



Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024
10:00 a.m.

The Rev. Stephen Cramer

Mrs. Melody Chabue, Pianist

Dr. Ray Wagner, Music Director

In the Sanctuary, On Facebook Live, Parking Lot Broadcast at 88:3 FM
Soundboard/Broadcast: Mark Frost & Chris Eisenbraun
Projectionist: Jolane Day

*Indicates an invitation to stand. If you are more comfortable being seated, please do so.

Please sign the attendance pad found in each pew. If you are new to Grace, and would like information about Grace, or a visit from Pastor Steve, please include your address.

The People Gather

Prelude

The Ringing of the Bell (The bell has been used by Grace Church for many years as a means of calling all God's people to worship.)

Welcome and Announcements

We Worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth

* **Introit** (congregation sings)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel His mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings,

I see glory on each face,

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

*Opening Hymn: #362

Morning Has Broken

*Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer

**God of all hope, we rejoice in your sure promise
to send us a King and Shepherd.**

He lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry

yet we strive to promote ourselves.

In mercy, forgive our sin and guide us in the right path.

Teach us to embrace your way with us,

your will for us your Spirit in us,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hear us as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

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* Assurance of Pardon

Minister: *"The Lord is our shepherd. The Lord guides us in the right paths"*
(Psalm 23). *Friends, believe the good news.*

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*Gloria Patri #807

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.

We Join Our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer Hymn: #330

The Lord's My Shepherd

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Honoring God with Our Giving

Call to Giving

Offertory

*Doxology: #808

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Hearing of the Word

Children's Sermon

Old Testament Lesson:

Psalm 23

Choral Anthem

*Gospel Reading: *John 10:11-16*
Sermon: *Challenging Journey, Great Destination*

We Are Sent Out to Do God's Will

*Hymn: #622 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
*Benediction
*Postlude

Announcements

If you would like to reach Pastor Steve, his phone number is 330-921-1115, and e-mail is rev.stevecramer@yahoo.com.

New Consistory and Committee Lists for 2024 have been created and are available for you to use. You can find them on the back table in the sanctuary, or in the dining hall.

Connie will be in the dining room after the worship service today, and next, to accept reservations for the *Women's and Girls Spring Fling, May 5, 6:00 p.m.* You can also come into the church office and place your reservation with Marcy. Come see what all the "buzz" is about.

Do you want to go to church camp? Anyone 11 years old, or entering the 6th grade through 12th grade, is eligible to go. It is called Pilgrim Fellowship Camp at Ewing Woods, and is sponsored by the Ohio Association of Congregational Christian Churches. Camp dates are Sunday, July 7 through Saturday, July 13. Grace Church's Endowment Fund has the funds that will cover your cost of camp. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Frost at 330-719-5144.

On Tuesday, April 30 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m., the *Inaugural Columbiana Pizza Challenge* will be held at the Columbiana High School Commons Cafeteria. This challenge is presented by the Historical Society of Columbiana and Fairfield Township and the Columbiana Ministerial Association. This pizza challenge is to benefit the Historical Society's Project "Fix the Sticks" – the restoration of the historical wooden chapel in the Columbiana Cemetery. Come, taste, vote for your favorite. Tickets are available at the door.