

ICE-BREAKERS

- 1 Do you like roller coasters or amusement parks? If yes, which one is your favorite and why?
- 2 How long would you wait in line, at an amusement park, for your favorite ride or attraction?

SERMON BASED

- 1 How do you describe repentance?
- 2 Have you ever taken a class or read about the Holocaust? If yes, how did it affect you?

BEYOND THE TEXT

As a group, read **Galatians 3:28**. In this verse, Paul describes three groups of two distinct identities as being "one in Christ Jesus." However, in the Church, we maintain the distinction between male and female and have thankfully decided to eliminate the distinction between slave and free. Do you think the distinction between Jew and Gentile (*i.e., Greek*) should be maintained or eliminated? What Scriptures appear to support and counter your position?



April 12th, 2026

10:30AM

Pastor Christian Taylor

Love Boldly, **Serve** Joyfully, and **Lead** Courageously

Whatever your circumstances and no matter where you have been, you matter to God and to Us. *You Belong Here!*

We pray your experience in our Worship today will be one that blesses you and uplifts your relationship with Jesus Christ.

ORDER of WORSHIP

Ephesians
2:14 (ESV)

For he [Jesus] himself is our [Jew and Gentile] peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTENDANCE PAD AND PASS IT TO YOUR NEIGHBOR
+ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE RISE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Matt Krites

FINANCE
QUARTERLY
FINANCIAL
REPORT

Giving to Date: **\$134,874.86**
Expenses to Date: **\$136,206.68**
Deficit in the 1st Quarter: **\$1,331.82**
Assets at the End of the 1st Quarter: **\$399,143.73**

HANDBELL PRELUDE *Now the Green Blade Riseth* | arr. Kevin McChesney

+ CALL TO WORSHIP Matt Krites

Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up:
How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

People: Within our questioning, Christ appears.

Leader: We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

People: Within our certainty, Christ appears.

Leader: Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

People: We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.

+ OPENING PRAYER Matt Krites

Lord God, God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob, God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting, You alone are God and Your Word is truth. Thank you for making us, thank you for waking us, thank you for bringing our lives to this moment. Give us ears to hear Your voice, eyes to see You at work in the world, and hearts that understand Your Word, will, and ways. Continue to help us grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

+ HYMN #310 *He Lives* | UMH Scott Turner

 THE GIDEON'S INTERNATIONAL SPEECH

TIME OF GREETING

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN Judy Krites
Children are dismissed to AWE – Preschool through 5th Grade

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

Let There Be Peace on Earth | arr. Keith Christopher

+ SCRIPTURE

SERIES

Romans 1: 16 – 17
Stories That Matter



MESSAGE

Jeremy Laukhuf

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER Jeremy Laukhuf

OFFERTORY *Hymn Meditation* | arr. Janet Linker Scott Turner

+ DOXOLOGY #94 Scott Turner

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow | UMH

+ SPOKEN BEDICTION Jeremy Laukhuf

POSTLUDE *Postlude* | by Don Hustad Scott Turner

You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace. **Thank you for worshipping with us, and for your continued generosity and support.**

• Thursday, April 16th | 4pm – 6:30pm | **Love INC. Chicken Dinner Fundraiser** | Pickup @ Lifehouse Church

• Sunday, April 19th | 4pm – 6pm | **UNO Tournament** | First UMC | All Ages Welcome

• Thursday, April 23rd | 4pm – 6:30pm | **Haven of Hope Pulled Pork Dinner Fundraiser** | Pickup @ 233 N. Market St. Van Wert | Tickets \$15 | Talk to Jamie Ramos

• June 1st – 4th | **Vacation Bible School** | Rainforest Falls – Exploring the Nature of God | Talk to Cristi Laukhuf

• June 14th – 19th | **Mission Trip to Woodbridge, Virginia** | Spots Still Available | Talk to Teresa Shaffer

