

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

in loving memory of Lynn Schrier, by Cynthia Schrier

In loving memory of James White, by Gary White

Music—One License A-731491

Anthem Lyrics—*No Time* — Susan Brumfield

Rise, oh fathers, rise. Let's go meet Him in the sky.

For we'll hear the angels singing In that morning.

Yes I really do believe that Just before the end of time

We will hear the angels singing In that morning.

Rise, oh mothers, rise, ...Rise, oh sisters, rise, ...

No time to tarry here, No time to wait for you,

No time to tarry here For I'm on my journey home.

Brothers, oh fare you well, Brothers, oh fare you well,

For I'm on my journey home.

No time to tarry here, No time to wait for you,

**Please stand as you are able.

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

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

10:45 am

February 16, 2025

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements—

Prelude—Death & Resurrection—Jean Langlais

1 Corinthians 15:55 (Death, where is thy victory?)

Introit—The Lord Is In His Holy Temple—Dean Wagner

Call to Worship—

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ,

who humbled himself and became obedient to even death on the cross.

Therefore work out your own salvation,

for it is God who is at work in you.

Opening Hymn 57—O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

Invocation (please be seated)—

Our heavenly Father, we your humble children invoke your blessing on us. We adore you, whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

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

Scripture Reading— Psalm 90:12-17

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

Anthem—No Time—Susan Brumfield

Chancel Choir

This anthem is given in loving memory of Gerald Lewis, by family and friends.

Gods Word for Young Disciples

Scripture Readings—Mark 10:17-22

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

Sermon—"Why Do We...Respond?"

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Hymn of Response 415—Take Up Thy Cross**

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.

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.

Closing Hymn 663—Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name**

Benediction—May the Lord Watch Over You—Ruth Elaine Schram

Postlude—Fugue in G minor— J. S. Bach

OPENING HYMN

Hymn #57, O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.
5. He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your savior come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven.

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 #415, Take Up thy Cross

1. "Take up thy Cross," the Savior said,
"if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me."
2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.
4. Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn #663, Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

1. Savior, again to thy dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon thy name.
2. Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
with thee began, with thee shall end the day.
From harm and danger keep thy children free,
for dark and light are both alike to thee.
3. Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life;
peace to thy church from error and from strife;
peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
peace in each heart, thy Spirit from above;
4. Thy peace in life, the balm of every pain;
thy peace in death, the hope to rise again;
then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Scott Adie	
Bob Ahonen	Lee Miller
Joanne Ames	Lee Minier
Debbie Amundsen	Becky & Jerry Pecko
Mary Ellen Atwood	Becky Petty
Dorothy Bates	Robbie Robinson
Mark & Cindy Blaser	Holly Ross
Suzanne Callahan	Kathi Sawyer
Mary Griest	Todd Schneider
Lilly Kennedy	Kathy Walker
Dwight Konic	Bette Wenk
Judy Lewis	Mike Yeager
Marge Magee	Rose Ann Youngkin
	Tim Zuschin

Our Deepest Sympathy & Prayers:

Brent Meyers & family on the death of his father, Carter Meyers on 1/28

The Meeker & McKenna family on the death of their mother, member Lois Meeker on 1/26

Christie Rosencrance & family on the death of her father, member Jim Henes on 1/19

Mike Zrelak & family on the death of his brother, Jim Zrelak on 1/23

In our greater world: We lift up the families of those lost in the recent aircraft crashes. We continue to pray for those fighting and affected by the LA wildfires. We lift up Tallmadge UMC and Twin Falls UMC.

CHURCH NOTES 2-16-25

All Church Meeting: We will have updates/reports on the stewardship campaign and budget, introduce the Church Square MOU, and have a brief survey. Please plan on attending **TODAY, after the 10:45am service**. Thank you!

Contact Info Update: Today after the 10:45am service/meeting Kim Kerr and Millie Keyser will be in the Narthex to help you review and update your contact information with us. We need everyone to help us, help you! This is step one towards publishing an updated member directory. Thank you for your help!

2025 Golf League: It's time to start thinking spring! We are in need of 6 golfers, men, women, and youth, to join our 2025 golf league. We meet Wednesday evenings at Fox Den (first tee 4:45pm) beginning the first week of May. If interested please contact Jim Ward, Jim Yates, or Jim Boss for more information.

Ecumenical Ash Wednesday: First Christian Church (next door) will host this year's Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service @7:00pm on March 5. Hope to see you there.

Annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser: benefitting Epworth Choir's *Spring Tour*. Saturday, March 15, from 4:30 to 7:00pm. The University of Akron choir will be here for a special performance after the meal. The cost is \$10 pre-sale, \$12 at the door for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-10 and free for children 3 and under. See an Epworth choir member or stop by the church office to purchase tickets.

FCN deadline: The deadline for the March issue of the FCN is Thursday, February 20.

What are you looking for?

vs. 17 – Do any inheritances depend on how we behave?

vs. 20 – Did the man want to move on from his childish faith?

Why do we... respond?

vs. 15 – our place with God is to “be” and to receive, not “do” and earn

vs. 21 – only then can we properly respond to God's free gifts

Questions for Reflection:

On what do I form the basis of my value and my self-esteem?

Do I believe that my attractiveness to God is based solely on God's love for me and the fact that I am uniquely me?

What other things am I tempted to find my value in?

How can God's love and affection be my source of wellness and the good that I do in the world?

Questions for Discussion:

Choose a word you might use to describe the character of a child?

How could you imitate this child-like trait in your faith and relationship with God?

Memory Verse:

Philippians 2:13 – “for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”

Readings for this Week:

Philippians 2:6-13, 1 John 3:11-18, Luke 9:1-6, 51-56



2025 Ecumenical
Lenten ACTIVITIES

Ash Wednesday Service First Christian Church	Wednesday, March 5 @7pm
Ecumenical Lenten Study St. John's Episcopal Church	Mondays, March 10-April 14 @7pm
Community Egg Hunt First United Methodist Church	Saturday, April 12, @11am
Maundy Thursday Service First United Methodist Church	Thursday, April 17 @7pm
Good Friday Service Northampton UMC	Friday, April 18 @7pm
Easter Sunrise Service Pilgrim UCC	Sunday, April 20 @6:30am

Lenten