

**June 2, 2024**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost / Recognition Sunday**  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDES**

*Westminster Abbey*  
*The Bread, the Cup*

*Harold Rutz*  
*James Southbridge*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER CONCERNS AND REQUESTS**

**\*CHORAL INTROIT #452**

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*  
*(refrain)*

*Open the Eyes*

***Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you; I want to see you.***

*(repeat refrain)*  
*(verse 1)*

***To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory. Pour  
out your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy." Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.***

*(refrain)*

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**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come together to observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**All: Gather us through your Spirit, Lord.**

One: We come together to praise God with songs and shouts of joy!

**All: Inspire us with your Spirit, Lord.**

One: We come together to hear the voice of our Savior calling us to compassion.

**All: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.**

One: We come together to experience the abundance of God's grace.

**All: Let us worship God.**

**\*OPENING SONG #515**

*I Come with Joy*  
*(verse 1)*

*Dove of Peace*

***I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus  
to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.***

*(verse 2)*

***I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new  
community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion  
bread.***

*(verse 3)*

***As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The  
love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and  
strangers now are friends.***

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## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: In the midst of busy lives, confession gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on how we spend our time. Have we dedicated ourselves to loving others? Have we spent our energy on things that bring life to us and those around us? Christ invites us to bring our best and worst to him in prayer, that he might offer us his healing and his peace. Let us pray:

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord of Life, you call us to rest, but we are too busy working. You call us to offer rest to others, but we are too busy making demands. You call us to remember that you are always at work in our lives, but we are too busy with worry. Forgive our ceaseless striving and our obsession with work. Remind us that our value comes from you, not from what we produce or how productive we appear to others. Teach us the rhythms of your grace, and grant us rest for our weary souls.**

*(Time of Silence)*

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON**

One: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Christ lifts the heavy burdens of sin and frees us for new life in his name. Trust that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **\*SONG OF RESPONSE #519**

*You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*

*Jernigan*

***You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure that I seek; you are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure that I seek; you are my all in all.***

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## **\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: Our peace comes from knowing how much God loves us in Jesus Christ. With God's help, we try to love and forgive one another as Christ loves and forgives us. Peace be with you.

**All: And, also, with you.**

## **WORD**

## **CHORAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION #458**

*Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

*Thy Word*

***Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me. Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.***

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## **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** *Psalm 81:1-10*

One: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

**All:** Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

One: Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.

**All:** For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.

One: He made it a decree in Joseph, when he went out over the land of Egypt.  
I hear a voice I had not known:

**All:** "I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket.

One: In distress you called, and I rescued you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.

**All:** Hear, O my people, while I admonish you; O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

One: There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.

**All:** I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

## **CHORAL ANTHEM**

*My Savior, My God*

*Shust & Rouse*

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

*2 Corinthians 4:1, 5-12*

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.

<sup>5</sup> For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. <sup>6</sup> For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup> We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, <sup>9</sup> persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, <sup>10</sup> always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup> For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup> So death is at work in us but life in you.

## **SERMON**

*"Treasure in Clay Jars"*

*Rev. Dr. John Wahl*

## **UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved; if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

## **WITNESS**

### **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

*We take this time to reflect and recognize all contributions of time, talent, and treasure. A basket is available for making monetary donations.*

### **OFFERTORY**

*Prayer of the Morning*

*Gerald Peterson*

### **RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS (see last page)**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

### **UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have unified us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### **\*SENDING SONG #767**

*Together We Serve*

*San Anselmo*

*(verse 1)*

***Together we serve, united by love, inviting God's world to the glorious feast. We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending God's love to the last and the least.***

*(verse 2)*

***We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.***

*(verse 3)*

***We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor, the busy, the lonely, and all who need care. We offer a home to those who will come, our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.***

*(verse 4)*

***Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong. Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.***

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Go Now in Peace*

*Besig*

**POSTLUDE**

*Psalm of Glory*

*Dorothy Wells*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Faith Garden

We believe that it is a good thing to spend time in God's creation, and to be faithful stewards of the good gifts that God provides.

All the produce raised in the Valley Faith Garden is donated to the food pantry at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center.

You are invited to come and spend time in and around the Faith Garden – weeding, planting, picking, or just sitting for a rest – at these times (from May – September):

First and third Tuesdays of each month – 6 - 7 p.m.

Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month – 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

### Knitting For Others



Inviting all folks from 12-100 years of age, who like to knit or who would like to learn, to be a part of Valley's Knitting Group. We will be knitting special items like prayer shawls, blankets, and other helpful and comforting items for our members and people in our community.

The group will meet (come when your schedule allows):

#### **June**

Sunday, June 9 — 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18 — 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

#### **July**

Sunday, July 14 — 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 23 — 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

For questions, please call one of our Co-Chairs, Beverly or Bev:

Beverly Wahl  
502-553-7255

Bev Keough  
330-888-5385

## Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:  
**Friday, June 14, 2024** (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)  
**Saturday, June 15, 2024** (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Pass-it-on is accepting donations. Please contact Brenda Wahl at 440-829-7841 or [passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com](mailto:passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com).

## Rise Against Hunger Food-packaging Event

**Saturday, June 22**

**10:00 a.m. - noon**

We will, again, be working with Rise Against Hunger to package meals for hungry people around the world. This is a wonderful opportunity for people of all ages to get involved in a hands-on mission while learning more about the goal of eradicating hunger in our lifetime.

This month, we will be partnering with members of Christ Presbyterian Church in Chesterland, who will join us in our Fellowship Hall to package thousands of meals. All the materials are provided by Rise Against Hunger. We just need your hands to help!

The meal-packaging process engages volunteers to combine rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and a packet of 18 essential vitamins and minerals into small meal packages. These meal packages are shipped around the world to support school feeding programs and crisis relief. The food stores easily, transports quickly, and has a shelf-life of two years. Your impact starts with a meal, and leads to self-sufficiency, sustainability, and brighter futures!

Each meal package – including materials and shipping – costs approximately 40 cents; so, for two dollars, you can support 5 meals; ten dollars = 25 meals; twenty dollars = 50 meals. Our portion for the event will be \$2,000-3,000.

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 22 for setup (8:30 – 10 a.m.) and meal packaging (10 a.m. – noon). Please sign up on the church website, through the June Valley Voice, or call the church office, if you would like to help.

## CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Please consider donating the following items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center:



**Flour, ramen noodles, mustard, ketchup, eggs, milk, butter, or anything you would like to donate.**

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

## Caring for God's Creation

**Fridays: June 21, July 12, August 9  
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (lunch included)**

**Cost is \$5 per child / \$10 per family per session  
Children age 3 - entering 5th grade**

God created an amazing world, and - as God's children - we have been called to care for it.

Join youth and adult volunteers from Valley as we learn about the mysteries and science of our natural world; and how we can participate in nurturing and healing the earth and all its creatures.

Activities will include music, movement, science lessons, working in the garden, service projects, and bible story time.

Register on the church website, through the June Valley Voice, or call the church office.

### **VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**[www.valleypresbychurch.org](http://www.valleypresbychurch.org)**

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Director of Music: Nancy Sullivan  
Liturgist: Dusty Timmons

Organist: John Kautzman  
Greeter: Lois Urban

# Volunteers



We recognize and say thank you to volunteers who have contributed to the life of the church over the past year; they are listed below:

## **Adult Choir Members (\*Festival Choir)**

Barb Anderson, Mary Ball, Marilyn Bulanda, Ron Cechner, Jeanne DeLaney\*, Bernice Denham, Meredith Dobyns, Sue Doughman, Tanya Fouts, Beth Krause, Pat Nichols, Marilyn Rodenhausen, Lillian Smyser, Chip Steele, Don Sullivan, Parker Timmons\*, Payton Timmons\*, Lois Urban, Judy Vernon, Brenda Wahl

## **Youth Instrumentalists (\*Vocalists)**

Quentin Laupan, Parker Timmons\*, Payton Timmons

## **Instrumentalists**

Chris Louis, Jim Obman, Mike Pauley, Nancy Sullivan  
**Director:** Don Sullivan

## **Thespians**

Dusty Timmons, John Wahl

## **Sound Engineers**

Ron Cechner, Jerry Moreno, Dave Rodenhausen, Don Sullivan

## **Accompanist & Organist**

John Kautzman

## **Director**

Nancy Sullivan

## **Video**

Jordan Fouts, Pete Krause, Jai & Sena Mayers, Cooper Timmons

## **Fellowship**

Barb Anderson, Gerry Chittock, Bernice Denham, Mark & Lynn Fagerholm, Tanya Fouts, Beth Krause, Jai & Sena Mayers, Marilyn Rodenhausen, Chip Steele, Brenda Wahl

## **Worship Committee**

Jeanne DeLaney, Ruth Gurd, Beth Krause, Jerry Moreno, Dave & Marilyn Rodenhausen, Bill & Lucy Rossen, Don & Nancy Sullivan, Dusty Timmons

## **Pass-It-On**

Barb Anderson, Norma Bobbitt, Marilyn Bulanda, Henry Cregar, Jim & Heidi Cregar, Bernice Denham, Sue Doughman, Lynn Fagerholm, Nancy Fenner, Tanya Fouts, Nancy Haags, Mary Hatch, Sue Koenig, Pat Levicky, Ann Marie Pinizzotto, Glenna Pool, Kathy Rohdes, Lillian Smyser, Chip Steele, Nancy Sullivan, Lois Urban, John & Brenda Wahl



### **Community Meals / North Church Lunches**

Mary Ball, Marilyn Bulanda; Gerry Chittock; Bernice Denham; Mark, Lynn & Beverly Fagerholm; Janet Graham; Mary Hatch; Bev Keough; Krause family; Jim Obman; David & Clare Pickering; Glenna Pool; Marilyn Rodenhausen; Lillian Smyser; Timmons Family; Lois Urban; Beverly Wahl; Brenda Wahl

### **Spring Clean-Up**

Gerry Chittock, Sue Doughman, Mark & Lynn Fagerholm, Beth Krause, Jerry Moreno, Glenna Pool, Marilyn Rodenhausen, Bill & Lucy Rossen, Dusty & Parker Timmons, Brenda Wahl

### **Money Counters**

Sharon Edds, Janet Graham, Beth Krause, Donna Lucas, Jim Obman, Dave Rodenhausen, Dusty Timmons, Lois Urban

### **Valley Voice / Office**

Jeanne DeLaney