Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of our confirmands, parents, mentors, and volunteers.

Upcoming dates to remember:

- ~May 3rd, Care Team at 11:30am.
- ~May 5th, Senior Sunday in Sanctuary service, Youth Bells performing last time for summer, and Youth Trip with Abbi & Delaney to Top Golf at 12:15pm.
- ~May 6th, Piece Corps at 10am.
- ~May 11th, Men's Breakfast at 9am.
- ~May 13th, UWF at 1pm
- ~May 14th, Blood Drive 1pm-6pm
- ~May 17th, The Closet at 5pm.
- ~May 19th, Organ Concert, Sanctuary at 3pm.



CHRISTIANS READY EQUIPPED AND WILLING

Ways to Serve:

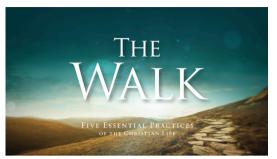
- \sim Hot meals every Fri. @ 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall.
- ~Worship Services Every Sunday we need volunteers for the following: Liturgist, Lay Readers, USHERS, Live Stream Team, and Sound Board. If you are interested, please call the office. We appreciate your help.

Our Mission

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

Gay Street UMC

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



Sanctuary, April 28, 2024 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Give: Where Your Treasure Is...

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

-Acts 20:35

Welcome to all who are worshiping with us today!

Get connected and stay connected to the active life here at Gay Street UMC.
Ways to connect; <u>www.gaystreetumc.org</u>, follow us on Facebook, sign up for eDevos (a weekly newsletter offering a devotional, prayer concerns, upcoming events and other important announcements).

Church office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-3pm, and our phone number is 740-392-6626.

Restroom locations: in the rear of the sanctuary or through the parlor. Hearing amplification devices are available, please ask an usher for assistance.

Please share prayer concerns on bright green cards in pews, put in offering plate, or hand to pastor.

Sermon Notes

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude Air de ballet (Opus 123, no. 11) by Cécile Chaminade **Jo-Ann Odonkor**

Opening Prayer Theo Miller

Awesome God, you created the world and all that is in it. You blessed each element of creation with your love. You called us from slavery into witness and service. Be with us this day as we gather to worship. Clear our minds of all the distractions which would draw us away from you. Open our hearts and spirits and let your healing and empowering love flow in. Prepare us to be witnesses to your power and love as we use the gifts with which you have blessed us in your service. For we offer this prayer in the name of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

What Gift Can We Bring

UM Hymnal 87

*CALL TO WORSHIP Harvey Mack

L: The time for harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

P: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

L: Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

P: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

L: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

P: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. AMEN.

Kid's Choir Place in the Choir, by Bill Staines See bulletin insert

Accompanied by Mary Cochran Directed by Terry Dunnavant

INTO THE WORD

1 Timothy 6:17-19

*Matthew 6:19-21

Jaedyn Bayless

Daniel Burson

Response to the Word *Gloria Patri UM Hymnal 71

Message Give: Where Your Treasure Is... Rev. Christopher Liberati

Receiving of New Members/Confirmands (see bulletin insert)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn I Want Jesus to Walk with Me UM Hymnal 521

Ion Butler

Morning Prayer
Lord's Prayer

Allyson Brooks

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 grows.

Offertory For the Beauty of the Earth, by John Rutter Chancel Choir

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

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting The Trees of the Field TFWS 2279

*Benediction

Postlude Toccata on King's Weston arr. by Matthew Compton Wesley Ringers

Serving in Worship:

Choir Director: Mary Kepple Sound: Sarah Reed & Anthony Liberati Live Stream: Carol Moore & Patsy Hommon Ushers: Lee Rhoades, Susan Snyder, Larry Yarman

