

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

Thank you to our instrumentalists this morning—Owen Rinaldo and Chad Wagner, trumpets; Bob Hoefler and Tristan Roach, trombones; Neil Lantry, timpani and drums; Phil Lantry, piano

Music—One License A-731491

Clergy & Staff

Jon Priebe, Lead Minister

Howard Pippin, Associate Minister

Marvin Brown, Senior Minister Emeritus

Dean Wagner, Director of Music/Organist

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EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025



“The Last Word: Love Wins”

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, CUYAHOGA FALLS
9:00AM WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

9:00 am

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GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

*Prelude—Christ the Lord Is Risen Today—*Diane Bish

Call to Worship—

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Where, O Death, is your victory?

Where, O Death, is your sting?

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Amen!!

*Opening Hymn 302 (vs. 1-4)**—Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Invocation (please be seated)—

God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine with the brightness of the Risen Christ, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

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

*Scripture Reading—*Psalm 22:1, 24-31

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

*Anthem—*On the Third Day—Allen Pote

Epworth Choir

God’s Word for Young Disciples

*Scripture Reading—*Luke 24:1-12

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

Sermon— “The Last Word: Love Wins”

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

*Hymn of Response 303**—The Day of Resurrection*

Discipleship Moment

*Offertory—*Chorale-Fantasy on “Christ the Lord Has Risen”— Flor Peeters

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 327**—Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Benediction and Response —He Is Alive—Buryl Red

*Postlude—*Symphony 5:Toccata—Charles-Marie Widor

**Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Hymn #302, Christ the Lord is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

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,

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn #303, The Day of Resurrection

1. The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn #327, Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne,
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
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In our greater world: We pray for service workers.

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CHURCH NOTES 4-20-25

Registering Now: It's time to start planning for summer! Chess Camp is June 23-27, and VBS is July 14-18. Register now for Summer Camp, Chess Camp, and VBS! Summer Camp and Chess Camp brochures (with registration info) can be found at the Welcome Center. You can register for VBS online at atumccf.mycokesburyvbs.com.

Wanted: We are in need of a gently used iPad to use with our sound equipment/live streaming set-up. If you have one that you'd be willing to donate please contact Pastor Jon or the church office. Thank you!

Singers Companye: Join us for an evening of choral music on Wednesday, April 30 @7:30pm, here at First Church. Singers Companye will present their spring concert "Sky & Sea." This concert is free and open to the public.

Baptism: If you are interested in baptism please contact Kim Kerr in the church office 330-923-5241 x 214. The next date will be May 25, 2025.

2025 Golf Outing: The 19th Annual "Bud" Mills golf outing benefitting Epworth Choir, will be held at Brookledge on Saturday June 28 at 1:00 pm. We are looking for sponsors. See the forms at the Welcome Center for more information.

Blessing Box: We could use some donations of shelf-stable items. *Donation suggestions: Pop-top cans of stews, fruit, and soup, heat-and-eat ramen, mac n' cheese, granola bars, and other individually wrapped snacks.* Thank you!

2025 Work Camp: Registration is underway now through May 2. You can find forms with more information in the *Welcome Center*. Travel with us to the Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky June 1-7, to work on community projects like painting, repair, construction, and more. No skills needed, we will teach you on site. Contact Jack Steele with any questions, 330-697-8344.

VBS

**July 14-18, 9:00-12:00PM
Extreme, 12:00-5:00PM**

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