

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Chant de Mai (May Song)

Joseph Jongen

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

MINISTRY FOCUS

Earth Care Team: Adopt-a-Highway

Carla Hall

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Carla Hall

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

CHORAL INTROIT

O Taste and See (text: Psalm 34:8)

Thomas Hastings

*CALL TO WORSHIP +

Susie Slack

One: Come, O people, and let the sound of God's praise be heard.

**All: We bring you our offerings, O God: we offer you our integrity;
we offer you our gifts; we bring you our stories.**

One: Come, O people, and bring all that you have and all that you are,
and let us worship together.

All: Come, let us worship our God of Newness and Hope.

*PRAYER +

Everywhere we find you, O God: in every face small or large; in every hand young or old;
in every word loud or soft; in every thought deep or shallow.

Speak our names, O God: hold us close, shape our living, and make us yours. **Amen**

*HYMN 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

NOEL

CONFESSION +

One: Forgiving One, unseen yet known, we hear the world speak in power and in greed,
and we hear you speak in love and grace.

May our lives be lived in the echo of your voice.

**All: When we are persuaded by the want that leads to hurt,
the desiring that leads to greed, the yearning that leads to selfishness,
forgive us for following the wrong way.**

**When we are persuaded by the spin that becomes truth,
the belief that becomes dogma, the fear that becomes intolerance,
forgive us for following the wrong way.**

**Forgiving One, seeing and hearing, knowing and loving,
we long to turn from following the wrong way
and face you with the honesty of our lives.**

Receive us and give us the healing and wholeness to follow you again.

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

Jubilate Deo (text: Psalm 100)

Malcolm Archer

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:41-47

Pew Bible page 112

SERMON

Faithful Life Together

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

Communion

Louis Vierne

*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**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

INVITATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING 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**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

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

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through worship, study, social justice, outreach, and fellowship.

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Earth Care Congregation and Matthew 25 Church**

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Garnett Alexander, Ken Alexander, Elaine Arnold, Mark Boardner,

Darla Campbell, James Clyde, Susan Clyde, Gordon Collins,

Jolene Dyer, Val Fulton, Rick Gabriel, Herman Gibbs,

Vince Giffin, Lorraine Hancock, Roy Hancock II,

LeRoy Haynes, Betty Howell, Walt Kearney, Conrad Kennedy,

James Kirchhofer, Linda Kirchhofer, Bev Mapel, Bill Mapel,

Carol Miller, Gary Miller, Kathy Odenkirk, Richard Odenkirk,

Ruth Ann Odenkirk, Lee Patterson, Elaine Peterson, Rick Peterson,

Jean Philippi, Pat Richard, Tom Richard, Bill Ross, Dottie Schmid,

Kenneth Schuesselin, Rita Schuesselin, Karen Short, Ted Short,

Mary Alice Streeter, Carol Thompson, William Wepler,

Betty Wilkin, David Wilkin, Yvonne Williams