

May 17, 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE (A Time for Quiet Meditation)

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Todd Davis

WORDS OF WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #388**

Come All You People

Uyai Mose

***Come all you people, come and praise your Maker; come all you people,
come and praise your Maker; come all you people, come and praise your
Maker; come now and worship the Lord.***

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***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 68:32)**

One: Sing to God of kingdoms of the earth;

All: **Sing praises to the Lord.**

***GATHERING SONG #305**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

(verse 1)

***Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the
Lord has led us through the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate
the journey now and praise the Lord!***

(verse 2)

***Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!***

(verse 3)

***Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide, as we in mission
magnify the Crucified! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!***

(verse 4)

***Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the
Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the
journey now and praise the Lord!***

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CALL TO CONFESSION

One: With the confidence of God's beloved, let us confess our sins, knowing
that the God who hears us also loves us, and will forgive and renew us.
Let us pray; first in unison and then in silence:

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, you have loved your people from generation to generation.
You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. Yet we
live holding on to past hurts; we are not open to your new creation. We**

*Please stand as you are able.

prefer the safety of what we know to the new possibilities you offer us in the risen Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and make us again as you would have us be. We make all of our prayers in the name of Jesus. Amen.

(Time of Silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (2 Corinthians 4:14-15)

One: We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also and will bring us into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. Believe the promise 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 (Adapted from Psalm 19:4)

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable and even pleasing in your sight, O Lord, who is the strong and redemptive One. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

Psalm 68:7-10 (Common English Bible Translation)

One: Sing to God! Sing praises to his name! Exalt the one who rides the clouds!

All: The LORD is his name. Celebrate before him!

One: When you went forth before your people, God, when you marched through the wasteland, the earth shook!

All: Yes, heaven poured down before God, the one from Sinai - before God, the God of Israel!

One: You showered down abundant rain, God; when your inheritance grew weary, you restored it yourself, and your creatures settled in it.

All: In your goodness, God, you provided for the poor.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me

Bradbury

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 5:27-39*

²⁷ After this he went out and saw a tax-collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' ²⁸ And he got up, left everything, and followed him.

*Please stand as you are able.

²⁹ Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax-collectors and others sitting at the table with them. ³⁰ The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, 'Why do you eat and drink with tax-collectors and sinners?' ³¹ Jesus answered, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; ³² I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance.'

³³ Then they said to him, 'John's disciples, like the disciples of the Pharisees, frequently fast and pray, but your disciples eat and drink.' ³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'You cannot make wedding-guests fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you? ³⁵ The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.' ³⁶ He also told them a parable: 'No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise the new will be torn, and the piece from the new will not match the old. ³⁷ And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. ³⁸ But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. ³⁹ And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine, but says, "The old is good."'"

THE MESSAGE

"Old and New"

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

A Fancy

Robert J. Powell

***DOXOLOGY #643** *Now Thank We All Our God* *Nun Danket Alle Gott*
(verse 2)

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***SENDING SONG #773** *Heaven Shall Not Wait* *Heaven Shall Not Wait*
(verse 1)

Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their patience, the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend: Jesus is Lord; he has championed the unwanted; in him injustice confronts its timely end.

(verse 2)

Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their fortunes, the proud to fall, the elite to tend the least: Jesus is Lord; he has shown the master's privilege: to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.

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(verse 3)

Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great ideas, thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain: Jesus is Lord; he has married word and action; his cross and company make his purpose plain.

(verse 4)

Heaven shall not wait for triumphant Hallelujahs, when earth has passed and we reach another shore: Jesus is Lord in our present imperfection; his power and love are for now and then for evermore.

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*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Worthy is Your Name

Jernigan

POSTLUDE

Echo Alleluia

*Henry Purcell,
arr. by Lani Smith*

*Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CWS Blankets+



Valley will be participating in Church World Service Blankets+ program **today**. 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

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.

Faith Garden

Summer Garden Workdays

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

June 3 and 17, July 1, 15, 29

Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:

Friday, June 12 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Saturday, June 13 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

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

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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