CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702

May 7, 2023

The Order for Morning Worship
Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023 Ten-Thirty O'Clock

**At these moments, we invite you to stand in body or spirit*

Please silence all electronic devices prior to the service

Nursery is available as needed, please text/call 234-262-0016.
Children's church (age 3-5th grade) is available after the Children's sermon

Assemble in God's Name

Voluntary "Toccata in C Major," BWV 564 J. S. Bach

Worship and Welcome Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God,
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. *1 Pet. 2:4*

People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

***Hymn #260** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" Hyfrydol

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, in Christ you have shown us the way,
revealed to us your truth,
and offered to us everlasting life. *John 14:6*
Keep our eyes upon him,
that we may see your path more clearly,
know your truth more fully,
and receive your life more abundantly;
through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit
in eternal glory. Amen.

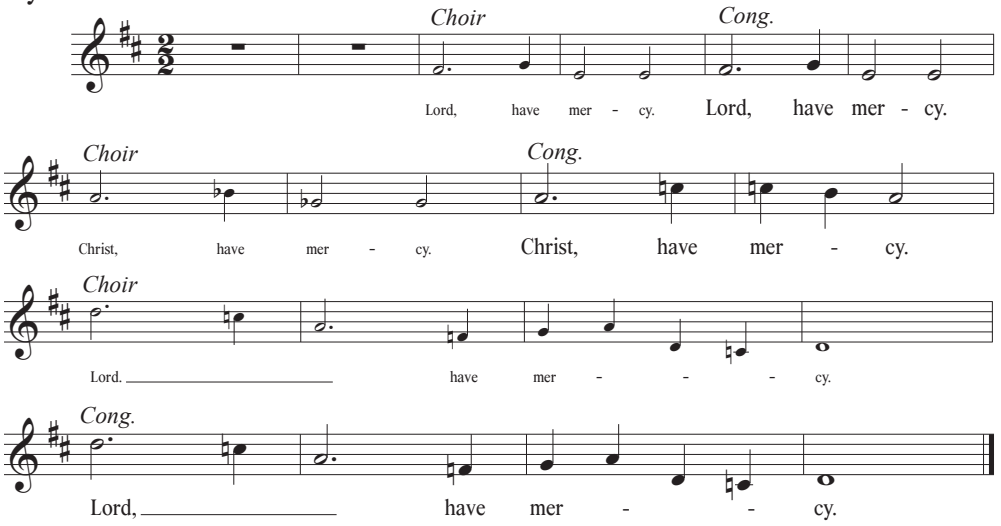
Call to Confession

Whoever believes in Christ will not be put to shame. *1 Pet. 2:8; Ps. 31:1*
Confident in this promise,
let us confess our sin before God
and one another.

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Almighty God,
your word offers freedom from sin,
but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. *1 Pet. 2:7*
We have harbored malice toward our enemies;
we have been deceitful in our relationships;
we have been insincere in our commitments;
through gossip we have slandered our friends. *1 Pet. 2:1*
Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance.
Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk
that we may grow into the joy of salvation *1 Pet. 2:2*
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Kyrie A. Fedak



***Assurance of Pardon**

Sisters and brothers,
once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy. *1 Pet. 2:10*
In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Response to the Assurance of Pardon: Hymn #587** Celtic Alleluia

Children are now invited to come forward.

Listen for God's Word Read and Proclaimed

Message for Children

Following the children's message, children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to follow the teachers out the pulpit-side door for Kids' Church. They can be picked up in the lower level following the service.

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, as we listen to your holy Word,
open our hearts to the power of your Spirit,
call us out of darkness,
and lead us into your marvelous light. **Amen**. *1 Pet. 2:9*

First Reading Acts 7:55–60

"The Living Stone"

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p. 891
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 153

Gospel Reading John 14:1–14

"Jesus Will Care for Us

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible p. 877
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible pp. 132–33

Hymn #692 "Spirit, Open My Heart" Wild Mountain Thyme

(please remain seated)
choir: refrain and verse 1
all: refrain, verse 1, and refrain

Sermon "The Stewardship of Christlikeness: Care and Kindness" Rev. Dave de Vries

"Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Our Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Nicene Creed,* p. 34

Holy Communion—See Insert

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem "The Call" Kenneth Jennings

Come my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a Way as gives us breath;
such a Truth as ends all strife;
such a Life as killeth death.
Come my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a Light as shows a feast;
such a Feast as mends in length;
such a Strength as makes his guest.
Come my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a Joy as none can move;
such a Love as none can part;
such a Heart as joys in love.

***Doxology** Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty God,
receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness.
Make our lives to be an acceptable offering in union with our risen Lord,
who lives and reigns with you forever.
Amen.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Closing Hymn #800** "Sometimes a Light Surprises" Salley Gardens

***Benediction**

Response: "Sevenfold Amen" Peter Lutkin

Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of May 7, 2023

Using Sunday's Order of Worship, we enter into worship and prayer every day of the week. We worship together…separately.

The Call to Worship
The Prayer of Adoration (followed by silence)
The Prayer of Confession (followed by silence)
The Assurance of Pardon
Scripture Readings: Worship texts for May 14, 2023

Mon: Ezekiel 11:14–20	Thurs: John 14:15–21
Tues: Psalm 66:8–20	Fri: Ezekiel 11:14–20
Wed: 1 Peter 3:13–22	Sat: Psalm 66:8–20

Silent Meditation and Prayer (Listening for God's Voice in Scripture and Silence)
Prayers of the People (Lifting others before God)
Prayer of Dedication
Becoming Familiar with Holy Scripture (If you wish to become more familiar with the Bible and the best known stories of Scripture)
The New Covenant is Predicted (Jeremiah 31)

Preparing for Sunday, May 14, 2023
Consider: According to the psalmist, God brought the people through trials, tests, burdens, and pain to a spacious place of life, breath, and salvation. God heard their prayers and opened them to deliverance. Where have you felt such a spacious place? What story do you tell of the ways that God is blessing you? What story does your faith community tell of the ways in which God is blessing them?

The Cathedral Hour today is made possible by the Mr. and Mrs. Alvin J. Gibbs Endowment.

Chancel flowers today are given in loving memory of the Mildred Fife Beck family by Mary Ann Beck.

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Becky Banfield
David Hudson
Nancy Okonak
Bert Smith
Byrdie Stocker
Adam Wiggins

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Crucifer: Megan Cooper

Liturgist
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Activities for the Week of May 7, 2023

Sunday, May 7, 2023

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:00–9:30 a.m.	Children's Choir (Choir Room)
9:00 a.m.	Children and Youth Classes open
9:15–10:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Westminster Hall)
9:30–10:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
12:00 p.m.	Youth Group (pick up at 2 p.m.)

Monday

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Parlor)
1:00 p.m.	Property Meeting (Parlor)

Tuesday

9:30 a.m.	Pastor Dave's Bible Study (Parlor)
11:15–12:15 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m.	Mission Ministry (Parlor)

Wednesday

8:00–9:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
8:00 a.m.	Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry
3:30 p.m.	Worship Ministry (Parlor)
6:00 p.m.	The Open Door Small Group (Pine Room)
6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry (Parlor)
7:00 p.m.	Deacon's Meeting (Parlor)

Thursday

9:30–11:00 a.m	Women's Bible Study (Parlor and Zoom)
7:15–9:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)

Friday, May 12

12:00 p.m.	Personnel Meeting (Zoom)

Saturday, May 13

8:00 a.m.	Food Ministry (Westminster Hall)

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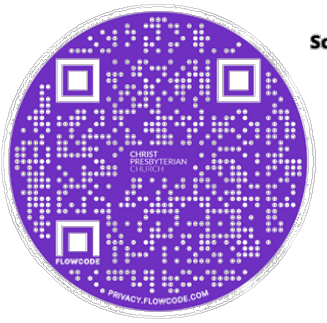

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The Great Thanksgiving

The bread used for Holy Communion
is free of nuts, gluten, egg, dairy, and preservatives

***Invitation to the Lord's Table**

***Communion Hymn #252** "Lo, I am With You" Raabe
verses 3 and 4 only

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your Spirit.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
At the beginning of time,
your Spirit moved upon the waters of chaos
as you called forth land and sea,
mountain and valley,
desert and tundra,
jungle and grassy plain.
Your Spirit went before Moses and the Hebrew children,
a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night,
leading them through the wilderness.
People: Your Spirit roused the hearts of the prophets
who proclaimed your judgment upon the nations
and called for repentance among your people.
Leader: For these mighty acts of your Holy Spirit,
we praise your name and join in the eternal hymn
of all the angels and saints who sing:
People: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son.
By your Spirit you anointed him to bring good news to the poor
and to proclaim release to the captives.
By your Spirit, Jesus confronted the demons of oppression.
In your Spirit he rejoiced as his disciples did great work in his name.
At his death on the cross Jesus yielded up his spirit to you,
and by the Holy Spirit you raised him from the dead.
This same enlivening Spirit
Jesus promised to all who keep his commandment to love as he has loved.
On the night he was betrayed he took bread,

gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Take, eat, this is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."
When the supper was over, he took the cup and gave thanks, saying,
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this is remembrance of me."
Therefore, in remembrance of the mighty acts and blessed promises of Jesus,
we offer ourselves to you in union with his offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died,**
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Leader: Send your Holy Spirit upon us, gathered here out of love for you,
and on this bread and wine.
Let the bread we break
be true fellowship in the body of Christ.

People: **Let the cup we share**
be a true participation in the new covenant in his blood.

Leader: By your Spirit manifest in us the power of your redeeming love
that we may be Christ for the world,
serving in his name.

People: **Through your son Jesus Christ,**
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all glory and honor is yours,
almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Music during Communion

"Andante sostenuto" from *Symphony no. 9* C. M. Widor