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

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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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

When we lay down our fears and defenses, there is room for forgiveness and love. The former ways of resistance crumble and we are shaped into a community of creative freedom, of spirited living, of peace. **Alleluia! Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you . . . And also with you.

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

SERMON One Body

ANTHEM If Ye Love Me Philip Wilby

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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

HYMN 727 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant THE SERVANT SONG

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

The chancel flowers are given today by Ann Gastier.

First Presbyterian Church is a Christian community dedicated to showing God's love through worship, study, social justice, outreach, and fellowship.

More Light Church and Member of Covenant Network Earth Care Congregation and Matthew 25 Church

The Mission of the Matthew 25 Church: We commit ourselves to congregational vitality by acting boldly and compassionately to end systemic poverty and structural racism, serving people who are oppressed, imprisoned, poor.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Greeters: M	ay 15 – Ted 8	& Karen Short May 22 – Russ & Karen McQuate
Sunday Sextons: M	ay 15 – Soph	ia Baxstrom May 22 – Olivia Hiner
Sunday, May 15	9:00 a.m.	First Word – Bruch Hall 9:30 a.m. Annual Congregational Mtg
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School – Children/Youth 10:45 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
Monday, May 16	10:00 a.m.	Staff 12:00 p.m. Rotary 5:30 p.m. Faith & Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Clear Fork River Trout Unlimited
Tuesday, May 17	8:30 a.m.	Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Inkies 7:00 p.m. Scouts 7:00 p.m. Condo
Wed., May 18	7:45 a.m.	Personnel at Panera 10:00 a.m. Memory Café
	6:00 p.m.	WACPAC 7:00 p.m. Faith & Structure
Thursday, May 19	6:00 p.m.	WACPAC
Saturday, May 21	9:30 a.m.	Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. WACPAC
Sunday, May 22	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. Fun Christmas Run

⁺ Liturgy adapted from Seasons of the Spirit.