

May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mothering Day

Mothering is something we all experience - even those who never have biological children - we all mother someone. Today, we lift up all those who have had a mothering influence on our lives.

PRELUDE (A Time for Quiet Meditation)

Song of Mary

Robert Howell

WORDS OF WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #399**

God Welcomes All

Themba Amen

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

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***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

All: Creator, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

One: We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried, and has risen again.

All: Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.

One: We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide!

All: Holy One, fill us with your presence and peace.

***GATHERING SONG #15**

*All Creatures of Our God and King Lasst Uns Erfreuen
(verse 1)*

**All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia! O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with
silver gleam, sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

(verse 3)

**O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such
blessings on our way, sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

(verse 6)

**O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One! Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CALL TO CONFESSION (adapted from Romans 3:23-24)

One: We all fall short of the glory of God; but we are justified by the gift of God's grace in Jesus Christ. Together, let us pray:

*Please stand as you are able.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-present God, we come before you knowing we have ignored your will and your way. We forfeit peace and bear needless worry. We become confused and tune out your truth. We struggle to obey your Word and fight against losing hope. Forgive us! Help us to remember that we are never alone, that you are with us and for us – by the power of your Spirit abiding in us - through Christ, our Savior and Lord.

(Time of Silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Romans 8:31-32)

One: If God is for us, who can be against us? The One who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will we not, also, be given everything else? Believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

*SONG OF RESPONSE #851

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

(sing three times) Woza Nomthwalo Wakho

Come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.

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*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: Because we have peace with God through Christ, let us share this peace together. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And, also, with you.

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Three-in-One, as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, bear witness to your truth in our hearts and minds, through the grace and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING *Psalm 66:8-12, 16-20*

One: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,

All: Who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

One: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

All: You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

One: You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

All: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

One: I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

All: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

One: But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

All: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

*Please stand as you are able.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 5:17-26*

¹⁷ One day, while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting nearby (they had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem); and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. ¹⁸ Just then some men came, carrying a paralysed man on a bed. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus; ¹⁹ but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. ²⁰ When he saw their faith, he said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven you.' ²¹ Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, 'Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?' ²² When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven you", or to say, "Stand up and walk"? ²⁴ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'—he said to the one who was paralysed—'I say to you, stand up and take your bed and go to your home.' ²⁵ Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God. ²⁶ Amazement seized all of them, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, 'We have seen strange things today.'

THE MESSAGE*"Through the Roof"**Rev. Dr. John Wahl***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****THE LORD'S PRAYER****CALL 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*Offertory in D-flat Major**Johann Pachelbel****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**SENDING SONG**

*A Covenant of Grace
(verse 1)*

O Waly Waly

***We all come from the dusty earth, and from the places of our birth,
ancestral stories who we'll be, we bring it all to come and see.***

(verse 2)

***We all have wounds that no one sees, oppression, trauma, and disease,
when we bear witness to the pain, it can begin to heal again.***

(verse 3)

We all need people who will be with us in solidarity, no explanation, no defense, just ministry of their presence.

(verse 4)

Surprised by God's unbounded love, from many walks of life we come, to build a covenant of grace, and in our differences embrace.

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***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Worthy is Your Name* *Jernigan*

POSTLUDE *Thanksgiving Praise* *Lani Smith*

*Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Flowers

The flowers today are given by Ruth Gurd with love to all Mothers.

CWS Blankets+



Valley will be participating in Church World Service Blankets+ program on **May 10 and 17**. CWS Blankets+ is about sharing love through a simple gift of kindness. We can make a difference in the lives of people in need. Envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex. Please make checks out to VPC with a note for "CWS Blankets". Thank you. In Christ, Missions

Sarah Circle 2025-26

We'd love to have you join us!
**The last meeting for 2025-26 will be:
Tuesday, May 12**

Our study this year is:

PCUSA: Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ

Meet September — May the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Library. For more information, please contact Glenna Pool at 419-789-9446 or e-mail gpool205@yahoo.com.

Mid-week Lunch Group – May 12



All are welcome to gather for lunch together at Buckeye Café (located across from the church in Tanglewood Square) at noon on the second Tuesday of each month (April 14, May 12, June 9, etc.) for a time of good food, great coffee, and even better conversations.

Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:

Friday, May 15 (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

Saturday, May 16 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Pass-it-on is accepting donations. Please contact Brenda Wahl at 440-829-7841 or passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com.

Faith Garden Clean-Up / Planting Day

Saturday, May 16, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

In Valley's Faith Garden (located outside of the Church Library), we grow fresh produce to be donated to the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center Food Bank. There are garden gloves and tools in the shed, or feel free to bring your own.

Summer Garden Workdays

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

June 3 and 17, July 1, 15, 29

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.



The group will meet Sunday, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.:
May 17

This group has been busy knitting prayer blankets and shawls for members of our congregation. It takes a lot of yarn to knit or crochet these items. Many of us have made items in the past but have not used quite all the yarn. Knitting for Others can use the leftover yarn to make items to share with others. We are currently making items for babies and young children. If you have any size-3 or 4 yarn that you will not be using and could share with Knitting for Others, we certainly would appreciate your donation. Yarn can be left in the box marked "yarn" in the Library. Thank you so much for your help.

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

Beverly Wahl
502-553-7255

Bev Keough
330-888-5385

CFPCC Food Bank Needs

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



Ground beef, chicken, eggs, milk, fresh fruit and vegetables, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti sauce, pasta, Spaghetti O's, snacks, or anything you would like to donate.

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations. You can, also, leave them in the blue donation bin in the Narthex.

Donations – Credit Card or Zelle

Credit card donations are available on-line at the Valley Presbyterian website below:

<http://valleypresbychurch.org>

Look for “Give Now” button. Can only be used for donations.

Can not pay for holiday flowers, VBS, books, etc. at this link.

Use the following QR Code to donate via **Zelle**:



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