

Order of Worship

April 15, 2018 — Third Sunday of Easter

*Please stand ... in body or in spirit, as you are comfortable.

Bold words are spoken in unison

Bold Italics are words sung in unison

When author Madeleine L'Engle was asked, "Do you believe in God without any doubts?" she replied, 'I believe in God with all my doubts.'

~ Bruce Epperly

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

Andante Tranquillo

Higgs

Jason Aquila, Organist

ENTRANCE OF LIGHT OF CHRIST, a symbol of Jesus' presence

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Like the disciples who met the risen Christ,

All: we come hoping for unexpected appearances of God's love.

One: We come with our questions and doubts, and listen for Christ to appear in our midst saying:

All: "Peace be with you."

One: "Touch me and see who I am" says Jesus: We look around at the lives of our neighbors and guests, and seek the power of the risen Christ at work there, offering peace, offering hope, offering courage, offering transformation.

**All: We are witnesses to the tangible love of Jesus!
Come, let us worship!**

*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 241

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

Please Keep the Following People in Your Prayers

David Greenwell (brother of Donna Greenwell)

Lois Schultz

Lyda Dacek (friend of Marcia Powles)

Mary Kanzeg

Paula Deal

The family of Pearl Wood

Bob Ebert (friend of many)

Anita Spaeta (cousin of Diane and Dave Kvasnicka)

Marisol Stokes (one of our cleaning persons)

John Derrick (cousin of the Mealys)

Konnie Wenneman

Pamela Bloomingdale (niece of Konnie Wenneman)

Bob Patzwahl

Carol Adams

Marge Hall

Paulette Taylor (friend of Jane Huml)

Nola Branch

Chuck Hughes

Chuck Zaugg

Jim Gartner (son of Ruth Gartner)

Gail Rattray and son Brian (relatives of Sandy Evans)

Andy Bischof

Steve Kneale (son of Jane Huml)

Katie Gartner (granddaughter of Ruth Gartner)

Joyce Droescher

Jane Huml

Duncan Simpson (grandson of Carole Adams)

Julie Simpson (daughter of Carole Adams)

Megan Moran

Jeremy Steinbrick (grandson of Andy & Jan Bischof)

Jon Fields (friend of Chuck & Carol Mealy)

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Today, April 15

Third Sunday of Easter

Monday, April 16

Yoga, 11:15 a.m.

Consistory postponed till April 23

Tuesday, April 17

Quilters 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 18

Carillon Bell Choir, 7 p.m.

Chancel Choir, 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 19

Dinner at Berea Union Depot Tavern, 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 22

Fourth Sunday of Easter
EARTH DAY



SAVE THE DATE! The Chancel Choir's spring concert, **Feelin' the Love**, takes place **May 20 at 3 p.m.** The concert will feature such favorites as *What the World Needs Now is Love*, *It Had to be*

You, *Where is Love*, *The Nearness of You*, and many more selections!

ADOPT A PLOT Consider adopting a small plot of landscaping to care for during spring and summer. Great spiritual rewards will come from a modest investment of time. See Bonnie Hawver with questions.

THURSDAY EVENING GATHERING Join us **April 19 at 5 p.m.** at the Berea Union Depot Tavern, 30 Depot Street, in Berea. Sign up in the Gathering Room for this festive evening!

YOGA CLASS Yoga classes meet Mondays at 11:15 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MAY 6 right after worship to vote on the Constitution and Bylaws.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FROM NURSE GAYLE

Thursday, April 26, 12-1 p.m., Fellowship Hall: Brown bag lunch on **Funeral and Burial Alternatives**. A representative from the Cleveland Memorial Society will be the guest speaker. Bring your own lunch — beverage and dessert will be provided.

Thursday, May 24, 2018, Brain Fit! Get Those Neurons Firing 12-1 p.m., Fellowship Hall: Maggie Walsh from Brookside Senior Living is the presenter. Box lunches and beverages will be provided. Sign up by May 16. Sign up sheets for both are in the Gathering Room.

***WE PRAY TOGETHER**

Let us pray together:

Loving God, the eyes of your disciples were opened when Jesus blessed the bread, and broke it, and gave it to them. Strip the shutters from our spiritual sight, that we may discern your true Presence in the common gifts of life, celebrate with all who love him, and help those who do not know him to understand his desire for relationship with them. To the praise of his name, who in the perfect fellowship of the Holy Spirit lives and loves with you, our one loving God now forever. Amen.

***WE SING PRAISE TO GOD**

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE LISTEN FOR OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Margaret Borrelli, Minister of Faith Formation

(Following these moments, our children recess to their Sunday Morning Program. Our nursery is available for infants, and there is a lounge opposite the sanctuary where the service may be heard. You may wish to join in blessing the children as they go by singing:)

***Go now in peace; go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
ev'-ry-where, ev'-ry-where you ... may ... go.***

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHANCEL CHOIR

*Always By Our Side
Burrows/Arr. McDonald
Carol Peddie, Director
Leslie Patzwahl, flute*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession
Words of Assurance

MESSAGE FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

1 John 3:1-7, Acts 3:12-19
The Inclusive Language Bible

Our God is still speaking:

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-48 (NRSV, page 965)

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Doubts Welcomed Here

Pastor R. Brooke Baker

Interim Pastor for Worship & Pastoral Care

*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 255

Jesus, Sovereign, Savior

WE RESPOND TO OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD

THE PASTOR'S PRAYER

WE PRAY TOGETHER THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

Our Father (God), who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

WE OFFER OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN GRATITUDE TO GOD

Invitation and Offering

Beloved family in Christ, we should be called children of God because of God's love for us which is as creative as a mother and as generous as a father. Let us offer our gifts in order to care for God's family in this church and throughout the world.

Offertory Music

Adagio in D
Goodwin
Jason Aquila, Organist

*WE SING OUR SONG OF PRAISE

No. 780

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.***

*WE DEDICATE OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

Let us pray together:

Life-Giving God, may you bless our gifts and let them go forth from us to benefit all of your children with wisdom, compassion, and imagination. Amen.

*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 262

Hail, O Festal Day! (verses 1-2 — Easter lyrics)

THE PASTOR OFFERS FINAL WORDS AND A BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

Fughetta in F

Telemann

Jason Aquila, Organist

DEPART TO BE THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE WORLD

*Call to Worship, Call to Offering, and Prayer of Thanksgiving from UCC
Worship Ways; Gathering Prayer adapted from bruceprewer.com.*

SPECIAL THANKS THIS MORNING:

Liturgist: Julie Barnes; **Acolytes:** Victoria and Ben Miller

Flowers and Bulletins: Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Emma Kozar in memory of her husband, Joe. Today's bulletins are sponsored by Karen Farmer, "in loving memory of my mother, Doris Farmer."

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All are Welcome

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