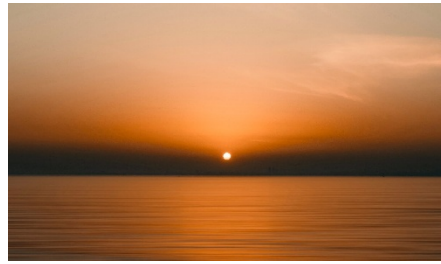


First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 2026

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Cantilena, from 'Sonata XI in d-moll'
Eric J. Gastier, organ

Josef Rheinberger

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Julie Miller

In preparation for worship, we pour baptismal water as a sign of our engrafting into the Body of Christ.

CHORAL INTROIT

Children of the Heavenly Father

arr. Paul Sjolund

*CALL TO WORSHIP +

Julie Miller

One: The One who transcends the cosmos calls us to this sacred space.

All: The God of transforming love surrounds us on every side.

One: The One who understands our deepest thoughts and longings
and loves us more than we can ever fully understand calls us to this place.

All: Come, let us worship our God of all times and places.

*PRAYER +

Creator God, in this time of worship call us, shape us, fill us, free us from all that burdens us,
and strengthen us for the work of being faithful disciples this and every day. **Amen**

*HYMN 295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

CONFESSION +

One: Patient and ever-loving God, you invite us to let go of the things
that hinder us from true discipleship and take up new ways of living and serving.

All: Yet all too often we cling to yesterday and fear tomorrow.

One: By your love, we are called to appreciate one another's uniqueness.

**All: Forgive us when we do not let go of views and beliefs
that keep us apart from one another and from you.**

One: Give us the grace to follow wherever you lead and the courage to take risks
for the sake of the healing gospel of Jesus.

At this time, each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

In the hope of Easter, we find forgiveness, the power to change,
a path to renewal, and the beginning of healing.

Let us give thanks to the One who makes all things possible,
and live this day forward in the love that never lets us go! **Amen**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Amy Baxstrom

ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me (text: John 14:15-18)

Philip Wilby

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:6-11

Pew Bible page 110

SERMON

Looking Up . . . or Looking Out?

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE We continue receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.
Through our monetary gifts, we offer something of our work and ourselves to God.

OFFERTORY

Alla siciliana, from 'Organ Concerto in F-dur'

G. F. Handel

*DOXOLOGY 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elli Gordon

**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 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Deep Peace

Bonnie Duckworth

POSTLUDE

Praeludium (Toccata) in d-moll (the 'Dorian')

J. S. Bach

* Asterisk indicates places in the service to stand. + Liturgy adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*

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**



As we wrap up our program year and transition to our summer schedule,

we have a few special Sundays coming up in May:

May 10 - last Sunday with Arise

**May 17 - last Sunday with Sunday School and
Spring Celebration during 10:30 Worship**

May 24 - Summer Schedule begins with Worship at 10:00