

Fifth



SUNDAY

IN LENT



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Bonnie Johansen-Werner

† Call to Worship

JT Norris

L: Let everyone who thirsts come and drink deeply!

P: Here all who hunger may satisfy themselves freely.

L: Why should we spend our money for that which is not bread?

P: Why do we labor for that which cannot satisfy?

Leader: Here you may feast on the goodness of the Lord.

P: Now those who hunger and thirst for righteousness shall be filled.

L: It shall be to the Lord a memorial,

P: And for us an everlasting sign that we shall not be cut off.

Leader: What shall we say?

**All: If God is for us, who can stand against us? Thank you, Lord.
Amen.**

† Hymn of Praise

#509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, You are the great inviter, always extending a welcome to us. We respond with caution, fearful of what may be required of us. We respond with narrow delight, hoping the invitation is only for us and not for "them." We respond hesitantly, not trusting or believing that You really want and invite us. We respond with excuses, waiting to make a full commitment, waiting to give more until we feel ready. Tender God, release us from the grip of our fears and guilt. Enable us to respond to Your invitation to pray, to give, to serve. Make us open to receiving what You give and to risking something new for You. And help us to follow the example of Jesus in all areas of our lives. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#182 (1)

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon My breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;

I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Anthem

Chancel Choir

My Song Is Love Unknown

Mark Schweizer

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die? Christ came from heaven's throne salvation to bestow, but people scorned and none the longed for Christ would know. But O my friend indeed, who at my need His life did spend. Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine: Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine. This is my friend in whose sweet praise I all my days would gladly spend.

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 12:14–17 (NRSV)

“This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. ¹⁵ Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; on the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses, for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day shall be cut off from Israel. ¹⁶ On the first day you shall hold a solemn assembly and on the seventh day a solemn assembly; no work shall be done on those days; only what everyone must eat, that alone may be prepared by you. ¹⁷ You shall observe the Festival of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your companies out of the land of Egypt: you shall observe this day throughout your generations as a perpetual ordinance.

L: The Word of the Lord. P: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 138 (St. Catherine)

#334

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

With grateful heart my thanks I bring,
before the “gods” Your praise I sing;

I worship in Your holy place and praise You for Your truth and grace;
for truth and grace together shine in Your most holy Word divine.

I cried to You, and You did save;
Your Word of grace new courage gave.
The kings of earth shall thank You, Lord,
for they have heard Your wondrous Word;
yes, they shall come with songs of praise,
for great and glor'ous are Your ways.

O Lord, enthroned in glory bright,
You reign above in heavenly height;
the proud in vain Your favor seek but You have mercy for the meek;
through trouble though my pathway be,
You will revive and strengthen me.

You will stretch forth Your mighty arm to save me when my foes alarm;
The work You have for me begun shall by Your grace be fully done.
Your love forever will endure; Your mercy, Lord, is ever sure.

† **The Gospel Lesson:** Luke 22:14–23 (NRSV)

When the hour came, He took his place at the table, and the apostles with Him. ¹⁵ He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, ¹⁶ for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷ Then He took a cup, and after giving thanks He said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, ¹⁸ for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹ Then He took a loaf of bread, and when He had given thanks He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁰ And He did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood. ²¹ But see, the one who betrays Me is with Me, and his hand is on the table. ²² For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom He is betrayed!” ²³ Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ! **P: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

The Journey to Questioning

✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: *Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]
What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Acknowledgement *Special Offering: Backpack Ministry*

† **Doxology**

#711 (1, 3)

Lord of All Good

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to You;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
That our whole life is offered to Your will.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
to You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those He loved until the end:
and His disciples still gather there
to celebrate their risen Friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave His own:
to share His bread, His loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
He by His cross shall lift us up.

✠ **The Lord's Supper** ✠

Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right . . . Hear us, gracious God, as we join creation's song
and sing Your eternal praise:

**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. Hosanna in the highest.

. . . With thanksgiving, we celebrate the good news bringing great
joy in celebration of an empty tomb as we proclaim the mystery
of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. (2x)

Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit . . . Through Christ, all
glory and honor are Yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit
in the holy church, now and forever.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(We will receive communion in our pews. Please eat the piece of bread individually and retain the cup until all have received it and we take it together.)

Prayer After Communion

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#733

We All Are One in Mission

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

Postlude

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)

Francois Couperin

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Kelly Hanni*

Liturgist: *JT Norris*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 80
General Offering: \$4,455.00
CAREs: \$50.00
Clean Start: \$62.31
Disaster Relief: \$200.00
Easter Flowers: \$135.00
One Great Hour of Sharing: \$50.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$260.00
Online Offering: \$125.00
Total Offering: \$5,212.31

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

► **Sunday, April 6**

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m. cancelled

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Genesis Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. cancelled

► **Wednesday, April 9**

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

Lenten Worship/Noon, First Christian Church (DoC)

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

► **Thursday, April 10**

Men's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 p.m.

Horizons Bible Study, 5:15 p.m.

College Care Packages



The Empty Nesters group is organizing a care package initiative for our college students during the month of April. We will have boxes available in the Narthex for anyone who would like to contribute. If you're interested in participating, please feel free to drop off a note of encouragement, a treat, or a gift card to help our students get through their final exams. Your support can make a big difference during this stressful time.

Easter Jam

All children from birth to grade 6 and their families are invited to join us for our annual Easter Jam on **Sunday, April 13** following morning worship . We will have pizzas and chicken nuggets for lunch, followed by crafts, games and an Easter egg hunt. **We are currently collecting candy and novelty items for the BUNNY STORE.**



Maundy Thursday

We will observe Maundy **Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m.** This service combines the Lord's Supper with a Service of Darkness leading us from the upper room to the burial of Jesus following His crucifixion and death.



"Do Everything in Love"

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

2025 Spring Gathering

for All Women in Transylvania

Presbytery

Saturday, April 26, 2025

at The Cynthiana Presbyterian Church

**See Bettie
George for
more
information**

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Registration

coffee & refreshments

10:00 a.m. Gathering including lunch

Lunch and Registration \$15.00 per person

Earth Care Reception

Following morning worship on **Sunday, April 27**, there will be a Youth-led Earth Care reception in the narthex. Our youth will present details about their project and discuss ways our congregation can support their efforts.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending April 3, 2025

Jimmy Hall

Mikayla Montgomery (Nanette's niece)

Week ending March 27, 2025

Barry Barbour

Family of Mark Marshall (David Murphy's uncle)

Francie Norris (JT Norris' sister)

Bob Poore

Week ending March 20, 2025

Grace Atwell (Trish Hall's sister)

Walt Isaacs (Richard Isaacs' brother, Kelly Hanni's uncle)

Family of Ruby Jean Knight (Philip Lotspeich's grandmother)

Jim Price (Bettie George Frye)

Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Bill Gesling; Lee Hall; Charlie Holbrook; Dr. Matthew Lewis; Kenny McGill; Derek Payne; Nancy Payne; Bonnie Pettijohn; Tim Shephard; Kim Whitman; Jan Winans; Ann Wiseman

Kingsbrook Care Center: Barry Barbour

The Lantern: Carolyn Graber

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Kuwait); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2025	2026	2027
<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>	<i>Jimmy Hall</i>
<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee McCloud *</i>
<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>	<i>J.T. Norris *</i>
	*2nd term of service	

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
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