



**First United Methodist Church
Downtown**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Service of Morning Worship

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INTROIT

God Is Gone Up

Eric Thiman

God is gone up with a shout:
The Lord with the sound of a trumpet,
With the sound of a trumpet!

WELCOME

* HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 98

To God Be the Glory

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 22:25-31

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

People: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

Leader: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

People: And proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

* OPENING PRAYER

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*universal

* GLORIA PATRI

MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00)

*Children are invited to come forward for a message and then to Children's
Worship. Preschool in Room 101 and Elementary in Rooms 208-09.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION

No. 170

O How I Love Jesus

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PASTORAL PRAYER

*We would love to know how we can be in prayer with and for you.
Prayer requests are received by using prayer cards found at each exit
or by texting your request to 859-274-9471.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy
kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

RESPONSE

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

George F. Root

The Lord is in His holy temple,
The Lord is in His holy temple;
Let all the earth keep silence,
Let all the earth keep silence before Him,
Keep silence, keep silence before Him.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

What a Lovely Name

Charles Wycuff

Lynn & Vicki Terry

There's a name above all others,
Wonderful to hear, bringing hope and cheer.
It's the lovely name of Jesus,
Evermore the same, what a lovely name.

What a lovely name, the name of Jesus.
Reaching higher far than the brightest star.
Sweeter than the songs they sing in Heaven.
Let the world proclaim, what a lovely name.

He'll return in clouds of glory,
Saints of every race shall behold His face.
With Him enter heaven's city,
Ever to proclaim, what a lovely name.

What a lovely name, the name of Jesus.
Reaching higher far than the brightest star.
Sweeter than the songs they sing in Heaven.
Let the world proclaim, what a lovely name.

* DOXOLOGY

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* MEMORY VERSE

**John 15: 7 - If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,
ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.**

ANTHEM

Down in the River to Pray

Eric Nelson

As I went down in the river to pray,
Studying about that good old way,
And who shall wear the starry crown,
Good Lord, show me the way.
O sisters let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
O sisters let's go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray,
Studying about that good old way,
And who shall wear the starry crown,
Good Lord, show me the way.
O brothers let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
O sisters let's go down, down in the river to pray.

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
O don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
That promised land where all is peace?
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

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Good Lord, show me the way.
O brothers let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
O sisters let's go down, down in the river to pray.

Down in the river to pray.

* SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-8, NRSV

SERMON

Lifestyle of Abiding

Notes at <http://bible.com/events/49249039>

* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

No. 189

Fairest Lord Jesus

ST. ELIZABETH

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE

With Songs of Praise

Carol Cymbala

With songs of praise we shall go forth,
With open hearts we shall go forth.
With our eyes now we see, with our ears now we hear;
With our hearts we believe. We go forth, we go forth, Lord, in Thee.

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune in D Major

C.S. Lang

* Please stand as you are able.

Nursery is available at both services in Room 103.

Listening enhancement devices and large print hymnals are available.
The ushers will be happy to provide them to you.

LEADERS OF WORSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgists: Rev. Carol Cooper, Downtown Pastor
Jeff Fox, Lay Leader
Barry Prince, Children's Ministry

Musicians: Choral Scholars (8:30)
Chancel Choir (11:00)
Glenna Metcalfe, Associate Director of Music/Organist
Dr. Brock Terry, Director of Music

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Todd Nelson, Senior Pastor

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Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Happy Easter Friends! It is truly an honor to welcome you to the Downtown Community of First United Methodist Church. Whether this is your first (or hundredth) time in this church or first time in any church our hope is that you feel welcomed right where you are. We are in the Easter Season which lasts 50 days and leads us to the birth of the Church in Pentecost. On Easter and throughout the Easter Season we are reminded again of how Jesus became fully human, lived among us, taught, healed, loved, hurt, cried and ultimately took all of our sins (past, present and future) upon himself and was crucified. But the story doesn't end there, which is the Good News of Easter. Christ is Risen! Christ came for all people, in all times and in all places. Christ came to bring us salvation, to give us hope in the midst of despair, and to remind us that in all things we are not alone for Christ is with us.

If this is something you would like to know more about, please reach out. We have many ways to grow in discipleship (howdoyoufollow.org) and would love to help you get connected here in the Downtown Community. As you worship and as you're ready to take next steps in your faith, our pastoral team is ready to help. Stop one of us after worship or email us and we can set up a time to talk. We are here to help you grow in your faith and discipleship. We are here for you.

In Hope,



Carol Cooper, Downtown Pastor



Let us know you were here!

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  downtown

OH, WHAT SINGING!
AN EVENING
OF SOUTHERN GOSPEL FAVORITES

SUNDAY, APRIL 28
6:00 PM

FEATURING
THE CHANCEL CHOIR
AND ORCHESTRA

Youth Sunday is May 5 and what better way to celebrate our youth than spotlighting an organization that empowers our local youth to succeed. Matchstick Goods is an arts-based social enterprise in North Lexington committed to employing and mentoring youth. They are a social arm of Common Good.



Matchstick Goods will have a Spring Pop-Up in the Gathering Hall from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM showcasing their wares and giving you an opportunity to purchase a unique Mother's Day gift. Stop by their table and support the youth of north Lexington.



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