

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM                      *My Lord, What a Morning*                      CUMC Choir  
by Jay Althouse

\*DOXOLOGY                      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*                      UMH #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Giver of life, you are the source of all good things. We entrust to you our gifts that you would use them to make all know that with you, they are beloved, whole, and restored. Amen.**

\*HYMN                      *They'll Know We Are Christian by Our Love*                      TFWS #2223

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

May the love of God which was lavished upon you by Jesus Christ be in your hearts, your minds, and your spirits as you go forth into God's world. Be bearers of peace and hope to all you meet and may God's peace be with you always. **Amen.**

FAREWELL                      *Go Now in Peace (2x)*                      UMH #665

POSTLUDE                      *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*  
arr. by Michael Burkhardt

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**                      **NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**



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**May 18, 2025**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
BAPTISMAL COVENANT

10 a.m. May 18, 2025

*\* indicates “stand if you are able.” UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWS is the small black book.*

PRELUDE *Fairest Lord Jesus*  
by David Hegarty

INTROIT *Come to Me*  
by John Bell CUMC Choir

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

One: The risen Christ is with us.  
**All: Praise the Lord!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May God increase our love for one another and strengthen our hearts in holiness, as we greet one another in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you  
**All: And also with you**

\*HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
(Verses 1-3) UMH #89

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let praise to God resound in the heavens!  
**All: Let praise to God fill the earth!**

One: Let all God’s angels offer praise and rejoicing!  
**All: Let all God’s creatures sing praise and joy!**

One: Open your hearts and spirits today.  
**All: Let us praise the Lord today and always! AMEN.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together this day, drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light. May our spirits rejoice at the good news you have for us today. Open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this in Christ’s Name. Amen.**

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT SERVICE Insert

*We celebrate the baptism of Sophia Rose Quinn. Sophia is the daughter of Bill & Chelsea Quinn and baby sister to big brother, Liam. Sophia’s sponsors are Chelsea’s sister, Sarah Roman and Bill’s sister, Katie Graffia.*

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES “Children’s Message”

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Patient God, sometimes we are just too busy for our own good. We pledge ourselves to hectic schedules, demands on time, energy, and resources that erode all too quickly. We seem to be rushing through life. The cries of those in need often go unheeded in our blur of activities which sap our energy, our resources, our spirits. Slow us down a bit, Lord. Remind us again that we are responsible for the care of this world, for reaching out and offering your healing love. Help us to hear the words of patient love that you have for us. Remind us again of Jesus’ words to his disciples when he told them that they should love one another as he loved them. May we take time to bear witness to that love in all that we do. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Wherever you are, Christ is with you. You are beloved of God and God’s care will always surround you. Be at peace and rejoice! **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: John 13:31-35

One: The Word of God for the people of God  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “The Very Essence of Christian Life” Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Let us share our gifts from our deep gratitude to Jesus, our savior, who answers our sorrow with joy and our tears with comfort. Let us share our gifts out of thanksgiving to God and out of love for the world.