

Benediction—*Shalom to You* (Hymn 666)

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude—*The Strife Is O’er* (Hymn 306)—Wilbur Held

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

In loving memory of our parents Mildred & Harry Estelle, and Lena & William Walker,
by the Keith Walker family

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.

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements—

Prelude—*Chapel Chimes—*Sallie Lloyd, *Carillon Fanfare—*Dean Wagner Children’s Ringers

Call to Worship—

We come together to praise God who is the source of our life and our love.

We lift our voices in praise for God who loves us always.

We come to celebrate and support families who practice love in their homes and communities.

We lift our voices in thanks for the love we feel in our families.

We come praying for families who feel no love for themselves or for others.

We lift our voices in sorrow for those who hurt because of the actions of others.

Let us worship, trusting in God’s love and mercy.

Opening Hymn 92—***For the Beauty of the Earth*

Invocation (please be seated)—Rev. Mandy McDow

Loving God, in your wisdom you have created us and given us many gifts. Today, we thank you for all that we mean to each other and to our friends and families. We thank you for the love that has brought us to this time and place, and for your love which abides to tie us all together. Where you are, O God, there is love. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

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

Scripture Reading—Psalm 85:8-13

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

Children’s Anthem—*Everywhere I Go—*Natalie Sleeth Children’s Choir

Gods Word for Young Disciples

Anthem—*I’ll Fly Away—*Joel Raney Chancel Choir

Scripture—Deuteronomy 6:4-9
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon—*”When You Are at Home”* Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Hymn of Response 445—***Happy the Home When God Is There*

Discipleship Moment

Offertory—*The Easter Sequence* (Hymn 319)—*Wilbur Held*

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 438—***Forth in Thy Name O Lord*

OPENING HYMN

Hymn #92, For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony,
linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

5. For thy church, that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise

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 #445, Happy the Home When God Is There

1. Happy the home when God is there,
and love fills every breast;
when one their wish, and one their prayer,
and one their heavenly rest.

2. Happy the home where Jesus' name
is sweet to every ear;
where children early speak his fame,
and parents hold him dear.

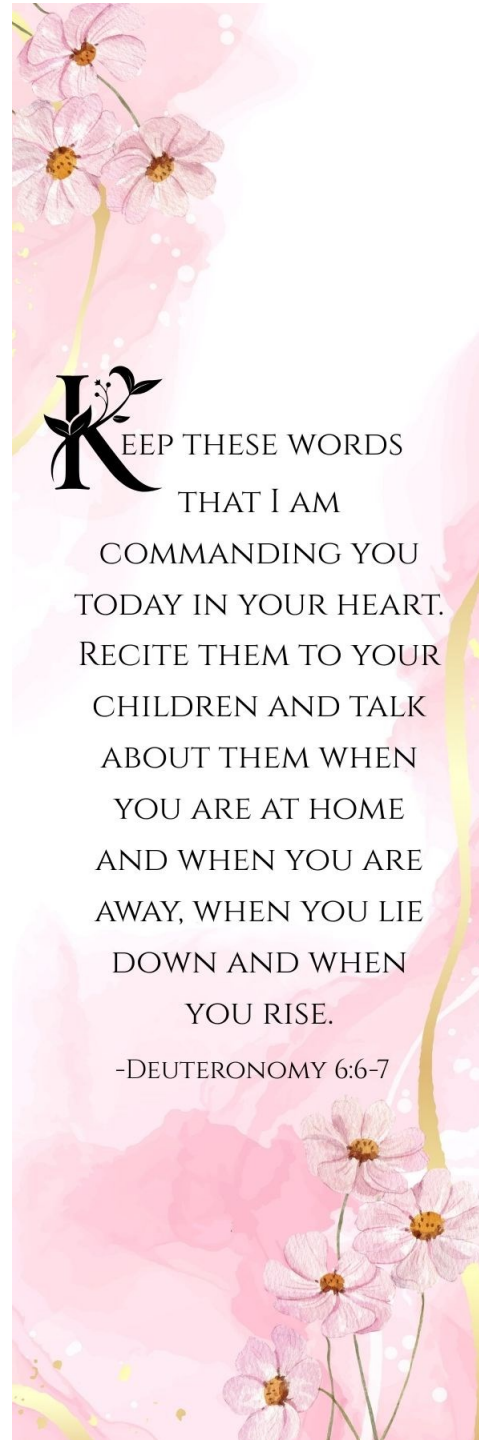
3. Happy the home where prayer is heard,
and praise is wont to rise;
where parents love the sacred Word
and all its wisdom prize.

4. Lord, let us in our homes agree
this blessed peace to gain;
unite our hearts in love to thee,
and love to all will reign.

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn #438, Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labor to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do.
2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.
3. Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes mine in-most substance see,
and labor on at thy command,
and offer all my works to thee.
4. For thee delightfully employ
what e'er thy bounteous grace hath giv-
en;
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heaven.



With All Your “Might”

me’od – might, strength, oomph – everything

Most of us live with our me’od spread pretty thin

When You Are at Home

vs. 5 – What if this is an invitation as much as a command?

1 John 4:19 – We love with our me’od because God first loves us

Questions for Reflection:

Deuteronomy 6 calls us to teach and model love of God to the next generation.

Who is someone in your life that you’re actively influencing spiritually?

What disciplines or practices could help you live and share this kind of wholehearted love with those around you?

Questions for Discussion:

Can you think of a time when a mother or caregiver in your life showed love

through their energy, time, or sacrifice?

How have you seen God’s love reflected through a mother’s actions?

Memory Verse:

Deuteronomy 6:6 – “Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.”

Readings for this Week:

Psalms 148, Revelation 21:1-6, 1 John 4:12-19

CHURCH NOTES 5-11-25

Chess Camp: It’s time to start planning for summer! Chess Camp is June 23-27, from 9:00am-noon. Brochures can be found at the Welcome Center or the QR code. Ages K and up. The fee is \$25 and includes snacks each day and a t-shirt. Registration ends June 1.



VBS Registration: Registering now! VBS is July 14-18 from 9:00am-noon for ages 3 (by 9/30) through 6th grade. The cost is \$15. You can add Extreme, our extended day (noon-5pm) program, for an additional fee of \$80 (grades 1st-6th). You can register for VBS and Extreme online at umccf.mycokesburyvbs.com or via the QR code.



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 golfers, sponsors, and donations of gift baskets to raffle. See the forms at the Welcome Center for more information. *Note: the email links last week went to incorrect forms. Please use the updated forms at the Welcome Center.*

Habitat: First Church will again be participating with Habitat For Humanity of Summit County to build a home this summer. We are one of eleven churches who together form the Common Mission Coalition. Build dates are as follows: Sat., May 17, Thurs., June 5, Thurs., July 31, Thurs., Sept. 11, Sat., Sept. 27. Contact Kim Kerr with any questions. 923-5241 x 214, kkerrfallsumc@gmail.com

Soup’s On...Again: Soup's On will be serving bagged lunches at Good Neighbors in Cuyahoga Falls. We will prepare lunches from 8:30-9:30am here on May 20. We will then take lunches to Good Neighbors to hand out from 10:00-2:00pm. If you are interested in participating, contact Kim Kerr at kkerrfallsumc@gmail.com or x214.

Summer Worship Hours: Summer is quickly approaching! We will begin our summer worship hours on Sunday, May 25. The final week for Sunday School will be May 18. We will continue with one service at 9:30am through August 31.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Scott Adie	Marge Magee
Bob Ahonen	Anne Nieman
Joanne Ames	Jerry Pecko
Debbie Amundsen	Robbie Robinson
Mary Ellen Atwood	Holly Ross
Dorothy Bates	Kathi Sawyer
Mark & Cindy Blaser	Todd Schneider
Suzanne Callahan	Fritz Sterling
Rosalie Goshen	Kathy Walker
Mary Griest	Bette Wenk
Jeff Iula	Jim Yates
Dwight Konic	Mike Yeager
Judy Lewis	Rose Ann Youngkin

In our greater world: We lift up teachers and school staff.