

4th Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022
Mother's Day

PRELUDES

Reverence
How Lovely

Robert W. Thygerson
Colin Curtis

WELCOME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #406

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

Holy Ground

***We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels
all around; let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence
on holy ground.***

By Geron Davis

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CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

P: Sing the glory of God's name; give God glorious praise.

L: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

**P: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to
your name.**

All: Let us worship God.

***GATHERING SONG #7**

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

Norwich

(verse 1)

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.

Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

(verse 2)

***Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light, grain
of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.***

(verse 3)

***Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close, so
that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.***

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CALL TO CONFESSION

L: The Lord says: Come, let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

*Please stand as you are able.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts; cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your risen Son.

(time of silence)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S PARDON

L: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all his saints. In his name, we are all forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God. AMEN.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #71

Surely, It is God Who Saves Me
(refrain)

First Song

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

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WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Dr. John Wahl

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Shine upon us that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life in word and in deed. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON – Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, ² that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. ⁶ The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. ⁷ May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me

Wyrzten

*Please stand as you are able.

THE SECOND LESSON – John 21:15-25 (Common English Bible)

When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.”¹⁶ Jesus asked a second time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Take care of my sheep.”¹⁷ He asked a third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, “Do you love me?” He replied, “Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”¹⁸ I assure you that when you were younger you tied your own belt and walked around wherever you wanted. When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie your belt and lead you where you don’t want to go.”¹⁹ He said this to show the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, “Follow me.”

²⁰ Peter turned around and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them. This was the one who had leaned against Jesus at the meal and asked him, “Lord, who is going to betray you?”²¹ When Peter saw this disciple, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about him?”²² Jesus replied, “If I want him to remain until I come, what difference does that make to you? You must follow me.”²³ Therefore, the word spread among the brothers and sisters that this disciple wouldn’t die. However, Jesus didn’t say he wouldn’t die, but only, “If I want him to remain until I come, what difference does that make to you?”

²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies concerning these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true.²⁵ Jesus did many other things as well. If all of them were recorded, I imagine the world itself wouldn’t have enough room for the scrolls that would be written.

THE MESSAGE

“Three Times”

Rev. Dr. John Wahl

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

WITNESS

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Morning Reverie

Gerald Peterson

***DOXOLOGY #710**

*We Lift Our Voices
(refrain)*

Offering

***We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.***

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Please stand as you are able.

***SENDING SONG #837**

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine
(verse 1)

Showalter

***What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting
arms.***

(verse 2)

***O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting
arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the
everlasting arms.***

(verse 3)

***What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting
arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the
everlasting arms.***

(refrain)

***Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms, leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.***

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Celtic Alleluia

Fintain, O'Carroll, & Walker

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

John Troutman

*Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Health and Safety Protocols

With the return to in-person worship services, we ask you to follow these guidelines:

- Windows may be open or fans turned on to provide appropriate air circulation.
- When inside the church building, face coverings are optional based on personal comfort level.
 - Socially distance as able in the pews and sanctuary.
 - If you are not feeling well today, please stay home.
- At this time, we will not be passing the peace, the offering plate, or holding hands for the benediction at the close of the service.
- After the worship service has concluded, we ask that you move outside for any extended conversations.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Any changes to these protocols will be shared in advance of Sunday gatherings.

Upcoming Events (See May newsletter for more details.)

Saturday, May 14 & Sunday, May 15

VPC Clean-up Days

Sunday, May 15

Doctor of Ministry Presentation

Sunday, May 22

Confirmation

Thursday, May 26

HOVCP Ice Cream Truck

Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:

Friday, May 20

(10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Saturday, May 21

(10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Sarah Circle



Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 10th, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., in the Church Library. We will be studying Lesson 9, "What are These Women Doing in a Place Like This" in *"What My Grandmothers Taught Me"*. This lesson will conclude our study for the year. All Valley women are welcome to join us for fellowship and discussion.

CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Spring Cleaning Kit



Helyne Walker is putting together a spring cleaning kit for each of the families in the Chagrin Falls Park Community, and she will be distributing them on Friday, May 20th. Please consider donating the following items to the Community Center through May 19th:

Small bottles of bleach, small bottles of spic and span, paper towels.

CFPCC is, also, in need of snacks for the children's program. They could use the following or any other snack-size item you wish to donate:

Juice boxes; small bags of chips, pretzels; popsicles, small water bottles.

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations.

Fellowship News

1 Corinthians 10:31

***"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do,
do it all for the glory of God."***

What do Julia Childs from the film *Julia & Julia*; Babette from the film *Babette's Feast*; and Remy, the Rat from *Ratatouille* have in common with Gerry Chittock, Janet Graham and Bev Keough? These characters, like these three wonderful women, have shown their love through making, procuring, and serving our congregation during Fellowship Time. The Deacons would like to thank them for taking care of us! These ladies will still be involved, but are offering the congregation the opportunity to adopt a Sunday Fellowship Time!

We have openings from May 1 to June 5. You can sign up as a host or to bring refreshments in honor of a birthday, anniversary, or just because! Sign up with a friend! We feel so blessed to be able to meet face-to-face with those we have missed so much.

Your Valley Deacons

To learn more about the role of a host and to sign up, see the May newsletter or the Church website for a link, or you can contact the office or a Deacon for information.

Valley Choir – “God Bless the USA”



The Valley Choir would like to invite you to sing with us on Sunday, May 29th, during the Worship Service. We will be doing Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" in celebration of Memorial Day and practicing at 9:30 a.m. that morning. Music will be provided, and it is a chance for all of us to share together musically what being an American is all about!!!! Please consider joining us Sunday, May 29th. (Contact Nancy Sullivan, if you have any questions.)

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