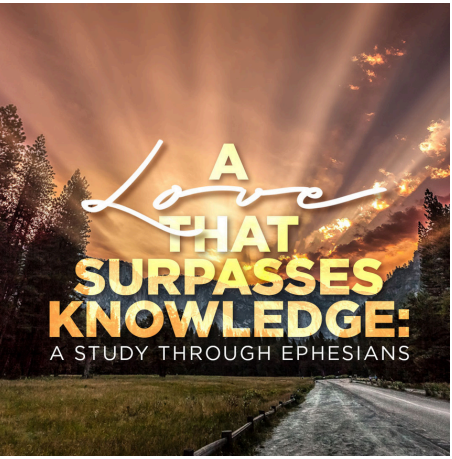


**Altar Flowers** today are given to the glory of God by Laura Fruehling in honor of Byron Fruehling who moved on to his heavenly home and is still missed by his children and wife.

# Gay Street UMC

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



**Sanctuary, February 16, 2025**

***Fail More***

*and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*  
**- Ephesians 3:19**

**Welcome to Gay Street UMC!**

Ways to stay connected; our website: [www.gaystreetumc.org](http://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](mailto:office@gaystreetumc.org)
- **Restrooms:** Located at the rear of the sanctuary or through the parlor.
- **Hearing Devices:** Available upon request from an usher.
- **Prayer Concerns:** Share on green cards in pews and place them in the offering plate or give to the pastor.

**Upcoming dates to remember:**

**TODAY**–CREW going to Scene75 in Columbus for laser tag. Leaving after 10:45am service!

*\*Hoping to be back around 4/5pm.*

- February 17th, Office is closed; Happy Presidents Day!
- February 18th, Trustees meeting at 5:30pm and Finance at 6:45pm.
- February 21st, The Closet at 5pm.
- March 3rd, Piece Corps at 10am.
- March 4th, Church Council at 7pm.
- March 5th we will be having 2 Ash Wednesday Services; 1pm & 7pm.**
- March 7th, Care Team at 11:30am.

**\*We will be having a New Member’s Class starting Sunday, February 23rd from 12pm–1:15pm in the Kurella Room on the 1st floor. This class will run every Sunday with the last class being on March 16th. If you are interested, please contact the office so we can sign you up!\***

**Pastor Christopher will be leading a Bible Study based off the Gospel of John, starting March 12th –April 16th in the Varsity room from 6:15pm–7:30pm (study follows Wednesday night meal) To order a book, please call or email the office; Cost is \$14.50.**

We are hiring for a Kitchen Manager/Coordinator. Please visit our website for more details or call the office. 740-392-6626

Every Sunday on the 2nd floor in the blue room: Kingdom Kids Choir from 9:30am–9:45am & Kingdom Kids Sunday School—every Sunday from 9:45am–10:30am.

Join us Wednesday evenings for food & fellowship at 5:30pm, in Fellowship Hall.

Youth Bible study led by Logan on the 3rd floor; Wednesdays, 6:15pm-7:30pm

**Ways to Serve the Community** and beyond, can be found on our website: [www.gaystreetumc.org](http://www.gaystreetumc.org) under the service tab.

**Serving in Worship Volunteer Opportunities:** Liturgist, Lay Readers, Ushers, Live Stream, and Sound Board teams. If you are interested, please call the office. We appreciate your help.

**Our Mission**

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

Sermon Notes:  
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*The \*asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
PREPARATION

Rev. Christopher Liberati

Prelude *Voluntary*, Benjamin Carr, Barbara Owen Janet Guetle

**Opening Prayer–All Uniting** Liturgist: Cathy Yarman  
**O Lord our God, though we are as little children, not fully able to discern the spiritual forces coming in and out of our lives, you have chosen us as your people. Give your servants understanding minds to discern between the good and evil surrounding us each day, that we may choose what is good and pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

\*Gathering Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* UM Hymnal 92

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)**  
L: As we gather in this sacred moment for a sacred purpose, let us make the most of our time together.  
**C: We have come to worship the Lord our God.**  
L: As we sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, let us make the most of our time together.  
**C: We have come to worship the Lord our God.**  
L: As we respond to the melody in our hearts, let us make the most of our time together.  
**C: We have come to worship the Lord our God.**

Invitation to Children Rev. Christopher Liberati  
Children’s Song-congregation *Where Children Belong*

**Lyrics:**  
**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.**

Children’s Message Logan Hines

**INTO THE WORD**  
1 Corinthians 13:8 Lay Reader: Laura Fruehling  
Ephesians 5:15–20

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

Message *Fail More* Rev. Christopher Liberati

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Prayer Hymn *Spirit of the Living God* UM Hymnal 393

Morning Prayer  
Lord’s Prayer–UM Hymnal 895

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.*

Offertory *Fill-A Me Up!* by Pepper Choplin  
Joe Bell, Soloist  
Sarah Jancura & Jack Davis, Percussion

\*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UM Hymnal 94  
\*Prayer of Dedication

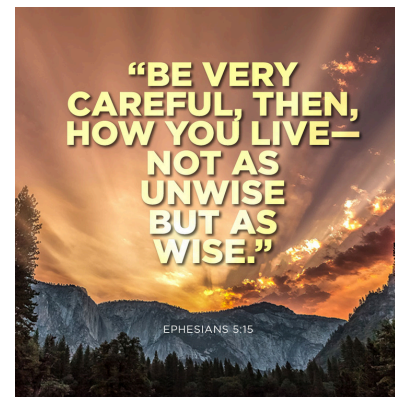
**SENDING FORTH**  
\*Hymn of Parting *Take My Life, and Let It Be* UM Hymnal 399

\*Benediction  
Postlude *Fugue*, by William Shelby Janet Guetle

**Serving in Worship:**

Chancel Choir Director: Terry Dunnavant  
Live Stream: Carol Moore & Patsy Hommon  
Sound: Daniel Burson & Jassmine Bayless  
Ushers: Marcia Brown, Liz Lutwick

Today’s altar is graced with one of the “Cover with Love” quilts created by our Piece Corps ladies. The quilts will be blessed and sent to Midwest Mission for distribution to areas of the world in need.



**Did you know?**

One of our goals for this upcoming year is to become more intentional in our prayer life. Have a prayer request? Please fill out the green prayer cards located in the pews, place them in the offering plate, and they will be prayed over and shared with the pastors and/or congregation and/or care & connect team based on your request.

Consider lighting a candle at the kneeler at the beginning of this service while offering your prayers to God.