



Union Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

May 3, 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.

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

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.

Gather

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:
That it is not we who chose Christ,
but Christ who chose us,
That we are not here because of our goodness
but because of Christ's grace,
That we are not here to proclaim that we have all the answers,
but to seek and to worship the Source of all answers.

*Hymn 248

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

Prayer of Praise

Call to Confession

If we say we are perfect and have no sin, we are only kidding ourselves. When we humble ourselves and confess our shortcomings and our need for God's grace, God is faithful to pour it out on us again. Acknowledging that each of us is thirsty for God's mercy, let us pray together the prayer of confession. Let us pray...

Prayer of Confession

Creator-Redeemer-Sustainer, you call us to leave behind our preoccupations and fears and to follow you into the future. We confess that we find your call challenging. We would rather be comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present. By your Spirit, fill us with gratitude and love that empowers us to bravely follow where you lead. In resurrection hope we pray...
(Silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have all been forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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

Hymn #240 Chorus only

***Eastertide Alleluia**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO.1

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

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

John 21:15-19 (Pew Bible NT pg.154)

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to us. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

If You Love Me

Rev. Lisa Stenner

***Hymn 720 (v.1,2,4)**

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

Respond

Offering of Our Time, Talent and Treasure

Financial offerings support the Body of Christ through the life and mission of Union Presbyterian Church. You may give online www.unionpresby.org automated giving through your bank, and through snail mail.

Offertory

One Bread, One Body

***Doxology**

Prayers of the People

The People Share Communion with God and with Each Other

***Affirmation of Faith**

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Offering Our Commitments

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Closing Prayer

***Hymn 313 (v.1,2,4)**

Jesus Calls Us

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

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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.

Worship Leaders

Cheryl Martinez, Accompanist

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.

Outdoor Work Day Saturday, May 9th 8:30am – 11:30am Weather permitting we'll be stewarding our beautiful facility by trimming and weeding. Wear sunscreen. Bring appropriate tools and your water bottle. Come when you can. Stay as long as you are able. Many hands make light work.

◆Other Activities this Week

<u>Monday</u>	Finance Ministry virtual 6:30pm
<u>Tuesday</u>	Called Session mtg 6:30pm
<u>Saturday</u>	Outdoor Workday 8:30am – 11:30am

◆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: NKY Youth Year-end Celebration
@ Highland Hills Park 5:30p-7:30p
NKY Youth is on hiatus until August.

High School Youth

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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

On hiatus until summer camp

Birthdays

May 3 Michelle Hoffman

Prayers

Joe Schaffer, Cheryl Davis, Malcolm Cuthbertson-Adams, Bev Johnson, Nancy Goodall

Derby Day Part Deux TODAY. Don't worry if your horse didn't win on Derby Day. We're continuing the fun on Sunday with a potluck, Derby games and hat contest. You are welcome to wear your favorite hat or to make a hat before or after worship. The hat contest includes winners for *Most Colorful Hat*, *Most Creative Hat*, *Funniest Hat*, and *Best Hat All-Around*. If you were not able to bring a dish this time, please stay as our guest. There's always more than enough.



Community Garden Plots Available NOW Spring is here, and it's time to get growing! We have a limited number of garden plots available for the 2026 season—and we'd love to have you join our gardening community. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just getting started, our garden is a great place to grow your own vegetables, flowers, and herbs while connecting with others in the community. \$40 per plot for the whole season. Proceeds benefit Abraham's Pantry. Sign up & pay on the website. ?'s: Contact Shannon Eggleston or Beverly Johnson

Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 31st We want to celebrate with ALL the graduates – preschool, kindergarten, elementary, middle school, high school, college, advanced degrees, whatever. Please make sure the church office has the 411 on your graduate so that we can celebrate with them. Church membership not required for celebration. If you're celebrating someone close to you, we want to celebrate with you.

NKY Pride is June 7th, and plans are underway. UPC has a spot in the parade and a booth at the festival. If you'd like to help plan (esp. if you have float ideas) and/or want to join the fun, sign up in the narthex or on the website.



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