

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 6, 2025

5th Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m.

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Andrew Kunze

PRELUDE *Tell it to Jesus* Shelton Ridge Love

**WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS
PASSING THE PEACE**

INTROIT *The Glory of These Forty Days*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) *adapted from "God of Our Life" (#686)*

One: God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee.

All: **In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.**

One: God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us abide.

All: **Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land. Be thou our guide.**

One: God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow thee.

All: **When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be.**

*HYMN #74 *"When God Restored Our Common Life"* Resignation

CALL TO CONFESSION (liturgist)

Throughout the ages, God has repeatedly rescued and restored God's people, tailoring their salvation to their circumstances. In Jesus Christ, God has moved decisively, forgiving all sins past, present, and future. With this confidence in Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, let us approach God again in prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Save us, O Lord! Purify us from all the wickedness both within and beyond. Liberate us from all that entangles and enslaves. Make us citizens of your Kingdom, who can embrace your providence even in our despair. And restore in us all that is broken. Wicked, enslaved, politically corrupt, languishing apart from you, and razed to the ground, we have nowhere to turn but to you. So, we turn again, returning to your love and grateful for your grace.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE *Fear, a Kyrie* Stephen Deeter, J.A. Schooley

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsive)

One: Amen. In the name of Jesus Christ, you have been restored.

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

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **Hymnal Page 583**

*"Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!"*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING **Ezra 1:1-7**

ANTHEM *I Will Lift Mine Eyes* Jake Runested

SCRIPTURE READING **Nehemiah 2:1-8**

SERMON *"Out of the Ruins"*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory **Mosso in a minor** Ch. H. Rinck

*Doxology (Unison) Hymn #608

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore*

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #422 *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"* Create In Me

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *May the Peace of the Lord Go with You* Charles Yannerella

POSTLUDE *This Is My Father's World* arr. Mark Hayes



Venmo

PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Bri Schooley, Julie Schnitker Nickels, Megan (Jenny Ludwig's great-niece), Miranda Douglas, Kat Nic, Scarlet Gensler-Nic, Lyn Long, Marcy St. John, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Scott Muellich & David & Mindy Shaner (relatives of Scotty Huntington); Anna Beeker's parents, Jenny Breyer (niece of Mary Clarke), 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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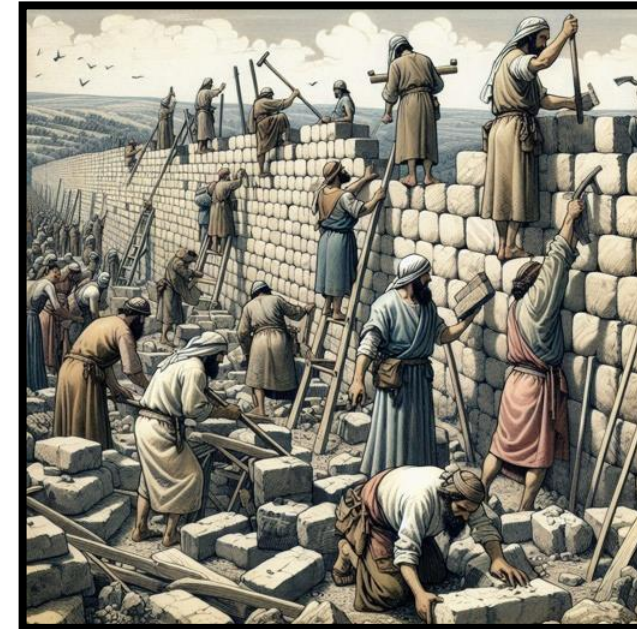
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When God Restored Our Common Life

1. When God restored our common life, our hope, our liberty, at first it seemed a passing dream a waking fantasy; a shock of joy swept over us, for we had wept so long; the seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.
2. We went forth weeping, sowing seeds in hard, unyielding soil; with laughing hearts we carry home the fruit of all our toil. We praise the One who gave the growth, with voices full and strong. The seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.
3. Great liberating God, we pray for all who are oppressed. My those who long for what is right with justice now be blest. We pray for those who mourn this day, and all who suffer wrong; may seeds they water now with tears spring up into a song.

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Palm Sunday Pot-Luck!

Join us after service on Sunday April 13th for a Church Family Pot-Luck and to welcome the new members!

Meat, rolls, and dessert as well as table service will be provided you only need to bring a salad or side dish to share!
Come and let us break bread in joy together!

ALL are welcome!

Week of April 6 thru April 13

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:15 a.m.	Coffee & Fellowship (FH)
	5:00 p.m.	Kourtney Hill Masters Recital
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Green Lounge)
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation/Recovery Group (Green Lounge)
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Book Group (Green Lounge)
	5:30 p.m.	Session mtg. (Gathering Place)
	7:00 p.m.	Water-to-Wine Circle Sip/Craft Night
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. (FH)
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
	4:30 p.m.	Trustee's mtg. (Gathering Place)
	5:30 p.m.	WeMeet dinner and book group discussion
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
	9:30 a.m.	Staff mtg. in pastor's office
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir rehearsal (Bell Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group (FH)
FRIDAY	4:00 p.m.	Helping Hands at 1st Christen Church
SATURDAY	10:00 a.m.	WC Mobile Health Van (church parking lot)
	5:30 p.m.	Phi Mu Alpha's recital (Fellowship Hall)
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Church Potluck (FH) and welcoming new members



WeMeet this week we will continue our study of the Screwtape letters! We will begin with chapters/letters 17-24 and read 8 letters each week. You can come just for dinner or just for the study or both! Dinner will be served at 5:30pm book discussion will begin at 6:15pm.

DEACONS
Following to Lead | Leading to Serve

Helping Hands is an ecumenical project supporting the BG community with food and hygiene items on the second Friday of the month.

Our church supports the program with donations of hygiene and cleaning products. For April, we are in need of **laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dish soap, shampoo and cream rinse, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby diapers (sizes 2-6), wet wipes, paper towels, toilet paper.** Your donations are greatly appreciated and will be picked up from the bin located in the church lobby on Sunday, April 6th for the next distribution date of Friday, April 11th.

CHORAL SCHOLAR APRIL RECITALS 2025

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APRIL 2025

**KARLI CHRIST
VOCAL RECITAL**

2PM BRYAN RECITAL HALL, BGSU

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APRIL 2025

**KOURTNEY HILL
GRADUATE CHOIR RECITAL**

5PM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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APRIL 2025

**SAMUEL SCHEELE
MICRO-OPERA CONCERT**

8PM BRYAN RECITAL HALL, BGSU

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APRIL 2025

**ZACHARY ORTEGA
COMPOSITION RECITAL**

8PM BRYAN RECITAL HALL, BGSU

holy week Events Calendar

Sunday, April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday

10 a.m. Special Hymns and Lessons Worship

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

11:30 a.m. Church potluck and new member welcome meal to follow worship



[No WeMeet on Wednesday, March 27]

Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. Dinner-and-Worship in Fellowship Hall

*Communion will be served at your table



Friday, April 18 - Good Friday

7 p.m. Special Bowling Green Ministerial Association-led service at St. Mark's Lutheran Church

*Featuring a special Good Friday Cantata sung by multiple church choirs.



Sunday, April 30 – Easter Sunday

10 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship

Communion worship service featuring special music with a brass quintet, the Presby bell choir, as well as the choir One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and Fish Collection

