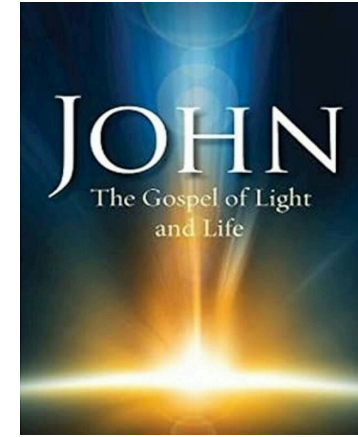


**Altar Flowers** today are given to the glory of God by Loren & Barb Ing in celebration of Tyler’s 18<sup>th</sup> birthday!

# Gay Street UMC

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



**Sanctuary, 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](http://www.gaystreetumc.org), Facebook, or by signing up for eDevos—our weekly newsletter with devotionals, prayer concerns, and events.

- **Kingdom Kids Activities:** Choir from 9:30am-9:45am and Sunday School from 9:45am-10:30am every Sunday in the blue room.
- **Youth Bible Study:** Led by Logan on the 3rd floor, Wednesdays from 6:15pm-7:30pm.
- **Community Service Opportunities:** Available on our website under the service tab.
- **Worship Volunteer Needs:** Positions include Liturgist, Lay Readers, Ushers, Live Stream, and Sound Board teams. Contact the office to help.

- **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.

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.**

Introit *Easter Alleluia*, by John Schroeder Chancel Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Christopher Liberati

**PREPARATION**

Prelude *Allegro, from Sonata in E for trumpet and Piano*  
Heather Faulkner–Trumpet, Janet Guetle–Piano

**Opening Prayer–All Uniting** Liturgist: Cathy Yarman  
**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.**

\*Processional Hymns *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* UM Hymnal 302  
*Lift High the Cross* UM Hymnal 159

**\*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.**

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**

Psalm 126 Lay Reader: Jassmine Bayless

\*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.*

Offertory *My Redeemer Lives! Alleluia!* Arr. by Lloyd Larson Chancel Choir  
Heather Faulkner–Trumpet

\***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*, by Ludwig van Beethoven  
setting by John Carter, Heather Faulkner–Trumpet, Janet Guetle–Organ

**Serving in Worship:**

Chancel Choir Director: Terry Dunnivant

Live Stream: Carol Moore & Patsy Hommon

Sound: Daniel Burson & Jassmine Bayless

Ushers: Liz Lutwick, John Stone, Kelly & Marcia Brown

