



Union Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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.

This morning's liturgy is adapted from liturgy written by Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett, the pastor of Crescent Springs Presbyterian, and distributed by *Presbyterian Outlook*.

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

We come to join with all the earth in praise:

to sing a new song to the Triune God, who has done marvelous things, who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness.

We praise the Lord with joyful noises joining the symphony of the earth:

the roar of the ocean, the call of the birds, the wind across the hills, people in every corner of the globe.

On this sabbath day of rest and gladness,
we greet you with joy, God of love!

*Hymn 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

ST. CATHERINE

Prayer of Praise

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit in which anyone would rejoice. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we continue to pray...

(Silent prayers of confession)

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends. By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new.

Let us live as God's forgiven children. Alleluia! 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.

Hymn 240 (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** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

First Scripture Reading

Acts 10:44-48 (Pew Bible NT pg.170)

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

Thanks be to God!

Children's Message

Second Scripture Reading

John 15:9-17 (Pew Bible NT pg.145)

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

Praise to You, O Christ!

Message

Abide in Me

Rev. Lisa Stenner

*Hymn 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

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

The Lord is My Light

*Doxology

Prayers of the People

The People Share Communion with God and with Each Other

Responsive Affirmation of Faith (From *The Belhar Confession*)

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Closing Prayer

*Hymn 316 (v.1,2,5)

Where Charity and Love Prevail

AMAZING GRACE

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Worship Leaders

Cheryl Martinez, Accompanist

Ed Dobryzkowski, 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.

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.

Eat, Educate, Entertain Friday, May 10th We'll gather to eat at 6:30pm. After dinner, youth & adults will watch *Lead Me Home*, a short documentary about being unhoused, followed by discussion and info. 5th graders and younger will play games outside or inside depending on the weather. Reservations are not required, but they help us prepare supplies and food. Sign up in the narthex or on the website.

◆ Other Activities this Week

Tuesday Welcoming Ministry 5:30pm
Deacons 6:30pm

Friday Eat, Educate, Entertain 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 End of the Year Event
Next week Summer hiatus begins

High School Youth

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Next week Summer hiatus begins

Boy Scouts, Troop 805

Monday at 7pm

◆ Children's Activities

Sunday School K-5th Grade

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

Cub Scouts, Troop 805

Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Girl Scouts Troop 2146

Every other Friday at 6pm

Union Children's Choir

Saturdays 9:30am

Birthdays

None

Anniversaries

None

Prayers

Jo Ann Scott, Julie Bailey, Paul Seidman,
Carol Graham, Brad Marcum



Cinco de Mayo Potluck TODAY after worship Bring your favorite Mexican or southwestern entrée, side, or dessert to share. Dishes may be cooled or reheated as needed. If you are unable to bring a dish, please bring yourself. There is always more than enough.

Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 26th 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 2nd, 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.



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.

<u>SESSION</u>		
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