CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702

Eastern Orthodox icon of Jesus Christ as the True Vine
16th century
Byzantine and Christian Museum, Athens, Greece

April 28, 2024

The Order for Morning Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 — 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 in the Children's area on the lower level.
Children's church (age 3–5th grade) is available after the Children's sermon

Assemble in God's Name

Voluntary "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" Robert Hobby

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: In the wilderness, water brings life.
People: Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.
Leader: In the Word of God, the good news gives light.
People: Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.
Leader: In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.
People: Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.
Leader: Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity. Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

***Hymn #484** "Out of Deep, Unordered Water" Rustington

***Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)**

Wondrous Vinegrower, you make all things new in water and Word,
feeding your people with love, joy, and peace.
Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings.
Teach us to love what you have commanded
and to prune what does not nourish your creation,
in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

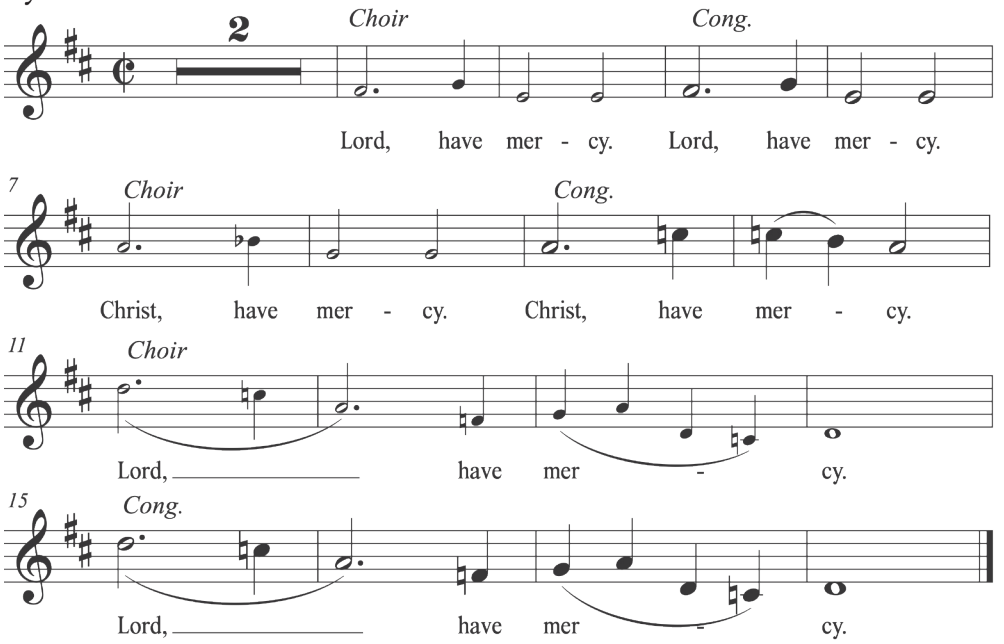
Call to Confession

Trusting in the mercy of God,
let us confess to God and to one another
our failure to love our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

God of mercy,
we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. *John 15:5*
We have not loved others as you have loved us.
We have denied the promises of baptism
and cut ourselves off from you.
Forgive us, restore us,
that we may abide in your love
and live out your mercy,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Kyrie Fedak



***Assurance of Pardon**

You have already been cleansed by the word
that God has spoken to you. *John 15:3*
In baptism God claimed you
and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine.
Believe the promise given to you:
in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

Alleluia…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

Come, Holy Spirit,
that through your word we may be guided
into the love of God for all the world. **Amen**.

First Reading *"Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch"* Acts 8:26–40
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible pp. 892–93
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 154

Second Reading *"God Is Love"* 1 John 4:7–21
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p. 991
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 292–93

Hymn #285 "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" Bridegroom

Gospel Reading *"Jesus the True Vine"* John 15:1–8
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible p. 878
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible pp. 133–34

Sermon "Abide in Me" Rev. Michael Wallace
"Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches."

Our Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed,* p. 35

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

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem "Come Away to the Skies" Alice Parker
Come away to the skies, my beloved arise,
and rejoice in the day thou wast born,
on this festival day come exulting away,
and with singing to Zion return
We have laid up our love and our treasures above,
though our bodies continue below;
the redeem'd of the Lord shall remember His word,
and with singing to Paradise go.
Hallelujah we sing to our Father and King,
and His rapturous praises repeat;
to the Lamb that was slain, Hallelujah again;
sing all heaven and fall at His feet.

***Doxology: Hymn #606** Old Hundredth
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 (*in unison*)**
Through our offerings, O God,
give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort.
Make our many gifts one offering for the world;
in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith
Minute for Mission: Jim Camp, Habitat for Humanity

***Hymn #836** "Abide with Me" Eventide

*Benediction
***Response** "Peace I Leave with You" Glandorf

Voluntary "Fanfare" Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

At Rest
Lewis A. Gibbs ✠ April 20, 2024

Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of April 28, 2024

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 5, 2024

Mon: Acts 10:44–48	Thurs: John 15:9–17
Tues: Psalm 98	Fri: Acts 10:44–48
Wed: 1 John 5:1–6	Sat: Psalm 98

Silent Meditation and Prayer (Listening for God's Voice in Scripture and Silence)
Prayers of the People (Lifting others before God)
Prayer of Dedication

Preparing for Sunday, May 5 2024

Consider: In our Gospel lesson this week, Jesus speaks of his extreme love for us, calls us his friends, and says that he makes known to us everything that he hears from God. How does thinking of Christ as our friend and lover—or Lord and Master—affect our daily living?

The Cathedral Hour this morning is given with thanks to our Lord God for the life of Erich Dominik from Karen, Heather, Kai and Angela.

The Chancel flowers are given for the glory of God from Rose & Geoffrey Darling

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Prayers adapted from *Feasting on the Word* and *The Book of Common Worship*

HEARING LOOP INSTALLED
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

Activities for the Week of April 28, 2024

Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:30 AM	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:00 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:15 AM	Sunday School (Multiple Locations)
9:15 AM	Confirmation Class (Youth Room)
9:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:45 AM	Youth Group

Monday

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (Parlor)

Tuesday

11:15 AM	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday

9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study (Parlor)
1:30 PM	Alzheimer Caregiver Support Group (Parlor)
6:00 PM	Chancel Choir Banquet (Canton Woman's Club)

Sunday, May 5, 2024

8:30 AM	Worship Service (Chapel)
8:30 AM	Youth Group Trip to Kennywood
9:00 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:15 AM	Sunday School (Multiple Locations)
9:15 AM	Confirmation Class (Youth Room)
9:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:30 AM	Neighborhood VBS Volunteer Meeting (West. Hall)