

April 28, 2024

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Carol Stewart
"Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated" H.A.C. Malan/Marilynn Ham

**Call to Worship

Jesus invites: "Remain in me as I remain in you."

We yearn to be connected to the life-giving Vine.

The gardener prunes every branch bearing fruit,
that it may yield even more.

We fear the snip of pruning shears.

"I have said these things so that my joy may be in you,
and that your joy may be complete."

We lift our voice in praise of the Creator.

May we love one another as Christ loves us.

**Opening Hymn "Christ Is Risen" UMH #307

Opening Prayer (unison) (UMBOW #459)

**Almighty and everlasting God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
you created us for yourself,
so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you.
Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose
that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will,
and no weakness from doing it.
In your light may we see life clearly
and in your service find perfect freedom;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour" UMH #397

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer Rev. Wendy Lybarger
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 Carol Stewart
"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" George Stebbins/Albin C. Whitworth

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

O God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**Gospel Reading John 15:1-8

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
"Brother James Air" arr. by Gordon Jacob

Sermon "Bearing Glorious, Abundant Fruit" Rev. Wendy Lybarger

**Closing Hymn "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord" UMH #438

**Sending Forth

Choral Benediction Chancel Choir

Postlude Carol Stewart
"Find Us Faithful" Jon Mohr



The Altar Flowers are given in honor of all of the Youth who helped make Youth Sunday an incredible worship service.

Gospel Reading – John 15:1-8 (NIV)

The Vine and the Branches

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



Bearing Glorious, Abundant Fruit



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

April 28, 2024 - Worship Team

Guest Pastor	Rev. Wendy Lybarger
Ushers	Chad Mossing, Gerald Mahan, Will Mossing, Jim Osburn
Greeters	John Grayson, Elaine Grayson
Liturgist	Elaine Hughes
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bells Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



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	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm	FH 15 A-B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15 C
Tuesday 30	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
Wednesday 1	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary/Chapel
Thursday 2	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
	Woman's Club of Xenia	1:30 pm	Parlor
	Magic Volleyball Practice	6:00 pm	FCC
Friday 3			
Saturday 4			
Sunday 5	Sunday School	9:00 am	Parlor, 8,11, 16A
	Hospitality Time	10:00 am	Narthex
	Worship Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary

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Gospel Lesson

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John 15:9-17 (NRSV)

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HAVE YOU TAKEN CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH TODAY?: Life Line Screening will be here on **Monday, May 13** 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 for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today, Call toll-free: 1-844-591-7160, Online: <https://llsa.social/HC> or Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607.

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Special thanks to Rev. Barone for his distributing of the seedlings and reminding us to care for our Earth that God has given us.

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