

Third Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2022

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Prelude - Passacaglia - G. F. Handel

Call to Worship

Elliotte Barker

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Invocation

Nehemiah Priebe

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Opening Hymn No. 298 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died;
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages

God's Word for Young Disciples

Confirmation I Bibles (8:30)

**Lucy Benson
Wilbur Chase**

**Ben Hillyard
Kennedie Ward**

Confirmation (8:30)

Elliotte Barker	Matthew 28:20
Brayden Carpenter	Luke 12:55
Dylan Carpenter	Matthew 21:42
Nehemiah Priebe	Ephesians 1:11
Katie Walker	Joshua 1:9

Elliotte Barker - Matthew 28:20 - and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Brayden Carpenter - Luke 12:55 - And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens.

Dylan Carpenter - Matthew 21:42- Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes"?

Nehemiah Priebe - Ephesians 1:11 - In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will

Katie Walker - Joshua 1:9 - I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.'

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help, we will.

Apostles' Creed

Brayden Carpenter

We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. We 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.

Confirmation Response (8:30)

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Anthem

8:30 - *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* - James Koerts

11:00 - *In Remembrance of Me* - Buryl Red

Sermon - *God With Us*

Rev. Jon Priebe

Discipleship Moment

Offertory - *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing* - Paul Manz

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion

... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever.

Amen.

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn No. 261** - Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

"Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.
"I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the Dance," said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and for John;
They came with me and the dance went on. [Refrain]

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
The holy people, they said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And they left me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on. [Refrain]

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die,
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
"I am the Lord of the Dance," said he. [Refrain]

Benediction and Choral Response** - (Hymn No. 143)

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Postlude -Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands (Hymn 319) - J. S. Bach



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and given:

in honor of the 2022 confirmands, by Val Riedthaler;

in loving memory of his wife Bette and daughter, Donna McPherson, by Jack Goudie.

Liturgists: 11:00 - Linda McNeil

Service Music: 8:30 - Epworth Choir; Lilah Wagner, solo; 11:00 - Chancel Choir

Altar Guild: Jen LaFleur, Carol Lewis

Music: One License A-731491

****Please rise as you are able. Please silence all cell phones and other electronic equipment. Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the narthex. CDs of the service are available by signing up at the Welcome Center.**

Next Steps

En Garde!

Ephesians 1:11 - It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for
Matthew 21:42, Luke 12:55 – we tend to hear Jesus's warnings from a place of fear

Exceptionally Ordinary

Joshua 1:9 – yet the most common Biblical command is “Do not be afraid”

Matthew 28:20 – we need not fear because God is with us always

Confirmation, baptism, and communion underscore that God is with us in the everyday

Questions for Reflection: What if Jesus's warnings about keeping watch were not intended as a cause for fear? We are to keep watch, like we watch the sky for signs about the weather, for signs that God is at work in the world around us. What if Jesus wanted us to be alert so that we didn't miss God while our attention was zeroed in on the day-to-day? *Each day this week, write down one time you saw the caring, providing, or encouraging hand of God at work in your life or around you.*

Questions for Discussion: What's one time that God showed up in your life through what is otherwise a common, mundane activity? A meal? A quiet moment?

Memory Verse: Luke 24:30-31 – “When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.”

Readings for this Week: Ezekiel 36:24-27, 1 John 1:8-10, 1 John 4:12-18

CHURCH NOTES

Confirmation Reception: Congratulations to our confirmands! You are invited to celebrate with them and welcome them to the church during a reception in the parlor after the first service.

Master Singers Chorale: The Chorale will present "French Masterworks" **this afternoon, at 3 p.m.** in the sanctuary. The program will showcase works by Gabriel Fauré and Théodore Dubois. The concert is free of charge. A freewill offering will be taken. Join us for an afternoon of music!

Vacation Bible School: Registration for VBS is still open at <http://firstchurchcf.mycokesburyvbs.com>. A reminder to those who have registered that you need to complete and mail or bring your payment to the church in order to hold your space. Also, those registering for SERVE and Extreme must complete the Medical Form. There is still a need for a few helpers for all VBS, SERVE, and Extreme programs. Please contact Donna Curfman if you are able to help.

VBS needs: We are in need of paper towel rolls for a VBS mission project. Please drop off before Sunday, June 5.

The Giving Tree has been set up in the Breezeway. Please check it for items which are needed for VBS and other children's program. All donations should be turned in by May 29, except perishables which are due June 12. Thank you in advance for your help.

UMW Accessory Sale: It's back! The sale will take place on Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Wesley Hall. We are asking for donations of gently used jewelry, purses, and scarves. The deadline for donations is Sunday, May 8. All money raised goes to missions.

Work Camp Fundraiser: Panda Express is the site of our next fundraiser to help pay for projects at Henderson Settlement. They will donate 20% of all sales on Monday, May 9, from 10:30 am to 9 pm. Panda Express is located at 2855 State Rd. (In the same plaza as the movie theater.) You may pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center or you may download their app and order online using code 336067.

Church Square Community Garden: Would you be interested in gardening as a mission project for the church? Each year we plant, weed, water, and harvest produce such as beans, tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, etc. The produce then goes to Good Neighbors and other community organizations. Planting will take place Saturday, May 28. If you are interested in helping, please contact Millie Keyser at 330-945-4858 or millie.keyser@sbcglobal.net.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Do you know how to knit or crochet? First Church Prayer Shawl Ministry has been working hard for many years, knitting and crocheting prayer shawls for many people who are hurting mentally or physically. If you would be willing to help us, please contact Mary Tunstall (330-923-9870) or Kathy Walker (330-338-5900) to get more information.

Golf Outing: The next Walter Bud Mills golf outing will be on Saturday June 25, 2022, at 1:30. Cost is \$75 per golfer, or \$300 per foursome or \$55 for youth golfers. There will be dinner and prizes and a raffle. All proceeds benefit the Epworth Choir. We are looking for raffle items/baskets and for hole sponsors for the outing. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center.

Mandatory Teacher's Training Sessions: These sessions for all who are involved in VBS or the Sunday School program will be held on May 25, 2022 from 12:30 - 2 p.m. or 5:30 - 7 p.m. A light meal will be provided. Safe Sanctuary training will be held for all new helpers or those who need to be re-certified. More information will be sent to all who need this.

Church Finances: Hold the date of Sunday, May 15, for a brief informational meeting about how our church provides funds for the building, staff, and ministries that we need each year. It will take place following the 11:00 worship service.

Church Budget update:

Compared to Budget

	Mar. <u>2022</u>	Year-to-date <u>3/31/22</u>	Annual Budget <u>2022</u>	Projected Actual <u>2022</u>
Income	-\$9,194	-\$12,931	\$780,918	\$767,987
Operating Expenses	-\$2,001	-\$2,946	\$835,345	\$832,399
Total Over/Under	-\$11,195	-\$9,985	-\$54,427	- \$64,412

Capital Campaign Update: As of April 14, 2022:

Our remaining loan balance is \$28,954

Capital Funds receipts balance: \$8,001

Total needed to pay off loan: \$20,953

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH –
PRAYER BULLETIN
May 1, 2022**



MINISTERS & STAFF:

Forrest Waller

HOSPITALIZED:

Jeanette Murray - Akron City

MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Scott Adie	Jean Finnegan	David Potter
Bob Ahonen	Dave Gohr	Robby & Lou Robinson
Shirley Asher	Rose Gregory	Kathi Sawyer
Glenn Atwood	Joyce Haberkost	Kay Steiner
Paul Beal	Jim Henes	Michael Taucher
Alice Becher	Ann Kaiser	Ken Tunstall
Behrman family	George Kirk	Jim Vogel
Donna Copeland	Pat Park	Peg Yeager
Don Corbett		

DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:

Sue Brokaw on the death of her husband, member Russ Brokaw on 4/28.
Christine Benson and family on the death of her father, Robert Heydorn on 4/19.