

Resurrection Sunday

Easter Breakfast @ 8:30am

Easter Egg Hunt @ 9:30am

Church Service @ 10:15am

Invite your Friends and Family

13 April 2025 - 11:30am

PALM SUNDAY

Baked Potato Bar

A fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip

Baked Potato & Toppings
Salad Bar
Desserts
Drinks

\$8.00 - \$6.00 KIDS

Carryout Available

2025 LENTEN FISH FRIES

Van Wert Knights of Columbus Hall
425 Woodland Ave.

Serving 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm the following Fridays of Lent

March 21 - benefiting Van Wert Co. Cooperative Food Bank **CARRY-OUT or DINE-IN**

April 11 - benefiting Haven of Hope

Fish Dinner - \$10.00
Shrimp Dinner: \$12.00
Box of Fish Only - \$17.00



Good Friday Bake Sale

@ the Courthouse April 18 8-11:30am

Baked Goods may be dropped off at the church by 3pm Thursday April 17

Please wrap all baked goods with clear plastic wrap and mark whether it contains nuts

ALTAR FLOWER AVAILABLE DATES

APRIL 06 13 27 MAY 04 11 25

JUNE 01 15 22 29 JULY 06 20

Flowers can be ordered from any local Florists, delivered to the Church, & picked up after service Sundays.

Sign-Ups located on Bulletin Board, by the Krout. Please include name & number.



Palm Sunday

April 13th

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FIRST united methodist CHURCH

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Steadfast Love

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Lamintations 3:22-23



April 6, 2025
Holy Communion / Youth Sunday

Our Vision Statement:

Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus

Thanks for joining us today! If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the Welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances, and no matter where you've been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, **Welcome!** Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.

April Prayer Partner

prayer

Finally, be strong in the Lord and mighty in his power. Ephesians 6:10

"Heavenly Father, I ask that you would give (_____) courage while they are at school. Help them to be strong in your mighty power, and give them the courage to do what's right, knowing that they worship a living God who is active, and will help them in times when they need strength. In Jesus' name, Amen."

ORDER OF WORSHIP

"Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:18-19

**indicates please stand if you are able*

Please fill out the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Haydon Dowler

PRELUDE

In the Hour of Trial

arr. Franklin Ritter

Scott Turner

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Ella Pruden

Leader: We come to worship, remembering God's goodness that has carried us and sustained us to this present moment.

People: We remember the days when God covered us in love and filled us with joy.

Leader: We come to worship, weary from stress, heavy with grief, and wondering when relief will come.

People: We long for the days God covered us in love and filled us with joy.

Leader: We come to worship to remember and remind one another that God's love has never left us, and God's joy cannot be extinguished.

People: God, restore us so that we know your love and your joy once again.

Leader: We come to worship to remember and become the Body of Christ, a community called to restore the world around us.

People: God, empower us to be your restoration people who fill the world with love, laughter, and abundant life. Amen.

*HYMN

Maker, in Whom We Live

#88

Scott Turner

*OPENING PRAYER

Ashlynn Shaffer

Come to this sanctuary, this house, this home, Holy Christ, and let us receive you with a lavish welcome. You are the Restorer of our fortunes, the Promise of new life - We pour out our praise to you. Fill this room with your Spirit: the sound of the wind, the warmth of the flame, the scent of perfume, and fill our hearts with your compassion, not just in this time and place, but in all times and in all places, so that as we celebrate the great things you have done for us, we may also embody the love you give to all. Amen.

Kid's Worship Kits

Today, our children will remain in worship instead of going to AWE. We have **Worship Kits** located in the Narthex if they would like something to work on. The kits include activities that go along with today's service. Please remember to return the kits after service. Thank you.

SONG

Great Are You Lord/Follow the Pattern

Jeremy Laukhuf

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children remain in worship - No AWE)

Elijah Pollock &

Aiden Bockrath

*SCRIPTURE

Psalm 126

Nate Gearhart

SERIES

Steadfast Love

MESSAGE

Fill Me with Laughter

Pastor Christian Taylor

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sierra Poulson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

One Bread, One Body

arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

Gloria Wendel, accompanist

HOLY COMMUNION

Mandy Burenga &

Leah Krites

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

The Garden Walk

by Gary Davidson

Scott Turner

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Scott Turner

*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

*SPOKEN BEDICTION

Pastor Christian Taylor

POSTLUDE

Chorale Postlude

arr. Roger C. Wilson

Scott Turner

You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.

The Easter offering will fund updating our security camera system. Currently we have 14 cameras throughout the church. The trustees feel two more cameras would be helpful in maintaining security. This requires a new system as our current system is too old to update. If you have questions, please contact Tom Burenga, trustee chair or Jana Thompson, treasurer.

Leaders in Today's Worship

Pastor: Christian Taylor

Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf

Director of Music: Scott Turner

Acolytes: Ceci Staas & Jovie Pollock

Screen Creators: Melody Taylor

Projectionist: Noah Krites

Sound Engineer: Kent Smelser

Videographer: Kurt Massillo

Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer & Dave

Lichtle, Assistant