

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 2022

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

Philip Schleich, organ

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

CALL TO WORSHIP +

Jim Webster

One: From the busyness of our lives, God calls us into the celebration of worship.

All: From the edges of our worries and concerns, God calls us into hope.

One: From the shallow places in our hearts, God calls us into the depths of love.

All: From the pools of sadness in our lives, God calls us into joy.

One: From rising tides of our conflicts, God calls us to the shores of peace.

All: Let us celebrate hope. Let us renew our spirits. Let us rest in God's peace.

Come, let us worship the God who would heal us and make us whole.

PRAYER +

Gracious Creator, Welcoming Redeemer, Empowering Sustainer:

stir our bodies, minds, and spirits this day as we gather to worship you.

In the ways you receive us, teach us how to receive others.

In the grace with which you create for us a home,

make us bold to practice hospitality to all. **Amen**

HYMN 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

CONFESSION +

**God of hope and grace, our good intentions often outrun our successful accomplishments,
and we fall far short of even our own hopes for ourselves.**

In our thoughts, words, and actions, we have lived as though we hardly knew your love.

**But you have kept faith with us and loved us still,
and endowed us with unending blessings.**

**Forgive, O God, what we have been; help us to amend what we are;
and kindly direct what we shall become**

so that we may be your faithful disciples in the spirit of Jesus.

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

John 14:15-27

SERMON

Finding Our True Home

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER +

Jim Webster

**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 301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

+ Liturgy adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*

Today's guest organist is **Philip Schleich**. Phil is a graduate of Ohio State where he studied music composition and played trumpet in the marching band. He is a pipemaker and tuner at Schantz Organ Company. Phil also recently served as Organist for Simpson United Methodist Church in Plain Township.

**The flowers today are given by Sue Froelich with thanks to Eric, Rachel,
and everyone involved in our wonderful music program.**

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

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Sunday Greeters: May 8 – Karolyn Rice

May 15 – Ted & Karen Short

Sunday Sextons: May 8 – Ashton Dunlap

May 15 – Sophia Baxstrom

Sunday, May 8

9:00 a.m. First Word – Bruch Hall

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:45 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

Monday, May 9

10:00 a.m. Staff

12:00 p.m. Rotary

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, May 10

8:30 a.m. Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Creative Academy

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout

Wed., May 11

10:00 a.m. Memory Café

3:00 p.m. Sheffler – Learning Academy

6:00 p.m. WACPAC

7:00 p.m. Faith & Nurture

Thursday, May 12

6:00 p.m. WACPAC

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 14

9:30 a.m. Al-Anon

10:00 a.m. WACPAC

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 and Youth

10:45 a.m. Worship

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

In the beginning

God was.

Here and now

God is.

In the future

God will be.

Creator of earth, sea and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat, and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect and greed.

God Giver of life

Hear our prayer

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your people, and we pray for their well-being.

God, Giver of life

Hear our prayer

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

God Giver of life

Hear our prayer

Wise Creator whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

God Giver of life

Hear our prayer

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

God Giver of life.

Hear our prayer

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures.

God Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence or help.

God Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died.

God giver of life,

Hear our prayer

Eternal God, the light of all who know you, come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us speak when many keep silent, help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity until your kingdom comes and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Let us join our voices in the ancient prayer we have been taught, saying:

**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