

May 5, 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
"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" Thomas J. Williams/John Innes

**Call to Worship

Easter people, Jesus chose you and calls you friend!

We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.

Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.

We abide in Love because Love abides in us.

Easter people, Jesus welcomes you home!

We come to make our home with God and one another, bound together by Love.

**Opening Hymn "I Come with Joy" (v. 1-3) UMH #617

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of Love, let your Holy Spirit come upon us—into our hearts, into our minds, and into our souls. Speak into our lives, for we long to hear your voice and to follow your ways. We pray that you abide in us, that we may abide in you, this day and all days. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" (v. 1-3) UMH #544

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 Carol Stewart
"O How He Loves You and Me" Kurt Kaiser/Marilynn Ham

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

O God, our hearts sing with thanksgiving for the many gifts and graces you bring to our lives. We give you thanks for your steadfast love and faithful Spirit. Receive this offering and the gift of our whole selves, that we might give as we have received and love as we have been loved. Amen.

**Gospel Reading John 15: 9-17

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music Victor Hess
"Jesu, Jesu" UMH #432

Sermon "No Greater Love" Rev. Jeff Bandy

Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Closing Hymn "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369

**Sending Forth

Postlude Carol Stewart
"There Is No Greater Love" John W. Peterson



The Altar Flowers are given by Rick & Joyce Smith in honor of Grant Smith and Wes Wickline's Graduation from Ohio State!

Gospel Reading – John 15:9-17 (NRSV)

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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.

May 5, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers	Eric Fleming, Micah Fleming Mike Tittle, Butch Smith
Greeters	Bruce Spitler, Debbie Spitler
Liturgist	Mike Engle
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bells Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



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Saturday 11			
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