

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 17, 2026

10:00 a.m.

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Anna Beeker

GRADUATE'S PROCESSIONAL *Pomp and Circumstance* Elgar

RECOGNITION OF GRANDUATE

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 #258 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!* Deo Gracias

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

Genesis 12:1-3

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Luke 24:44-53

SERMON

"Blessed to Be a Blessing"

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come Christians, Join to Sing

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 *Adagio* G.F.Handel

*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 #260 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

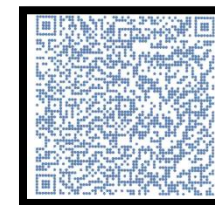
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*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ascension, Alleluia!

James Conley



Venmo

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

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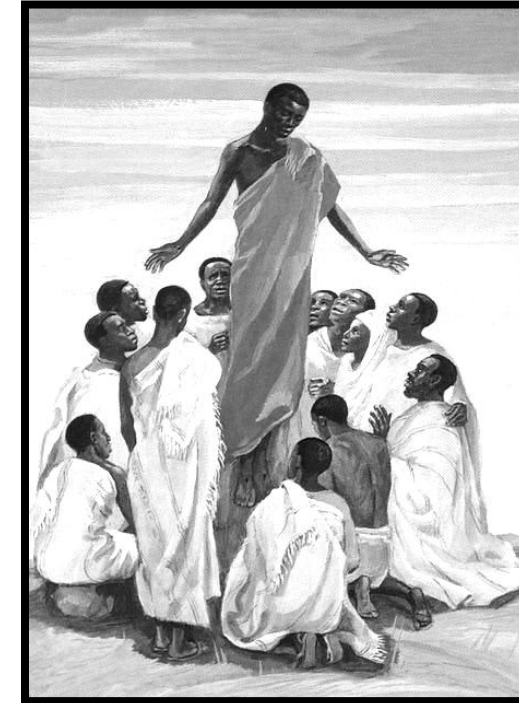
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A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

1. A hymn of glory let us sing! New songs throughout the world shall ring: Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God. **Refrain**

Refrain: 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!

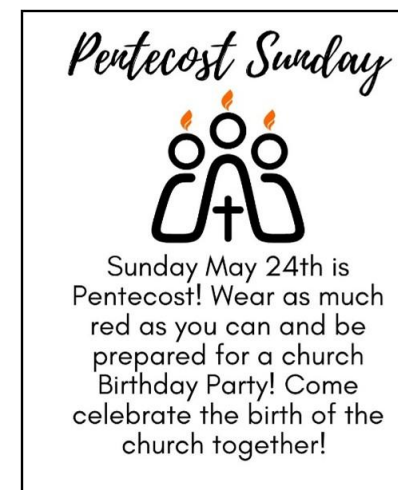
2. The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand, and with his followers they see their Lord ascend in majesty. **Refrain**
3. To all, the shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky? This is the Savior!" thus they say' "This is his glorious triumph-day." **Refrain**
4. "You see him now, ascending high up to the portals of the sky. Here after you shall Jesus see returning in great majesty." **Refrain**
5. O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord. You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one. **Refrain**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone! Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you ever-more"?
3. Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own; Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your foot-stool, heaven your throne. As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

Week of May 17 thru May 24

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| SUNDAY | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 11:15 a.m. | Fellowship & refreshments (FH) |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Deacons mtg (Library) |
| | 1:30 p.m. | Guitar Lessons (GL) |
| | 3:30 p.m. | Girl Scouts (GL) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Meditation/Recovery Group (GL) |
| MONDAY | | Church office is Closed on Monday |
| | 3:00 p.m. | BG Song (Library) |
| | 4:30 p.m. | Kindred Spirits (Library) |
| TUESDAY | 1:00 p.m. | Book Group (GL) |
| | 3:00 p.m. | MVP Presbytery in Findlay |
| | 8:00 p.m. | A.A. (GL) |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:00 a.m. | Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Staff mtg. (Jeff's office) |
| | 6:30 p.m. | La Conexion (GL) |
| THURSDAY | 9:30 a.m. | Deacons' Shop open to public |
| | 2:15 p.m. | Green Team Mtg. (staff conference room) |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Meditation Group (FH) |
| FRIDAY | | Office is Closed – Holiday weekend |
| SATURDAY | 1:00 p.m. | Private birthday party in FH |
| SUNDAY | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service & Pentecost Sunday |





DESSERT AUCTION *May 31st 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 for more information or talk to Amanda to see how you can get your camp journey started!

| PYC Jr/Sr | Rejoice | YOU AND ME | ADULT |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| June 14-20 Grades 3-12 | July 5 - 11 Grades 3-12 | July 11 - 12 Ages 3-17 (With Adult) | August 28-30 Ages 18 - 99+ |

First Pres!

The church received a thank-you from our choral scholars.

Thank you for being my home away from home. Special thanks to the Choir, bell choir, and all those who stopped to talk to me in the halls and at coffee hour. You are remarkably good at making people feel welcome!

With love,

Emily Buelzong