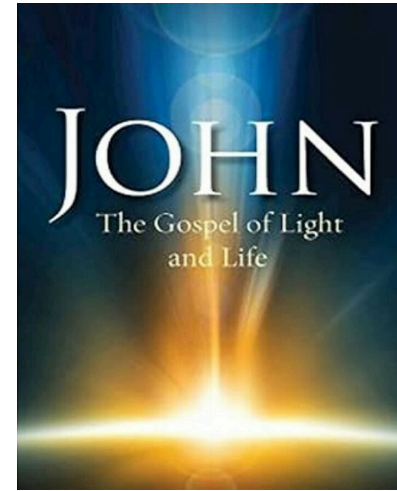


Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Loren & Barb Ing in celebration of Tyler’s 18th birthday!

Gay Street UMC

Experiencing God through Worship, Spiritual Growth, Care, and Service



Chapel, April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday—A New Garden, A New Beginning

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”

Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

—Revelation 21:5

Welcome to Gay Street UMC!

Ways to stay connected; our website: www.gaystreetumc.org, Facebook, or by signing up for eDevos—our weekly newsletter with devotionals, prayer concerns, and events.

- **Office Hours:** Monday–Friday, 8am–3pm | **Phone:** 740-392-6626 | **Email:** office@gaystreetumc.org
- **Restrooms:** Located at the end of the hallway on the first floor.
- **Prayer Concerns:** Share on green cards in pews and place them in the offering plate or give to the pastor.

Sermon Notes:

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Our Mission

To make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

EASTER SUNDAY

*The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* Janet Guetle
arr. by Robert Hobby

Opening Prayer–All Uniting Liturgist: Dwight Beougher
Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead and given to us new life. Open our hearts to receive your wondrous words of love, O God. Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve you by serving others. In Christ’s Name, we pray. AMEN.

*Gathering Hymn *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* UM Hymnal 302

***CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)**

L: The darkness is banished!

C: The brightness of God’s love floods in on us!

L: Christ is risen from the dead!

C: Christ is alive forevermore!

L: Hallelujah!

C: Hallelujah!

ALL: AMEN.

INTO THE WORD

Psalm 126 Lay Reader: Jerry Bell

*John 19:41 – 20:1, 11–16, 18

*Response to the Word *Gloria Patri* UM Hymnal 71

Message *A New Garden, A New Beginning* Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *Christ Is Alive* UM Hymnal 318

Morning Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings:
When we bring an offering to God, it is a form of worship. Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives. As we do so, our love for God and others grow.

*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UM Hymnal 94

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting *He Lives* UM Hymnal 310

*Benediction

Postlude *Hymn to Joy* Janet Guetle
Ludwig van Beethoven, setting by John Carter

