

# First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

*Ubi Caritas*

*Jacques Berthier*

CALL TO WORSHIP +

Joan Firmin

**One:** On this day, which is holy, we gather, not alone, but as Christ's body;

**All:** **called as a people of hope, we gather.**

**One:** On this day of wonder and renewal, we gather, not in isolation,  
but as a community of faith;

**All:** **called to care for one another, we gather.**

**One:** On this day of prayer and praise, of silence and song, we gather,  
to prepare ourselves for joyful service;

**All:** **called and inspired by a vision of grace, we gather.**

PRAYER +

Loving God, we come together as a community, as the Body of Christ,  
as your people, to love you and serve others.

We thank you that you are here with us, even as you are always in us.

We offer ourselves as grateful agents of your Spirit.

As we strive to be ever more faithful, open our hearts to be joyful channels  
of your love, O God, so that we may live out that love in the world. **Amen**

HYMN 666

*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

*PUER NOBIS NASCITUR*

CONFESSION +

**One:** God of freedom, in Jesus we see one who came to bring good news,  
to mend and to heal, to release and to redeem, and to proclaim new life for all.

**All:** **And yet, too often we turn inward, focusing on our own wishes and wants,  
our own troubles and trials. Forgive us for our self-absorption.**

**Clear away the cobwebs that stretch across the lonely, empty caverns in our hearts.**

**Draw us into this loving community from which we sometimes fall away,  
so that together we can be your body of grace  
and healing and peace in a troubled world.**

*Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.*

Gracious God, hear our prayers. **Amen**

