**Altar Flowers** today are given to the glory of God by Larry & Nancy Vail in honor of their 66th Wedding Anniversary!

## **Upcoming dates to remember:**

- ~TODAY-Youth Trip with Abbi to Top Golf at 12:15pm.
- ~May 6th, Piece Corps at 10am.
- ~May 7th, Church Council meeting at 7pm.
- ~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, Pulled Pork luncheon after each service in Fellowship Hall; to go or stay. Fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip.
- ~May 19th, 12:15pm-1:15pm in youth room for discussion on Social Media & being a Disciple of Christ.
- ~May 19th, Organ Concert, Sanctuary at 3pm.
- $\sim\!$  May 21st, Trustees meeting at 5:30pm and Finance meeting at 6:45pm.
- ~May 23rd, JOY Trip, leaving at 9:30am to go to The Kingwood Center.
- ~May 26th, the youth will be going to fill a food pantry after 10:45am service, meet in youth room.
- ~May 27th, the office will be closed; Happy Memorial Day!
- ~May 29th, LAST Wednesday night meal.

# Ways to Serve:

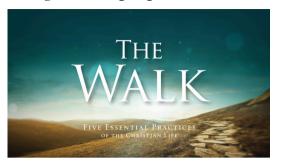
- $\sim$  Hot meals every Fri. @ 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall.
- ~Worship Services Every Sunday we need volunteers for the following: Liturgist, Lay Readers, USHERS, Live Stream Team, and Sound Board. If you are interested, please call the office. We appreciate your help.

# **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, May 5, 2024

# Share: Going Fishing, Reflecting Light

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

-2 Corinthians 5:20

# 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:	

#### **6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Rev. Christopher Liberati

### **PREPARATION**

Prelude Psalm 17, arr. Martha Lynn Thompson Youth Bells

# **Opening Prayer-All Uniting**

Liturgist: Rev. Mearle Griffith God of light and love, we come this morning with eyes stinging from the brightness of your glory. We have become so accustomed to the darkness, that your radiant light sometimes overwhelms us. Open our eyes to the light of your dawn, that our souls may be flooded with love and mercy and joy. Open our hearts to receive your message of comfort and peace and security, that we may find rest in your loving, protective presence. Open our spirits to follow the path you put before us, that we may lead lives committed to your Way. Amen.

\*Gathering Hymn

Shine, Jesus, Shine

**TFWS 2173** 

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.

P: To those who dwell in gloom and despair, God's glorious presence has appeared.

L: God is indeed our light and our salvation.

P: We will follow, unafraid, where God and Jesus lead us.

L: Let us worship our God of light and promise.

P: Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.

# **Graduating Senior Recognition**

**Delaney Doup** 

High School-Ava Burson & Patrick Frazer

College-Jonah Burson, Logan Hines, and Sarah Metz-Turske

# INTO THE WORD

Lay Reader: Todd Brooks Psalm 19:1-6

\*Matthew 4:18-20

Response to the Word \*Gloria Patri UM Hymnal 71

Share: Going Fishing, Reflecting Light Rev. Christopher Liberati Message

#### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Keep Me, Keep Me Prayer Hymn

## 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 grows.

**Chancel Choir** 

Offertory We Walk by Faith, by Joseph M. Martin Chancel Choir \*Doxology Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UM Hymnal 94

\*Prayer of Dedication

#### RECEIVE

\*Apostles' Creed UM Hymnal 7 Communion service and responses UM Hymnal 13 & 14 For the Bread Which You Have Broken UM Hymnal 614 Communion Hymn

Sharing of Bread and Cup Communion Blessing

## SENDING FORTH

\*Hymn of Parting The Summons **TFWS 2130** 

The Lord Bless You and Keep You, by John Rutter Chancel Choir \*Benediction

Postlude May Jesus Christ Be Praised, arr. Don Wyrtzen Dr. Rebecca Abbott

## **Serving in Worship:**

Choir Director: Mary Kepple Youth Bells Director: Delaney Doup Sound: Jaedyn Bayless & Daniel Burson Live Stream: Carol Moore & Max Heindl Ushers: Jerry & Barb Bell

