



Worship for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
2 Cents-a-Meal*

May 3, 2026 **Indicates you are invited to rise up.* **10:00 A.M. Worship**

WELCOME! We are glad you are worshipping here today. We pray that you find encouragement, joy, and peace as we gather around the Good News of our risen Lord. The mission of FPC is to be “a worshipping, welcoming, community of faith. We are called by God to be ambassadors of Christ to all people through preaching the Gospel, teaching discipleship, and serving in the name of Christ Jesus.”

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE “Cades Cove” Kelsey

WE BEGIN WITH INDIVIDUAL MEDITATION AND PRAYER John 14-15

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life,” says the Lord.

“No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

“I am the vine; you are the branches,” says the Lord.

“Those who abide in Me and I in them bear much fruit.”

***EASTER PROCLAMATION AND INVOCATION**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
With full hearts and minds and voices, we praise You, Holy God.
To ransom a slave, You gave us Your Son.
The Messiah has paid for us the debt of humanity's sin.
Lord God, how wonderful Your care for us!
How boundless Your merciful love!
Your perfect sacrifice transforms the lives of all believers.
Jesus Christ our King has risen indeed!
We offer You our heartfelt gratitude and praise! Alleluia! Amen!

* **HYMN OF CELEBRATION** “When Morning Gilds the Skies” No. 667

GOD’S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(In Unison)*

**God of Truth, as we hear the good news of Easter resurrection, fill our hearts with joy and wonder. Our Lord taught that no one can live by bread alone but must feast on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Give us a hunger for Your justice and righteousness and open our ears to hear Your promise of hope for all people. Alleluia and Amen!**

FIRST BIBLE READING

Psalm 31: 1-5, 16

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

“Agnus Dei”

Poorman

SECOND BIBLE READING

Isaiah 46: 3-10

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

SUNDAY MESSAGE

“God’s Faithful Presence Through All Our Days”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“The Apostles’ Creed”

No. 35

***HYMN**

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

No. 688

INTERCESSIONS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

No. 35

CHRIST’S PRESENCE IS SHOWN IN THE SACRAMENT

On Sundays, when we celebrate Communion, younger worshippers are encouraged to stay in the worship space to participate with their families and the congregation and to learn first-hand more about worship. On other weekends, we provide an option for children to go to special age-appropriate activities, where they continue to worship and to grow in faith.

THE PRAYER OF “GREAT THANKSGIVING”

The Lord be with you... **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts... **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

...who forever praise the glory of Your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE BREAD IS BROKEN, THE CUP IS POURED

1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

Leader:because of the empowering love of our Lord, we can feast together:

All: We, many as we are, are one body because there is one loaf.

Jesus truly is the Bread sent down from heaven.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Everyone is invited to hold the bread until all have received, as a sign of our unity.

Each person is invited to drink from the cup once you receive it, as a sign of the Lord's grace for you individually.

Communion in the Presbyterian denomination is open to all who wish to place their personal trust in Jesus Christ, regardless of your membership status or age.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Laurel Falls”

Kelsey

THANKSGIVING PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: ...find our own lives brightened and encouraged.

All: Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all Your saints in the joy of Your eternal realm. Through Christ, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Alleluia and Amen!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATIONS AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

*Please note your presence and provide contact information in the
"Ritual of Friendship" booklet. Then return it to the first person.*

A CELEBRATION FROM SEMINARY WORSHIP

Marissa Welke

RECOMMISSION OUR NATIONAL MEETING DELEGATE Mary Ann Bromley

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY "Porter's Creek" Kelsey

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(In Unison)*

Divine Lord, kindle in us light leading to sparks and then to fires of justice, peace, and mercy. May we warm the hearts of those we meet, people who also are beloved by God. May Your resurrection light guide us, now and far beyond this sole hour of worship. Alleluia and Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO WORSHIP AND TO SERVE

***HYMN** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" No. 687

***EASTER PROCLAMATION AND SHARING JESUS PEACE**

***BENEDICTION** "Amen"

POSTLUDE "Newfound Gap" Kelsey

A time of conversation and refreshments happens in the Fellowship Hall, just across from the front doors of this worship space.

THE FIRST SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES will be held **today**, after worship, in the Parlor. The speaker is Douglas Doyle from Direction Home of Eastern Ohio. Direction Home provides resources on aging and disabilities. Join us!

RADIO MINISTRY is funded today by **Marjorie Danganan**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM and talk 977.com. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, donations designated for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering box; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with "Radio Ministry" in the memo of the check.

THE FPC CRAFTERS will meet on **Wednesday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m.** in Badger Hall. Join them for simple crafting fun.

MIRIAM-ESTHER CIRCLE will meet Thursday, **May 7, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.** in the Parlor to continue Lesson 8 and 9 of “Finding Resilience, Joy, and our Identity.” Please join us! Bring a bag lunch; dessert will be provided.

CORTLAND FELLOWSHIP GROUP will meet on **Monday, May 11, at 11:00 a.m.** in Otterbein of Cortland Chapel (Lake Vista). Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend and if you will be having lunch. *(Please bring exactly \$8.50.)*

WILLARD SCHOOL CRAFT SHOW: Willard School is hosting a craft show on **May 16**, at the Wellness Center. FPC is donating three baskets for their Chinese auction. If you would like to donate to any of these, please place your items in the Willard box in Fellowship Hall by Tuesday, May 12. If you want to make a monetary donation, see Donna Latessa or Marissa Welke or give your donation to the Church Office.

- Family Game Night Basket-board games, card games, yard games, popcorn, snacks, food cards
- Takis Basket- all flavors of Takis and Mac N Cheese, cans of pop
- Summer Basket- frisbee, balls, baseball bat, water squirters, slip n’ slide, hoop w/ balls. chalk, light up sticks, water bottles, anything for outside activities

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Sign up if you would like to attend on May 16, at the Wellness Center. We will have a table where we greet people.

THE DEACONS would like to thank all who remember the Deacons’ Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **shampoo, toilet tissue, and bar soap** for the month of **May**. You may leave your items in the Deacons’ box in Fellowship Hall.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: The new Upper Room devotionals are available in the rack outside the Church Office.

PASTOR:

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:

DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

WORSHIP LEADER:

RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM:

VIDEO PROJECTION:

Rev. Greg Gillispie

Melanie A. Vlad

Marissa Welke

Mary Kilpatrick

Alexis Musgrove

Bob Stahl

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

- May 3-9 - Older Adult Week, Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Sun, May 3
- **Communion / 2 Cents-a-Meal**
 - **Choir Rehearsal..... 8:30 am**
 - **Worship..... 10:00 am**
 - **Bell Choir 11:15 am**
 - **First Sunday Speaker, P 11:15 am**
- Mon, May 4
- OA, P..... 10:00 am
 - Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm
 - AA, MC..... 7:00 pm
- Tues, May 5
- Election Day, FH
 - Al-Anon, B..... 9:30 am
- Wed, May 6
- **FPC Crafters, B..... 10:00 am**
 - AA, MC..... 6:30 pm
- Thurs, May 7
- **Miriam Esther Circle, P 11:00 am**
 - Youngstown Federation Visit, P 1:30 pm
- Fri, May 8
- **Church Office Closed**
- Sat, May 9
- Steering Clear, FH and S..... 8:00 am
 - AA, MC..... 11:00 am
- Sun, May 10
- **Mother's Day/Youth Sunday/Women of the Church**
 - **Choir Rehearsal..... 8:30 am**
 - **Worship..... 10:00 am**
 - **Sunday School, B..... 10:15 am**
 - **Bell Choir 11:15 am**
 - **Mother's Day Reception, FH 11:15 am**

FH-Fellowship Hall MC-Mable Culver P-Parlor B-Badger Hall T-Tieffle Lounge Z-Zoom

Upcoming: *Supper & Brainstorming with Younger Generations*
(Urban Tap, **May 13, 6:15 pm**)