

Closing Hymn 261**—*Lord of the Dance*

Benediction—*The Lord Bless You & Keep You*—Peter Lutkin

Postlude—*Voluntary in C*—Henry Purcell

The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God.

Music—One License A-731491

**Please stand as you are able.

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Sunday Worship Service and Live-streaming at 10:45 am.

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:45 am

November 17, 2024

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord's name.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude—Roundelay—Judy Phillips

Chancel Ringers

Call to Worship

We urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain,

The Lord has listened and brought us help.

See, now is the acceptable time,

See, now is the day of salvation!

Opening Hymn 159** —Lift High the Cross

Invocation

Spirit of promise, Spirit of unity, we thank you that you are also the Spirit of renewal. Renew in the whole Church that passionate desire for the coming of your kingdom which will unite all Christians in one mission to the world. May we all grow up together into him who is our head, the Savior of the world. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.

Scripture Reading—Psalm 92:1-5

Gloria Patri—Glory Be to the Father (Hymnal p. 70)

Anthem—Chapel Chimes—Sallie Lloyd

Children's Ringers

God Loved Us So Much—Ruth Elaine Schram

Children's Choir

God's Word for Young Disciples

Scripture Reading—1 Chronicles 29:10-14

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon—“All That We Have Belongs to Thee”

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Hymn of Response 545**—The Church's One Foundation

Discipleship Moment

Offertory—Sing a Song of Thanks—Antonio Vivaldi

Epworth Choir

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.

Consecration

All things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayer of the People/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.

SENDING FORTH

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

OPENING HYMN

Hymn #159, Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore this sacred name.

1. Come, Christians follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine.
Refrain.
2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on
the brow the seal of him who died.
Refrain.
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou
hast promised, draw the world to thee.
Refrain.
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory.
Refrain.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn #545, The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder
we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious,
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn #261, Lord of the Dance

1. 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.

And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came to me and the dance went on. Refrain.

3. I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,
the holy people 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.

4. I danced on a Friday and 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.

5. 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.

CHURCH NOTES 11-17-24

Holiday Nut Sale: Purchase your nuts on Sundays, and in the office from 9-3pm/M-F. All proceeds from the sale benefit 2025 Work Camp.

St. Nicholas Brunch/Santa Shop: Join us December 8, 9:30-12:30am in Wesley Hall. The cost is \$7/adults, \$5/children 3-11, under 3 is free. As we prepare for the Santa Shop at our St. Nicholas Brunch, we have discovered that we are in need of gifts geared towards men (dads & grandpas). If you have donations that meet this criteria, please drop them off in the breezeway, marked *Santa Shop* by December 1. Questions or to Volunteer: melinda.chase@gmail.com.

City Tree Lighting: FUMC is joining the City and the Church Square to host community activities during the Cuyahoga Falls City Tree Lighting! Please mark your calendar and join us on **Saturday, November 30 from 4-6pm**. If you are interested in being a greeter please arrive at 4pm and wear your name tag and a smile. We are looking forward to this event.

Open M Holiday Collection: Open M has begun their Christmas campaign "For the Love of Children." If you would like to donate towards the purchase of gifts for children in need, please mark "Open M Christmas" on your giving envelope. Any amount is appreciated. Open M is also asking for volunteers to help with the holiday campaign. You can find more information on the flyer at the Welcome Center or fill out their volunteer form. <https://www.openm.org/christmas-volunteer-form>. Thank you for your consideration.

Annual Turkey Drive: Donate a frozen turkey or \$20 toward the purchase of a turkey. Monetary donations need to be made by December 7. You can also indicate if you're bringing a frozen turkey). Kindly fill out the form below so we know how many to expect. Frozen turkeys can be brought to the church parking lot December 7 from 8-10am.



I will donate:

Name: _____

_____ frozen turkeys

\$_____ to be used to purchase turkeys

Open M Turkey Collection

PRAYER REQUESTS

Scott Adie	Bonnie Michaud
Bob Ahonen	Delores Marefka
Joanne Ames	Lee Miller
Debbie Amundsen	Lee Minier
Mary Ellen Atwood	Becky & Jerry Pecko
Dorothy Bates	Becky Petty
Mark & Cindy Blaser	Sandi Robinson
Suzanne Callahan	Kathi Sawyer
Jim Evans	Todd Schneider
Becky Folsom	John Toomey
Mary Griest	Kathy Walker
Jim Henes	Rose Ann Youngkin
Dwight Konic	
Kristopher Lewis	

Deepest Sympathy & Prayers: to Becky Higgins, Sandy Rouse and family on the death on their mother, member Delphia Lowe on 11/9. The family of Kathleen Petrone on her death on 10/23.

In our greater world: We pray for our veterans. We pray for Centenary UMC and First United Methodist Church of Akron.