



# Union Presbyterian Church

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022 | 10AM

Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate. In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and respond to the Word.

**Bold text** is read or sung by the congregation.

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

In 1968 Easter fell 10 days after MLK's assassination. The text was written to express an Easter in hope while mindful of that terrible event.

Confession is our opportunity to be honest with God, so that our relationship may be restored and our hearts reconciled.

## Gather

### Welcome and Announcements

*Please help us to know you by signing the fellowship pad. If you have a prayer request, please complete a blue prayer card. Place both in the offering plate when it is passed.*

### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

God has made this day.

**Let us rejoice and be glad.**

The God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead raises us to new life daily.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### \*Hymn 267 (v.1,4,5)

*Christ is Alive!*

TRURO

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.**

**Let streets and homes with praises ring.**

**Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

### Prayer of Praise

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you encourage us with your love, bringing new life out of death. We confess that we need your life-giving power in our lives and our relationships. We have hurt others and been hurt by them. We are often angry or afraid. We are not sure when to assert our needs and when to care for others' needs. We continue to live in ways which do not lead to peace and justice. Forgive us, O God. Pour your Spirit of wisdom and healing upon us, so that by our lives and our loving, we may glorify you.**  
*(Silent prayers of confession)*

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Family of faith, hear the good news. Instead of judgment God offers us unimaginable grace. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven and freed for abundant life.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*Eastertide Alleluia 591**      *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

HALLE, HALLE

**\*Sharing Christ's Peace**

Because God has given us the peace of forgiveness, let us also be at peace with one another. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## Engage

**Song for Illumination**      *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

OPEN THE EYES

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see you. I want to see you.**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see you. I want to see you.  
To see you high and lifted up shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."**

**Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.  
I want to see you.**

### Children's Message

#### Scripture Reading

John 21:9-14

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to us. This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ!**

#### Message

*Ordinary Sacred*

Rev. Lisa Stenner

**\*Hymn 751 (v.1,4,5,6)**

*We Will Rise Up and Follow*

HAMILTON

**From the nets of our labors, through the noise and confusion,  
from the city or seashore, Jesus summons us all.**

*Chorus*

**We will rise up and follow, Christ before and beside us,  
loving pattern to guide us, as we answer the call.**

**When we hear words of hatred spreading fear or false witness,  
words that cry to be challenged, Jesus summons us all. [Chorus]**

**In each moment of courage, steadfast even through trembling;  
in the yearning for justice, Jesus summons us all. [Chorus]**

**Like disciples before us, from the city or seashore,  
risking selfless compassion: Jesus summons us all. [Chorus]**

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient practices of worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

Children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger are invited to come to the steps of the chancel.

PC-USA pastor Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette wrote this hymn text for today's reading encouraging worshipers to find themselves in the story.



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# Respond

## Offering of Our Time, Talent and Treasure

Financial offerings support the Body of Christ through the life and mission of Union Presbyterian Church. You may give online [www.unionpresby.org](http://www.unionpresby.org) automated giving through your bank, via Venmo @UnionPresby and through snail mail.

### \*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Christ all you creatures here below.  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.  
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen**

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

#### \*Hymn 755 (v.2,3)

*Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*

NETTLETON

**Alleluia! God sustains us. Matchless are the gifts we share  
light in darkness, hope in conflict, answers to our deepest prayer.  
Ours to give as we are given, arms to lift when others fall  
images of God's great goodness, faithful servants to God's call.**

**Alleluia! Holy Parent, all your children now reclaim  
may our lives reflect your justice, heirs to your most sacred name.  
Fill our hearts with understanding. Brace our weakness by your might  
awesome honor, born in wisdom; your great glory, our delight.**

### \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Postlude

Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God's people

## Worship Leaders

Cheryl Martinez, Accompanist  
Elle & Teddy Springer, Acolytes  
Neil Fairweather, Liturgist

## Birthdays

May 16 Brian Fry, Miranda Kavanaugh  
May 21 Andrea Vanzant

## Prayers

Lynn Jasensky, Jan Lawson, Sue Bosse

**Officer Training** is underway. Please be in prayer for our officers elect: Bob Janes & Nancy Shupe – elder; Julie Bailey, Lisa Denham, Genesis Henslee, & Ollie Seidman – deacons. They are prayerfully studying for their examination by the Session in preparation for ordination and installation on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**June is Pride Month**, and we have multiple options for celebration and advocacy. NKY Pride parade & festival is Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. The parade is at 1pm, and the festival lasts until 5pm. Cincy Pride is Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. The parade is at 11am, and the festival continues at Sawyer Point. Sign up in the narthex or on the website to participate in either or both events.



## Quarter Auction to Benefit UPC Youth Thursday, June 9th

Our Youth are again partnering with the NKY Women Entrepreneurs to host a Quarter Auction fundraiser! All the action will take place at the Florence Lions Club on LaCresta Drive.

What's a QA? Think auction meets raffle \$.25 at a time! It's fast-paced fun. Participants can win lots of great prizes, get some great deals, and help send our youth to summer conferences.

You can help by inviting friends to participate in the auction. This is a great night out for work buddies, your book club, families, and friends.

**How can you be involved now?** Our youth are collecting gift cards to local restaurants and attractions as well as gift basket items to be raffled. You may drop off items in the church office.

### SESSION

Moderator: Reverend Lisa Stenner

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