Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God by The Odonkor Family, to celebrate Patrick's birthday. Psalm 100: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Upcoming dates to remember:

- ~April 23rd, JOY Trip meeting at Southside Diner at 11:30am.
- ~April 28th, receiving confirmands in the 10:45am service.
- ~May 3rd, Care Team at 11:30am.
- ~May 5th, Graduating Senior Sunday in Sanctuary service, Youth Bells performing last time for summer, and Youth Trip with Abbi 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.

You are invited to an open house to celebrate Jack Scott's 95th birthday on TODAY from 2pm-4pm at The Ohio Eastern Star Gallagher Center!

Ways to Serve:

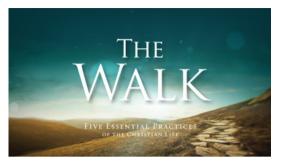
- ~Hot meals every Fri. @ 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall.
- ~Worship Services Every Sunday we need volunteers for the following: Liturgist, Lay Readers, USHERS, Live Stream Team, and Sound Board. If you are interested, please call the office. We appreciate your help.

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 21, 2024

Serve: Here I Am, Lord, Send Me

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

-Joshua 24:15

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:

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude I Surrender All, by Winfield S. Weeden

Stacey Varner

Opening Prayer

Liturgist: Cathy Yarman

God of the lost and lonely, God of the secure and confident, gather us into your fold that we may be healed and transformed. Guide us in your world that we may be part of ministries of healing and hope, for we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Introit

What Does the Lord Require of You

Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

P: Worship God with gladness.

L: Come into God's presence with singing.

P: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

L: Give thanks to the Lord; bless God's holy name,

P: for God's steadfast love is present now and endures forever.

*Gathering Hymn

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UM Hymnal 400

Invitation to Children

Children's Song

Where Children Belong

TFWS 2233

Lyrics:

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

Children's Message

Rev. Lauren Clawson

INTO THE WORD

Micah 6:6-8 Lay Reader: Gayle Keller

*Matthew 25:31-46

Response to the Word *Gloria Patri

UM Hymnal 71

Message Serve: Here I Am, Lord, Send Me

Rev. Christopher Liberati

In response to God's word, Gary Palm said, "Here I am, Lord, send me."

Therefore, in memory of his dedicated service to this church for 31 years as building supervisor and numerous years of volunteering at Hope Now Furniture bank as a toy maker, we dedicated the alter display today as our way of saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn When th

When the Church of Jesus

UM Hymnal 592

Morning & 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 grows.

Offertory

Would I Have Answered When You Called

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UM Hymnal 94

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting Here I Am, Lord

UM Hymnal 593

Recognition of our Youth Intern-Logan Hines

*Benediction

Postlude

The Holy City, by Stephen Adams

Stacey Varner & Joe Jancura

Serving in Worship:

Choir Director: Mary Kepple Sound: Jaedyn Bayless & Daniel Burson

Live Stream: Max Heindl & Carol Moore

Ushers: Rev. Lauren Clawson, Ken Grove, Shelley Coon

