

Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Larry & Nancy Vail in celebration of their anniversary!

Upcoming dates to remember:

TODAY after each service there is Pulled Pork to go or to eat in Fellowship Hall after each service. All donations go to the youth mission trip.

–May 5th, Piece Corps at 10am in the Varsity Room.

–May 6th, Church Council–OPEN Meeting at 7pm in the Varsity Room.

–May 7th, Knox Public Health presents a Tick-Talk with Dr. Glen Needham who is a local tick borne disease expert. Please join us in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm.

–May 12th, United Women in Faith at 1pm in the Kurella Room.

–May 16th, The Closet (taxable night) at 5pm.

–May 18th, Celebrating our Graduates & Youth in the 10:45am service!

–May 18th, Usher/Greeter Meeting; back of the sanctuary after the 10:45am service with Pastor Dale.

–May 18th, Beach Volleyball at The Naz with Logan-all youth invited, 1pm–3pm.

Friendly reminder, please be sure to read the back of the bulletin, check your email for the edevo that gets sent out every Thursday, visit our website-which also has our Church Calendar, or check us out on Facebook! We strive to make sure everyone is aware of what is taking place here at Gay Street UMC! If you need help signing up for the edevo, please call the office at 740-392-6626

- **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.

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, May 4, 2025

Created for a Purpose

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

-Psalm 139:14a

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 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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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude

God’s Time is the Best from Cantata No. 106
by J. S. Bach

Janet Guetle

Opening Prayer–All Uniting

Liturgist: Jon Butler

Eternal God, your Spirit moved on the waters—and there was light, your first creation. Your Spirit moved on the water of our baptism—and again, there was light in our souls and hearts. Let your holy light shine on us today, as we remember your creation and our special part in it. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

This Is My Father’s World

UM Hymnal 144

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

L: Let us remember what our God has done!

C: God created the world out of a formless void.

L: Let us remember what our God has done!

C: God made every animal and plant, bird and fish.

L: Let us remember what our God has done!

C: God created people in the image of God.

L: Let us remember what our God has done!

C: God has made us caretakers of the earth.

INTO THE WORD

Psalm 139:13–14

Genesis 1:26–31, Genesis 2:7–9

Lay Reader: Todd Brooks

*Response to the Word

Gloria Patri

UM Hymnal 71

Message

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Rev. Christopher Liberati

Serving in Worship:

Chancel Choir Director: Terry Dunnavant

Live Stream: Patsy Hommon & Max Heindl

Sound: Carol Moore & Daniel Burson

Ushers: Kelly & Marcia Brown, Lee Rhoades, Emily Toms

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

TFWS 2008

Morning 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

Breath of God, by Eugene Englert

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UM Hymnal 95

*Prayer of Dedication

RECEIVE

*Apostles’ Creed

UM Hymnal 7

Communion service and responses

UM Hymnal 13 & 14

Communion Hymn

In You, We Are One, by Jay Althouse

Lucas Weiss, soloist

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Communion Blessing

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting

Marching To Zion

UM Hymnal 733

*Benediction

Postlude

Now Jesus Christ, the Son of God
from the Easter Cantata
by J.S.Bach

Janet Guetle

