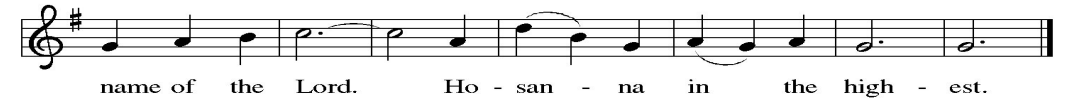
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***Eucharistic Prayer**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Christ taught us

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives. Let us be a sacrifice of thanksgiving in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever. **Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Creator of the cosmos,
Breath of heaven,
Lover of us all,
you are our praise, our life, our joy.
You are there through desert wanderings and willful murmurings,
rebellious running and tears of complaint.
You are there when sorrow becomes our daily food;
you rescue us from ruin and anoint us with blessing.
You are there in stable and temple,
river and hillside,
cross and tomb
and even beyond the grave.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the eternal chorus of rejoicing
who forever sing:

*Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

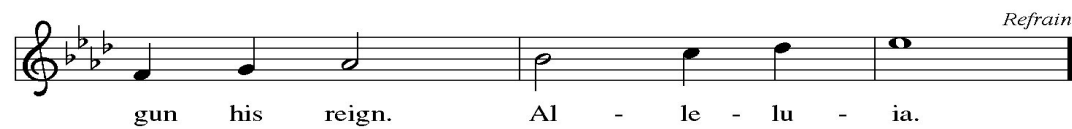
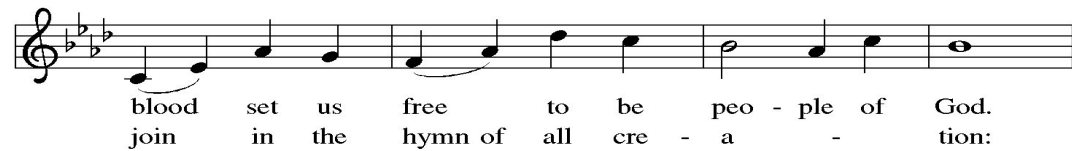
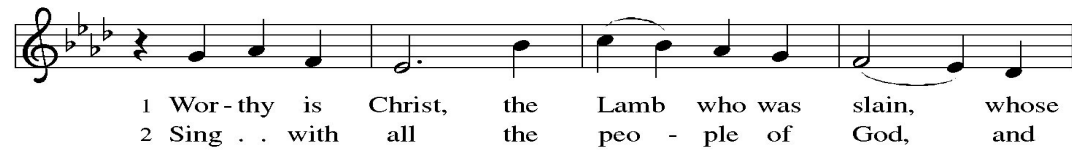
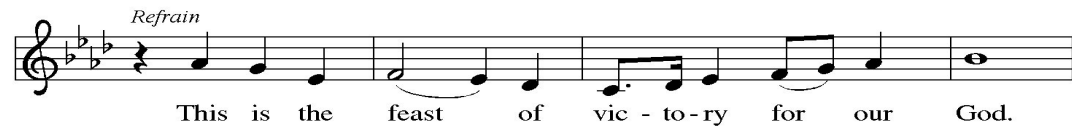
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men, a - men.

*Hymn of Praise



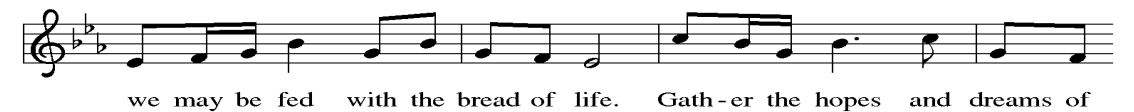
your promises when the world felt uncertain, who trusted the Spirit within them when external circumstances gave them little reason to hope. Bring us at last with them into your eternal light. Merciful God, Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, when our hearts are troubled and our strength is spent, remind us that your Spirit of truth already dwells within us – that we are not orphaned, not alone, not without what we need. Use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

*Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Offertory Hymn: Let The Vineyards be Fruitful ELW # 184



You create the world and all that is in it. As spring unfolds across Northeast Ohio, shelter budding plants and young animals, protect our waterways and the shores of Lake Erie, and raise up people who will care for the earth you have made and entrusted to us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You set civil servants in the places where we live. In a time when trust in institutions feels fragile and the truth itself feels contested, instill integrity among those who make and interpret our laws, courage among first responders, and wisdom among the leaders of our communities, our nation, and the nations of the world. Where conflict threatens peace — in the Middle East, in Ukraine, and wherever violence holds sway — send your Spirit of truth to open the way toward reconciliation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You provide comfort in times of trouble. We pray for all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. For those whose anxiety has become so heavy they can barely carry it. For those who feel spiritually depleted and wonder if they have anything left. For the lonely, the grieving, the unhoused, and the hungry. Remind them that your Spirit abides within them even when they cannot feel it — and that they are not orphaned. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are love and you desire that we love one another. We give thanks for all who have offered care and accompaniment in our lives — those who fed us, held us, and refused to leave us alone in our most vulnerable moments. Inspire us to offer that same care to one another, and to all in our community who are isolated, overlooked, or in need of someone to simply show up. Merciful God, **receive our**

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for all the faithful who have gone before us — those who clung to

***Prayer of the Day**

Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, help us to choose life in you, that we may keep the commands of Jesus, follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and witness to the hope that is within us, sharing Christ's love in the world. **Amen.**

Children's Moment

Gracious and nurturing God, on this day we give thanks for every person who has offered us the gift of mothering, in every form it takes. We give thanks for those who gave birth to us and those who chose to love us, for mothers who were there from the beginning and the ones who showed up exactly when they were needed, and for those who mother with different titles— grandmothers, aunts, siblings, friends, and neighbors— all who have been with us.

We pray for mothers who are celebrating today, full of joy and surrounded by the ones they love. We pray for those who are mourning — mothers who have lost children, and children who have lost mothers, for whom this day carries a particular ache. We pray for those whose relationships with their mothers are complicated or painful. We pray for those who longed to be mothers but experienced a different path, and who hold that tenderly in their hearts. And we pray for all who are mothering right now — in exhaustion, in love, in uncertainty, wondering if they are enough. Remind us all that we are held by the one who said — I will not leave you orphaned. Remind us that beneath every human love that has nurtured and sustained us is a love that is older and deeper and will not let us go. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

God’s Word for God’s people. **The Light has risen!**

*Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

God of new life, you have promised not to leave us orphaned — that your Spirit of truth abides within us and within your church. In a time of great uncertainty and noise, guide the church and its leaders to speak with clarity, compassion, and courage. Give us words that steady rather than alarm, that build up rather than divide.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Hymn of the Day: Abide With Me ELW # 629



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!

Psalm 66:8-20

⁸ Bless our ¹ God, you peoples;

let the sound of ¹ praise be heard.

⁹ **Our God has kept us a- ¹mong the living
 and has not allowed our ¹ feet to slip.**

¹⁰ For you, O God, have ¹ tested us;
 you have tried us just as sil- ¹ver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us in- ¹ to the net;
 you laid heavy burdens up- ¹ on our backs.**

¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through ¹ fire and
 water,

but you brought us out into a place ¹ of refreshment.

¹³ **I will enter your house ¹ with burnt offerings
 and will pay ¹ you my vows—**

¹⁴ those that I promised ¹ with my lips
 and spoke with my mouth when I ¹ was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the ¹ smoke of
 rams;**

I will give you ox- ¹en and goats.

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you ¹ who believe,
 and I will tell you what God has ¹ done for me.

¹⁷ **I called out to God ¹ with my mouth,
 and praised the Lord ¹ with my tongue.**

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil ¹ in my heart,
 the Lord would ¹ not have heard me;

¹⁹ **but in truth ¹ God has heard me
 and has attended to the sound ¹ of my prayer.**

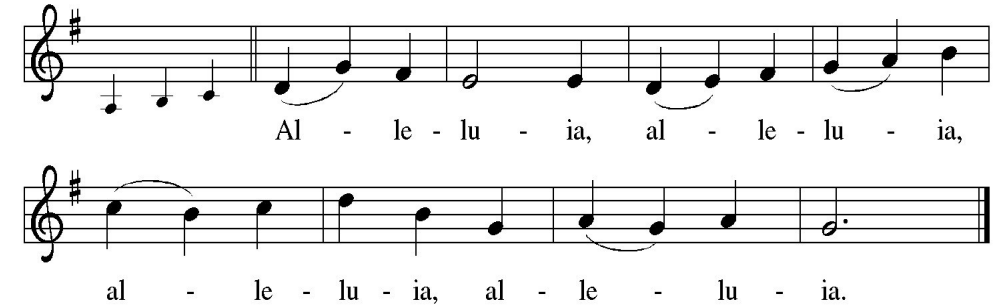
²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not reject- ¹ ed my prayer,
 nor withheld unfailing ¹ love from me.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

God's Word for God's people. **The Light has risen!**

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel: John 14:15-21

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon