

**Benediction**—*Lord of the Dance* (#261, v. 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. 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.

**Postlude**—*O Praise Ye the Lord*—Charles Callahan

The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given  
In honor of Griffin Tausch's confirmation class, by Val Reidthaler

**Music**—One License A-731491

\*\*Please stand as you are able.

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Confirmation  
SUNDAY



MAY 4TH, 2025

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, CUYAHOGA FALLS  
10:45AM WORSHIP

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements—

**Prelude**—Come Let us Use the Grace Divine (Hymn 606)—Charles Callahan

**Call to Worship**—Christopher Wilson

We come together to celebrate You and the great gift of community.

**Thanks be to God!**

We come together to listen and take in Your word.

**Thanks be to God!**

Come to us now, God, and prepare our hearts for worship.

**Let us sing our thanks and praise.**

**Opening Hymn 206\*\***—*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

**Invocation** (please be seated)—Haidyn Bonds

Loving God, help us to remember what we have learned through the confirmation process. Help us to live our lives according to the beliefs we proclaim and the vows that we affirm today. Strengthen our faith and help it to grow and mature. Inspire us to cherish the relationships we have built with You, our fellow confirmands, and all in the church. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

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

**Scripture Readings**—Jocelyn Wilson, Wendy Walker

**1 Timothy 4:12, Proverbs 29:25, 1 Peter 2:9, 2 Corinthians 4:18, Psalm 23, Psalm 30:5**

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

**Anthem**—Order My Steps—SchraderEpworth & Chancel Choirs

**Gods Word for Young Disciples**Jenna Nolen, Dallas Soboslay, Joy Priebe

**Sermon**—“What We Believe”Jenna Nolen, Christopher Wilson, Haidyn Bonds

RESPONSE

*The People of God respond to the Word.*

**Hymn of Response 140\*\***—Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**Confirmation**—see bulletin insert

Haidyn Bonds, Noah Cramer, Jenna Nolen, Dallas Soboslay, Griffin Tausch, Christopher Wilson

**Discipleship Moment**

**Offertory**—*I Will Rise*—Tomlin/CourtneyChancel Choir  
Kim Yoak, sam Garner, Laura Perry; soloists

**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**Noah Cramer

**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** (Hymnal p. 13)

SENDING FORTH

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

**Closing Hymn 593\*\***—Here I Am Lord

**OPENING HYMN**

*Hymn #206, I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give  
light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brighthness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness,  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa-  
ther. Refrain.

3. I’m looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with pa-  
tience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.  
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 #140, Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

1. “Great is Thy faithfulness,” O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: “Great is Thy faithfulness!”

“Great is Thy faithfulness!”  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Refrain.

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
Refrain.

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Hymn #593, Here I Am Lord*

1. I, the Lord of the sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.  
I who have made the stars of the night,  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I the Lord of the snow and rain,  
I have born my people’ pain  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away. I will break their heart’s of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
Refrain.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them Whom shall I send?  
Refrain.

**CHURCH NOTES 5-4-25**

**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 [umccf.mycokesburyvbs.com](http://umccf.mycokesburyvbs.com).



**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 golfers, sponsors, and donations of gift baskets to raffle. See the forms at the Welcome Center for more information.

**Graduate Recognition:** High School Seniors are invited to our annual celebration of their accomplishments and future endeavors. We do not want to miss one of you! Please let the church office know your name and plans for attending Senior Sunday and the reception after the 10:45 service on May 18. Please RSVP by May 14.

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:kkerrfallsumc@gmail.com) or x214.

**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	Kathy Walker
Bill Dreyer	Bette Wenk
Rosalie Goshen	Marcus Wilson
Mary Griest	Jim Yates
Jeff Iula	Mike Yeager
Dwight Konic	Rose Ann Youngkin
Judy Lewis	

**In our greater world:** We lift up park rangers.

# Service of Confirmation

## MAY 4TH, 2025

### CONFIRMATION I

*Students: Joy Priebe, Wendy Walker, Jocelyn Wilson*

### CONFIRMATION II

*Confirmands: Haidyn Bonds, Noah Cramer, Jenna Nolen,  
Dallas Soboslay, Griffin Tausch, Christopher Wilson*

### REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM AND VOWS

*Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.***

*Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.***

*Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.***

*Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to live according to God's holy will and commandments and walk in them all the days of your life as a faithful member of Christ's holy church? **I do.***

*Will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness? **I will.***

### CONFIRMATION/LAYING ON OF HANDS

### COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

*Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care, these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love. **We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.***

### Apostles' Creed

*We believe in the 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;*

