

First United Presbyterian Church
April 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Easter

GATHERING

CHIMES Set your heart for worship, if you must whisper, let in be in prayer.

PRELUDE

OPENING WORDS

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And, also with you!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come to the vineyard of God.

All: We seek Christ, the vine of great love.

One: Drink from the waters of life.

All: We live in the light of God's grace.

One: Come to the vineyard of God.

All: All are welcome here.

OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN**

"Take Time To Be Holy"

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide;
And run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
Each thought and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you know when we are afraid to love; you know when we fail to show mercy. Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears. Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections. Surround us with your love, and hold us up with your strength, embolden us to love as you have taught us. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE TO PARDON**

#579 Gloria Patri

***PASSING THE PEACE**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

All: And, also with you!

One: Please pass the peace to those around you.

***GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE**

#383 My Faith Looks Up To Thee

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior Divine.

Now hear me while I pray, take all my sin away,

O let me from this day be wholly thine.

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

1 John 4:7-21

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL READING

John 15:1-8

SERMON

"The Vine"

-Rev. Greg Menssen

RESPONDING

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

#339 Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
be Thou mine inheritance, now and always;

be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart,
O High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word;
be Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord;
be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son,
be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

#592

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN**

#388 Oh Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me feel Thee near me, the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control!
O speak, and make me listen, Thou Guardian of my soul!

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
that where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend!

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

SERVING IN CHURCH TODAY

Worship Leader: Vicky Shields

Organist: Tom Boone

Welcome Team: Bridget Hawkins, Cindy Jenkins, Pat Ortli, Holly VanBuskirk

Deacons On-Call: April - Phyllis Lyons, Ben Stahler May - Pam Ark, Judy Wical

Nursery: Brenda Jenkins, Sue Crawfis Acolytes:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Book Study meets Tuesday April 30, 11:00am in the Chapel.

KIDS NIGHT OUT! Friday May 3, 5:00 - 7:00pm.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY!

April 28: Cindy Jenkins

April 29: Brenda Oda

May 4: Suzie Neer

If we have missed your birthday or wedding anniversary, please contact the Church Office at 937-592-6611 or secretary@bellefontainepres.com.

WE DON'T WANT TO MISS ANYBODY!!

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR CONTINUED PRAYERS

The Amidons Jadyne Plaugher Rose Gunkle June Coil

Carl Wunderle Sherri Ullom Vicki Shafer The Morrisons Mark Brienza

James Mitchell David Ritter Shirley Ritter Kathy Jo Putt Karen Primavera

The Deardurff Family Kevin & Christina Horrigan

WITH US IN SPIRIT, BUT UNABLE TO JOIN US

Sue Albano 2739 Co. Rd. #91 *104 Belleleft. 43311

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KIDS TALK SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Sign up now and reserve your spot!! Through the summer you have a chance to spend some time with our youngest members and teach them!!

They are always eager to learn and waiting for you!! You can teach them a song, a dance, build a birdhouse, plant some flowers, make a prayer chain, the list is endless!!

If you are available to bestow some knowledge on this kids, please contact Sara Stahler or the Church Office!!

AS YOU GO ABOUT YOUR WEEK. . .

Sunday April 28

Pray for Huber Heights Presbyterian Church

9:30am Sunday School

10:45am Worship

Monday April 29

Pray for Joanne Ritter

Tuesday April 30

Pray for Vicky and Rob Shields

Book Study 11:00am

DINNER AT THE PRES! 4:15 - 6:00pm

Wednesday May 1

Pray for Joan Smith

Bells 6:00pm

Thursday May 2

Pray for Mac and Carol Smith

Friday May 3

Pray for Dorothy Snapp

KIDS NIGHT OUT! 5:00 - 7:00pm

Saturday May 4

Pray for the staff of the Miami Valley Presbytery

Sunday May 5

9:30am Sunday School

10:45am Worship

Church Growth and Member Care 12:00pm