

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 10, 2026

10:00 a.m.

\*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Heidi Nees-Carver

PRELUDE

*Glorify Thou Me, O Father*

W. Byrd

WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING of the PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*based on Psalm 27; John 4:23*

One: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

All: **The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

One: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

All: **We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

One: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

All: **Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.**

\*HYMN #432

*How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

Repton

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Hebrews 12:1*

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely. Let us pray.

UNISON PRAYER CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon timid disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we are afraid of this power, and try to hold back the work of the Spirit among us. Forgive us for trying to manage your miracles. Enflame our hearts with a passion for the mission of Christ in the world.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*1 Peter 2:9-10*

One: You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;

All: **Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.**

One: Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Great is thy Faithfulness" Hymnal Page #39

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning, new mercies I see.*

*All I have needed thy hand hath provided.*

*Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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Matthew 5:43-48

SERMON

"On Character"

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*

A.D. Miller

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (we say "debts")

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

\*Doxology (Unison) Hymn #606

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #723

*Lord, Speak for Me, for I Am Yours*

Perry

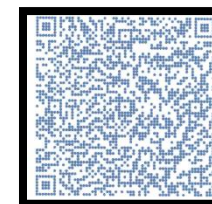
\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*O Lamb of God*

J.S. Bach

Special thanks to Heather KirkConnell for being our guest organist this week while Heather is gone.



Venmo

**PRAYERS:** All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, the residents at JDC & JRC, Jim Novotny, Jan McLaughlin, Chris Williams, Lyn Long, Ron Stout, Wendy Shields & her mother, Doris, Ashton's father, Amanda Pirooz (friend of Ellyn Stout), Dave Hyslop & Sharon, Miranda Douglas, Anna Beeker's parents, Evelyn (a good friend of Anne Moser), Stacey Beun (Conner Geyman's boss), Mahmoud & family, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

**This is a MORE LIGHT Presbyterian Church!**

A "More Light" Presbyterian church welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons to full participation in the life, ministry, and witness of the congregation. We work to expand the inclusiveness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



*There are no closed doors here.*  
**Christ Welcomes All Here!**

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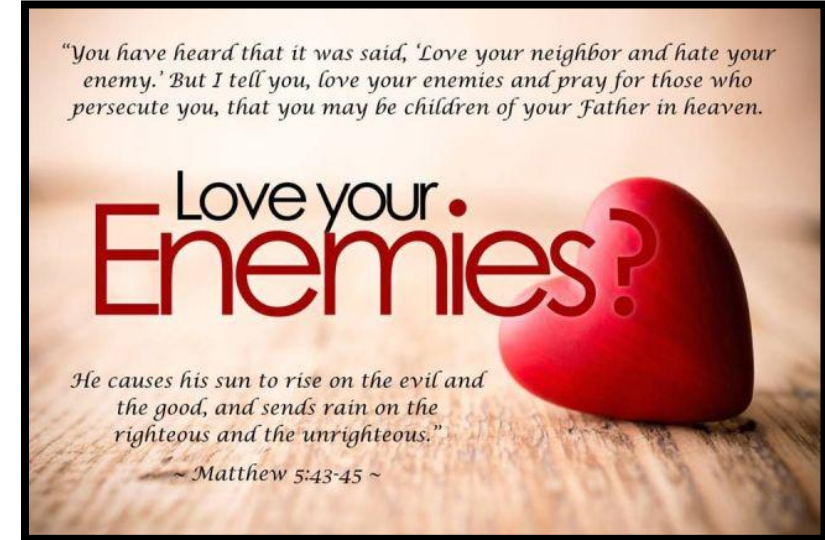
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## "On Character"

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### ***How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord***

1. How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call to live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
2. But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear; if worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot unwind its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.
3. We marvel how your saints became in hindrances more sure: whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name, and by our faults obscure your power to cleanse and cure.
4. In what you give us, Lord, to do together or alone, in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you: the cross you hung upon, all you endeavored, done.

### ***Lord, Speak for Me, for I Am Yours***

1. Lord, speak for me, for I am yours, and test my mind and heart. I walk with steady trust in you, nor from your ways depart.
2. I do not sit with those who cheat, the false who love pretense. I do not follow where they go, nor count them as my friends.
3. I wash my hands in innocence and seek your altar, Lord, and, singing there with thankful voice, your mighty works record.
4. I love your house, O mighty Lord; I love the holy place where you in your great glory dwell; you visit us in grace.
5. I walk in my integrity; redeem me, Lord, in grace. Securely not I stand, O Lord; in worship I bring praise.

## **Week of May 10 thru May 17**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Fellowship &amp; refreshments (FH)</b>
	1:30 p.m.	Guitar Lessons (GL)
	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts (GL)
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation/Recovery Group (GL)
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>Church office is Closed on Monday</b>
	6:30 p.m.	BG Song (FH)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Book Group (GL)</b>
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Session mtg. (Gathering Place)</b>
	6:00 p.m.	La Conexion mtg (GL)
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. (GL)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop</b>
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Trustees mtg. (Gathering Place)</b>
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>WeMeet – last one</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Deacons' Shop open to public</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>La Conexion (FH)</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>



**Graduation Sunday will be Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>** where we will honor our Graduates. If you have a graduate in your life you would like us to honor in the graduation insert, please send their name, what degree and where from, and future plans to Amanda ([akark@bgsu.edu](mailto:akark@bgsu.edu)) by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Pentecost Sunday***



Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost! Wear as much red as you can and be prepared for a church Birthday Party! Come celebrate the birth of the church together!



## DESSERT AUCTION *May 31<sup>st</sup> After Worship*

Join us on May 31st for a fun and meaningful Dessert Auction to support an exciting upgrade to our church nursery!

We're raising funds to give this important space a much-needed refresh so our children can enjoy a safe, clean, and welcoming place to play and grow. You can get involved by bringing your favorite homemade dessert to donate or simply by bringing your sweet tooth and bidding on the delicious treats available. Every bite and every bid helps make a difference—come be part of creating a joyful space for our kids!



Let Amanda know if you plan on bringing something to bid on.



## CAMP OFFERINGS

*Camps available for ages 3 - 99!*

Don't think that camp is just for the youth! Kirkmont offers, and our church gives scholarships for, camps for almost any age or group check out what Kirkmont has to offer from the list below, check out [kirkmontcenter.org](http://kirkmontcenter.org) for more information or talk to Amanda to see how you can get your camp journey started!

<b>PYC Jr/Sr</b> June 14-20 Grades 3-12	<b>Rejoice</b> July 5 - 11 Grades 3-12	<b>YOU AND ME</b> July 11 - 12 Ages 3-17 (With Adult)	<b>ADULT</b> August 28-30 Ages 18 - 99+
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### Pop-Up Choir Is Back!

Love to sing but can't commit to weekly rehearsals? Join the **Pop-Up Choir** this summer!

Show up at **9:15 AM** on any of the following Sunday: **May 17<sup>th</sup>**. We'll do a quick warm-up, learn the song together, and sing it in the **10:00 AM service!**

All voices welcome—no experience needed. Just bring your smile, your spirit, and your love of music!



**Our final WeMeet of the spring will be this Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.** We will be having a pizza party to celebrate and Savi will be

speaking about immigration and deportation in America. We had an excellent conversation last Wednesday and we hope you join us for more this Wednesday. Please remember to mark "WeMeet" on the fellowship pads this morning so we can estimate how much pizza to buy.

## Happy Mother's Day

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." PROVERBS 31:25-26

