



Union Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Eastertide

April 12, 2026 | 10AM

Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate. In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and respond to the Word.

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

The liturgy is adapted from offerings by Nancy Townley for ministrymatters.com.

Confession is our opportunity to be honest with God, so that our relationship may be restored and our hearts reconciled.

Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Please help us to know you by signing the fellowship pad or scanning the attendance QR code on the card in the pew. If you have a prayer request, please complete a blue prayer card. Please place both in the offering plate when it is passed.

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Fear and darkness are our companions!

We huddle together, wondering what will happen to us, to our world.

[Choir sings *Open our Eyes*]

Lord, come and stand among us!

**Bring us showers of blessing, release from our fears,
light in our darkness**

[All sing *Open our Eyes*]

Prayer of Praise

Call to Confession

Sometimes it seems that we have locked ourselves behind the doors of our foolish choices and lost the key. But God picks the locks, comes into our lives, and breathes peace and grace upon us. Knowing such grace, we bring our lives to God, trusting in that merciful forgiveness offered to us. Join me as we pray together saying...

Prayer of Confession

Risen Lord, we want to trust your Easter miracle. But, we listen to the news, read the newspapers, and wonder if you are alive in the world. We confess that we are skeptics. At times we doubt you exist. Break through to us the way you broke through to the disciples. Help us to see you still at work in the world. We ask that you fill us with your love and goodness, so that we might love one another, and share your good news. In your name, we pray...

(Silent prayers of confession)

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

By God's great mercy, we have been born anew into living hope through the resurrection of Christ Jesus. Though we have not seen him, we love him as he loves us. Though we do not see him now, we believe – celebrating with joy which cannot be contained. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made new.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on. Some worshipers remain at their seat while others roam the sanctuary sharing the peace of Christ with one another. You may choose to share the peace with a fist bump, handshake, or peace sign.

Hymn #591 Chorus only

Children of all ages are invited to come to the chancel steps.

To the tune of Hymn 475



Scan QR code to give electronically from your phone

Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God's people.

***Sharing Christ's Peace**

Because God has given us the peace of forgiveness, let us also be at peace with one another. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Engage

***Eastertide Alleluia**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 16 (Pew Bible OT p.642)

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to us. This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Special Music

I Will Rise

Children's Message

Second Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31 (Pew Bible NT p.152)

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to us. This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

Seeing is Believing

Rev. Lisa Stenner

***Hymn 231**

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

NETTLETON

Respond

Offering of Our Time, Talent and Treasure

Financial offerings support the Body of Christ through the life and mission of Union Presbyterian Church. If you have prayers to be shared during our prayers of the people, please place them in the offering plate.

***Doxology**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn 817 (v.1-3)**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Worship Leaders

Spencer Zembrodt, Accompanist
Sam Caudill, Liturgist

Announcements

Welcome to worship at UPC this morning!

Please help us get to know you by signing the fellowship pad. If you are a first time visitor, please leave your email address or phone number so that we can continue to welcome you. Also, stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex to pick up your welcome gift after the service!

We value children in worship! There are children's materials and crayons available as you enter the Sanctuary, a play area in the north window of the Sanctuary, and a nursery area down the hall to the right of the narthex. The service is streamed on YouTube on the tv in the nursery.

Please continue to pray for our newly elected officers as they begin their training. Kevin Dern and Mark Highland were elected as elders for the class of 2029. Hayden Monson, Ruth Ann Sloan and Sheila Wenstrup were elected as deacons for the class of 2029.

UPSeniors at Outback Steakhouse Thursday, April 16th 11am to share food & fellowship. Please contact Elaine Johnson for info and to make a reservation elainejohnsondul@gmail.com.

◆Other Activities this Week

<u>Monday</u>	Finance Ministry 6:45pm
<u>Tuesday</u>	Welcoming & Deacons 6:30pm
<u>Thursday</u>	UPSeniors Lunch @ Outback 11am
<u>Friday</u>	Revelation Workshop @ Covenant-First Pres. 7pm
<u>Saturday</u>	Presbytery of Cincinnati Mtg @ Covenant-First Pres. 10am Revelation Workshop @ Covenant-First Pres. 1pm

◆Adult Activities

Choir Practice

Wednesdays 6:30pm Sanctuary
Adults and teens welcome.

Sunday School

2nd & 4th Sundays after worship Family Room

Chair Yoga

Mon, Wed, Fri 9:30am Narthex

Wrapped in Prayer Stitchers

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7pm Choir Room

Florence Women's Club

3rd Tuesday 12:30pm – 2:30pm
Info: Sharon Price 859-391-3984

Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesdays at 8pm

UPS (Union Presbyterian Seniors)

3rd Thursday Lunch at local restaurants
Info: Elaine Johnson

◆Youth Activities

Sunday School 4th – 7th Grade

2nd & 4th Sundays after worship Room 115

Middle School Youth

This week: Mini Golf 5:30p-7:30p
Putt-putt Fun Center, Erlanger
Next week: NKY Youth Dinner & Gathering
@ Lakeside Pres. 5:30p-7:30p

High School Youth

This week: Mini Golf 5:30p-7:30p
Putt-putt Fun Center, Erlanger
Next week: NKY Youth Dinner & Gathering
@ Lakeside Pres. 5:30p-7:30p

Boy Scouts, Troop 805

Monday at 7pm

◆Children's Activities

Sunday School K-3rd Grade

2nd & 4th Sundays after worship Room 114

Cub Scouts, Pack 3805

Tuesdays 6:30pm

Girl Scouts Troop 2830

1st & 3rd Wednesday 6:30pm

Girl Scouts Troop 2146

Every other Friday 6pm

Union Children's Choir

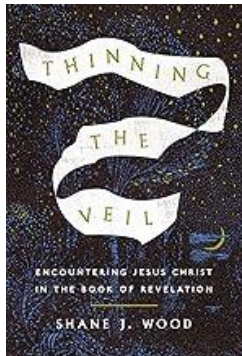
Saturdays at 9:30am

Birthdays

April 13 Lori Ruwe
April 14 Ollie Seidman
April 16 Kevin Gilbert, Dave Stenner
April 17 Jacque Sherwood, Trevor Stenner

Prayers

Andrea Vanzant, Bob & Jacque Sherwood,
Jim Vanzant, Molly Gilbert



Thinning the Veil: Rediscovering Revelation **Covenant-First Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati** **Friday, April 17 & Saturday, April 18**

Have you ever felt unsure about the book of Revelation? You're not alone. Its imagery and symbolism can feel overwhelming. But Revelation was given to encourage believers—not confuse them.

Join us for a clear and accessible study designed for church members and ministry leaders. Together we will discover:

- What Revelation meant to its first readers
- How it connects to the Old Testament
- Why its message gives believers courage today
- How it points us to the victory of Jesus Christ

Join us for this conference with seminars:

- Friday, April 17 at 7 PM
- Saturday, April 18 at 1 PM

Free validated parking is available in the adjacent Metropolis garage. License plate number is required for validation, please see a greeter to complete the validation. Go to covfirstchurch.org to register.

UPC by the Numbers

Abraham's Pantry served 54 of our neighbors in March bringing the year-to-date total to 315.
April 5 in-person worship attendance was 113 persons.

<u>SESSION</u>		
<u>Class of 2026</u> Jacob Brooks Laura Pears	<u>Class of 2027</u> Mary Lu Funiyak Erin Kieffer	<u>Class of 2028</u> Sue Kozlowski Frank Lindsey
<u>DEACONS</u>		
<u>Class of 2026</u> Danni Kavanaugh Dave Stenner Holly VonLehman	<u>Class of 2027</u> Sam Caudill Grace Daniel Cheryl Davis	<u>Class of 2028</u> Molly Gilbert Ollie Seidman Alison Vessa