

# April 30, 2023

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude  
"Cantilena" Elaine Grayson  
David Hegarty

Greeting/Life of the Church

\*\*Call to Worship

Liturgist: Come walk with us.

**All: We will join the journey.**

Liturgist: Let us talk together.

**All: We will listen and speak.**

Liturgist: Christ goes with us.

**All: Jesus guides our steps.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" UMH #545

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Holy One, we are often confused by the events in our world. Come and walk with us. Open our hearts to hear your truth. Plant the seed of new life within us. In trust of your loving presence, we pray. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "It Is Well with My Soul" UMH #377

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Offering/Offertory "Contemplation" Elaine Grayson  
Edward Wetherill

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**God of love, source of all goodness, you hear our cries and you answer. With grateful hearts, we bring our gifts to you. We bring our offerings, as a gift of thanksgiving for your presence in our lives. May we hear the cries of those around us and as your servants, may we offer ourselves with joy as an answer. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
L: The Word of God for the People of God.  
**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Ministry of Music Vic Toney, violin solo  
"Fairest Lord Jesus" and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Sermon "Affirming Faith" Pastor Jeff Bandy

Confirmation & Receiving of New Members UMH #33-35 & 37-39

\*\*Closing Hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH #133

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude "Praises" Elaine Grayson  
Dennis Eliot



*The Altar Flowers are given in honor of our Confirmands:  
Micah Fleming, Anthony J. Trent, and William Mossing.*

## Scripture Reading – Acts 2:14, 2:36-41 (NRSV)

### Peter Addresses the Crowd

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

<sup>36</sup> "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

### The First Converts

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

<sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

<sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.



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**We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation**

### April 30, 2023 Announcements

**EMOTIONAL WELLNESS:** The Greater Dayton Stephen Ministry Network is sponsoring a presentation by Ryan Castro, LPCC, Director of New Creation Counseling Center **Today, Sunday, April 30 from 2:30-4:30pm**. Issues of depression, anxiety, grief, and aging will be addressed during the session which will be held at Fairhaven 's Schwalm Chapel, 637 Whipp Road, Centerville, OH 45459. For additional information or possible carpooling, contact Becky Cultice (937) 376-5747 or [culticer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:culticer@sbcglobal.net).

**LIFE LINE SCREENING:** The Life Line Screening will be here at Faith Community United Methodist Church on **Monday, May 15**, offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health and to live longer for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these potentially life-saving tests today by calling toll-free: (800) 640-6307 or Online at: <https://llsa.social/HC>.

## Confirmation Sunday April 30, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Chad Mossing, Gerald Mahan, Will Mossing, Jim Osburn
Greeters	Jim Osburn, Joyce Osburn
Liturgist	Julie Wickline
Guest Organist	Elaine Grayson
Choir Director	Glen Shaw
Bells Director	Jim McPeek



Monday 1	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm	FH 15 A-B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15 C
	Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm	Library
Tuesday 2	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Magic Volleyball Practice	5:30 pm	FCC
	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	FH 15,A,B,C, 16A-B
	Trustees	6:30 pm	Parlor
	SPRC	7:00 pm	Library
Wednesday 3	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday 4	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
	Woman's Club of Xenia	1:30 pm	Parlor
Friday 5	Magic Volleyball Practice	5:30 pm	FCC
Saturday 6			
Sunday 7	Sunday School	9:15 am	Parlor, 11, 15C, 16A
	Worship Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary
	Ed. Assistance Interviews	12:00 pm	Parlor

### Sunday School Studies

**Double I** meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook, study of "Minor Prophets – God Still Speaks: Habakkuk."

**Open Doors** meet in Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer study of "What's So Amazing About Grace?" by Philip Yancey.

**Grades 6-12** will meet in Rm 16 A-B, Leader Joyce Smith.

**Preschool – Grade 5** Join the children in Rm 11 under the leadership of Kiley Fleming and Karen Mossing for Bible Stories and activities to reinforce the Bible Story of the day.

### Next Sermon – Sunday, May 7

"The Living Church"  
Scripture Lesson

Rev. Jeff Bandy  
1 Peter 2:2-10

### MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS

It is time to order carnations for Mother's Day. Place your order at the table in the Narthex before or after the church service on April 23, April 30, or May 7. The order form and payment must be made in the office no later than noon on **May 8**. Please indicate how many red and white carnations you want to order. The cost per carnation is \$2.00. Make checks payable to Faith Community UMC and mark your check "Carnations" in the memo area. We need to have this form and payment in order to correctly place and record your order.

(#) \_\_\_\_\_ red carnations (#) \_\_\_\_\_ white carnations Amount paid \_\_\_\_\_ check or cash (please circle)

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