



Union Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024 | 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.

1 John 3:23-24

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

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient practices of worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Please help us to know you by signing the fellowship pad. 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

This is God's commandment,
that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and love one another, just as he has commanded us.
All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them.
**And by this we know that he abides in us,
by the Spirit that he has given us.**

*Hymn 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

Prayer of Praise

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. And now, dear Lord, hear the prayers deep within the silence of our hearts.

(Silent prayers of confession)

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

Who is in a position to condemn?
**Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*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.

Hymn 450 (v.1,2)

Children 5th grade and younger are invited to come to the chancel steps.



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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

Engage

***Song for Illumination**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

First Scripture Reading

John 10:11-18 (Pew Bible NT pg. 137)

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

Praise to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

Second Scripture Reading

Psalm 23 (Pew Bible OT pg.649)

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

Thanks be to God!

Message

A Song of Faith

Rev. Stan Webster

***Hymn 802 (v.1,2,6)**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBIA

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

***Doxology**

Prayers of the People

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

***Hymn 39**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Worship Leaders

Cheryl Martinez, Accompanist

Holly VonLehman, 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 beautiful flowers in the chancel this morning are given by an anonymous donor. If you would like to provide worship flowers in memory of someone, in celebration of someone and/or to the glory of God, you may sign up on the sheet in the narthex or on the website. Please contact the church office for more information.

The church office is closed this week. Pastor Lisa and Lori are both away. We have an officer on call each day, and Pastor Lisa is accessible by email and text. Church voice mail will be checked once a day.

Are you ready to make your relationship with UPC official? We will receive new members on Sunday, May 5th. In our tradition members are received by profession of faith and baptism if not previously baptized, by transfer of letter if previously members of another congregation, and by reaffirmation of faith if previously baptized but ready to make a renewal of faith commitment. Please contact Pastor Lisa for more information.

◆ Other Activities this Week

Wednesday Abraham's Pantry 7pm

Thursday Deacons-Elect Training 6:30pm

Adult Activities

Choir Practice

Wednesdays 6:30pm Sanctuary

Adults & high schoolers are welcome!

Falling Upward Study (2 groups)

1st & 3rd Thursdays 7pm Choir Room

2nd & 4th Sundays After worship Family Room

Yoga

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am Room 116

Florence Women's Club

3rd Tuesday 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Info: Sharon Price 859-391-3984

Resplendor de Gloria

Sunday at 4pm, Thursday at 7pm

Info: (513) 728-5343

Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesdays at 8pm

UPS (Union Presbyterian Seniors)

3rd Thursday Lunch at local restaurants

Info: Elaine Johnson

◆ Youth Activities

Middle School Youth

TODAY NKY Youth Dinner Party

Next week NKY Youth What Should We Do?

High School Youth

TODAY NKY Youth Dinner Party

Next week NKY Youth What Should We Do?

Boy Scouts, Troop 805

Monday at 7pm

◆ Children's Activities

Sunday School K-5th Grade

2nd & 4th Sundays at 9:15am in Room 112

Union Children's Choir

Saturdays 9:30am

Cub Scouts, Troop 805

Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Girl Scouts Troop 2146

Every other Friday at 6pm

Birthdays

April 23 Kim Springer
 April 24 Kurt Lintelman
 April 26 Sue Kozlowski

Prayers

Erin Focke, Julie Bailey, Paul Seidman,
 Carol Graham, Brad Marcum

What do Presbyterians Believe? Sunday 4/7, 4/14 and 4/28 9am in the Family Room There's one more Sunday for adults and youth to come learn more about Presbyterian beliefs, history, and heritage! Whether you are brand new and just visiting or if you've been Presbyterian your whole life, this collaborative class is for you. We will receive new members on Sunday, May 5. This class is not required for membership; however, it is helpful if you're feeling led to make your relationship with UPC official. ?s: Contact Pastor Lisa.

Officer Training is underway. Please be in prayer for our officers elect: Erin Focke and MaryLu Funyak – elders; Sam Caudill, Grace Daniel, Cheryl Davis and Andrea Vanzant – deacons. They are prayerfully studying for their examination by the Session in preparation for ordination and/or installation on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.

Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School June 10th – 13th 6pm – 8pm! Plans are underway for an amazing time of learning and fellowship for our K-5th graders and their families. Contact Bethany Brewer Ball or Heather Dern if you would like to be involved.

What about the adults? Contact Pastor Lisa if you'd like to be involved with VBS for adults during the same time frame.

Speaking of marking your calendar:

Sunday, May 5th Receiving new members (see article)
 Cinco de Mayo potluck after worship (more info soon)
 Sunday, June 2nd NKY Pride Festival & Parade in Covington (more info soon)

<u>SESSION</u>		
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