

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024

Announcements and greetings

*The assembly responds or joins in unison when our text is in **bold**.*

Centering Words:

God of goodness and mercy, follow me all my days! Source of grace and compassion, flow from me all my days!

Prelude

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Holden

Call to worship:

Come alive to the Spirit's energy among us.

God awakens us and restores our souls.

Gather to find comfort and blessing here.

We are invited to a higher quality of life.

God's love in Christ is with us everywhere.

We seek eternal values withing our daily walks.

*Opening hymn

In the Midst of New Dimensions

[#]FWS # 2238

1.

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways.

Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain:

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,

We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.

2.

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,

Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?

Refrain

3.

As we stand a world divided by our own self seeking schemes,

Grant that we, your global village might envision wider dreams

Refrain

4.

We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,

Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.

Refrain

5.

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,

May your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again.

Refrain

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Opening Prayer: In Unison

Risen Savior, we hear your voice calling us to follow. We remember our ancient brothers and sisters who gathered in prayer and praise. Today, we too gather in prayer and praise. Enliven us with your resurrection power—a power that frees us from despair. Enliven us with your abundant life. May your living power flow through us in all we are and do! Amen.

First Reading: **1 Peter 2:19-25**

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalter: **Psalm 23** Responsively with sung response 1

¹UMH page 754

Musical Response:

My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures;**

leads me beside still waters;

³ restores my soul.

leads me in right paths

for the sake of the Lord's name.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

Musical Response

⁵ You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

as long as I live.

Musical Response

Special Music

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Scott

Soloist: Jack Roberts

New Testament Reading: **Acts 2:42-47**

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Reading: **John 10:1-10**

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn of Preparation

We Need a Faith

²FWS # 2181

1.

**We need a faith so color blind, so free from time worn lies,
that when we look from face to face we see the eyes of God.**

2.

**We need an ethic of respect, an honest pledge of trust,
that when we share the deepest things we feel the warmth of God.**

3.

**We need to ask as well as speak, to see each other's sweat,
that as we labor side by side we do the work of God.**

4.

**Come, Christians, look for character and not for shade of skin,
that as we rend the walls of race we live the peace of God.**

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Message

Being the Church



the "Old" Way

1.

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided: great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

2.

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest; sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

Refrain

3.

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Refrain

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: In unison

**Loving Savior, Shepherd with the voice we know, be with us when we stray. For we often hear
the voices of strangers and follow them to dry pastures and dark valleys. We forget your voice
of love and begin to feel small and lost. We fear that we will not have enough to go on, much
less have a surplus to offer others. And yet you know us by heart and by name. Call us once
again. Restore our souls. Walk ahead of us on the right paths, and we will follow you.
Remembering your voice, we pray. Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment of quiet confession.

Words of assurance:

Know this, no matter how overwhelming your situation may seem, no matter how loud the voices of
doubt and despair, Jesus is with you.

Invitation to the Offering:

Some of the earliest memories of the church record acts of generosity, of meeting the needs of all.
The church earned the goodwill of everyone who witnessed and experienced this gladness. Let us
give with open hearts, as our ancient brothers and sisters did.

*Please submit your offering as you feel led by placing it in the plates on the altar railing, or text your gift to 833-756-
0325, or on our website: www.elyriafirstumc.org.*

Offertory

Jesus Loves Me

Bradbury

Offertory Prayer: In Unison

**God of Abundant Life, we devote ourselves and these gifts to your vision of a community that
meets the needs of any and all.**

**We give our gifts of money and work, of prayer and praise, of presence and purpose to our
friends and neighbors. Bless our offering, that it may meet the needs, both small and large, of
your great and generous blessings. Amen.**

*Closing hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

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1.

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored:**

Refrain:

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

2.

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:**

Refrain

3.

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
we will work with each other, we will work side by side;
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:**

Refrain

4.

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:**

Refrain

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Please be seated for closing announcements and the Benediction.

Benediction: Responsively

Everyone was struck with awe by the signs and wonders of the early church.

This week, we'll show signs and wonders of our church.

The resurrection power of Jesus Christ is upon you.

Jesus came that all may have life and have it abundantly!

May goodness and mercy flow from you all the days of your lives. Amen,

and Amen!

Postlude

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Miller/Jackson

Worship Participants

Preaching: Dr. Liz Piatt

Liturgist: Pat Skinner

Media: David Wilm

Musicians: Jack Roberts and the Chancel Choir

Sound room: Neal Hubbard, Bob Rice, and Cole Winslow

Ushers and Greeters: Bill Buga, Roger and Wendy Fleming, and Mike Zahnke

Each week, this service is broadcast live on radio station WEOL 930 AM/100.3 FM. Today's radio broadcast is sponsored with money from the Radio Fund. Thank you to those who donate to the fund which allows us to continue our radio ministry as we share God's love with the radio audience and the community.

The altar flowers are sponsored by Jim Slaughenhaupt in loving memory of his wife Dixie, in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary on June 12th.

If you are interested in joining our church family, please call the church office at 440.322.6622 or email our pastor at tennillep@elyriafirstumc.org.

If you have any pastoral needs or prayer concerns, please call the church office, 440.322.6622.

**Please stand as you are comfortable*

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² FWS ~ *The Faith We Sing* (soft cover hymnal)

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55th Session of the East Ohio Annual Conference 2024

Thursday, June 13 – Saturday, June 15

John S. Knight Center in Akron

Please pray for an outpouring of God's spirit on every worship service, business session, and time of fellowship at Annual Conference. May all that they do glorify God and bear witness to the love we have for our neighbor and the trust we have in Jesus Christ.

Lorain County Juneteenth Events

Lorain County is celebrating Juneteenth
in Elyria, Lorain and Oberlin.

June 15th - Juneteenth Celebration

Ely Square in Elyria

12noon - 5:00 pm

June 15th – “Awakening to Justice”

Movie Screening

Apollo Theatre in Oberlin

6:00 pm

June 16th - 11th Annual Juneteenth Bluesfest

Lakeview Park in Lorain

3:00-7:00 pm

June 19th- “A Higher Law”

Movie Screening

Palace Theatre in Lorain

6:00 pm

June Mission Focus:

Golden Cross

*"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long."*

—Psalm 23:6, NRSV

The observance of Golden Cross focuses on the work of health and welfare ministries and institutions and is divided among the East Ohio Health & Welfare covenant ministries. You offer hope and happiness to children, families and older adults through the health and welfare ministries. God works through our prayers and support in acts of mercy to bless the lives of individuals of all ages and at all stages of life.

A loving God, said the psalmist, promises "goodness and mercy" throughout life. Donations will be collected all month and can be made by cash, checks (indicate **Golden Cross** on the memo line) or online.

Community Breakfast Needs

Thank you for your continued support of this most needed ministry in our community. Praise God for the gracious faithful volunteers who make our work possible every Sunday! In addition to **plastic cutlery and plastic bags**, we are looking for someone to help on the **2nd Sunday of the month** to assist with sorting Panera goodies. If you would like more information on how you can help, please call the church office, or contact Linda Purdey, Community Breakfast Coordinator.

Open Sponsorship Dates

Altar Flower dates:

July 14, 21 and 28

Cost \$22

Radio Broadcast dates:

June 23 and 30

Cost \$300.00 full, \$150.00 half

Or you can contribute any amount to our Radio Fund!

Free Clothing Store

The Free Clothing Store is a labor of love! For our community to shop with dignity we need **hangers, clothing racks and kind spirits** who are willing to donate time. Please place any kind of hangers in the bin on the main level. The store will be open next **Saturday, June 22nd 10 am-12 pm**, please contact the church office at 440.322.6622 with questions or to volunteer.

Free Hygiene Store

One family can represent up to 5 or more people. Each Hygiene bag has: shampoo, conditioner, hand soap, laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, razors, deodorant, body wash, and cleaning products. Families with little ones receive diapers, wipes, baby wash, and baby lotion. Each month we need to have these items available. Our needs for June include the following items:

- **Shampoo & Conditioner** (dry shampoo too)
- **Dish Soap**
- **Toothbrushes and toothpaste for Kids**
- **Women's and men's Body wash, Deodorant, and Razors**
- **Tampons**
- **Diapers** (size 4, 5, 6, 7)
- **Pull-ups** (size 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T)
- **Baby wash and lotion**
- **Cleaning Supplies** (glass, bathroom, and toilet bowl cleaners)

Please place these items in the box located on the main level. Bless you!

The Free Store is open next

Saturday, June 22nd from 10 am-12 pm.

Summer Lunch Bunch

Bring a sack lunch on **Tuesdays this summer!**
We'll enjoy lunch together and play cards or games
in **Fellowship Hall at noon.**

Bible Study & Book Study

It's not too late to join the Bible & Book studies!

Wednesday mornings through July 19th (*no class July 3rd*) at **10 am** via Zoom we continue Adam Hamilton's book ***Wrestling With Doubt, Finding Faith***. *Books are available in the church office for \$14.*

Thursdays at **7 pm** via Zoom we have ***Jesus and John Wayne*** written by Kristin Kobes Du Mez study. *Books are available in the church office for \$16.*

Contact the church office for more information.

Courtyard Cookout

On **Sunday, June 23rd** come enjoy a cookout in the courtyard immediately after the 11 am worship service. We'll get together for lunch and fellowship. This is a time to celebrate our scholarship recipients.

See you there!

Scripture readings for the week:

Sunday, June 9: **1 Samuel 8:4-20; Psalm 138; Genesis 3:8-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35**

Monday, June 10: **Psalm 108; 1 Samuel 7:3-15; Revelation 20:1-6**

Tuesday, June 11: **Psalm 108; 1 Samuel 8:1-22; Revelation 20:7-15**

Wednesday, June 12: **Psalm 108; 1 Samuel 9:1-14; Luke 11:14-28**

Thursday, June 13: **Psalm 20; 1 Samuel 9:15-27; Hebrews 2:5-9**

Friday, June 14: **Psalm 20; 1 Samuel 10:1-8; Hebrews 11:4-7**

Saturday, June 15: **Psalm 20; 1 Samuel 13:1-15a; Mark 4:1-20**

Sunday, June 16: **1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13; Psalm 20; Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17;**

Mark 4:26-34