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Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



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Welcome

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

For Parents with Children

Good Soil loves kids and the "holy noise" they bring! Your children are warmly welcome in worship. Sing, pray, and respond; your children will learn by worshiping with you. There's also a "prayground" area in the back of the sanctuary and a nursery/cry room behind that on the back left side. We pray that worshiping together as a family is a meaningful experience!

For Those Needing Hearing Assistance

Please ask an usher about our hearing assistance devices to enhance your worship experience.

Holy Communion

Christ is truly present with us in worship and through this meal. All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion here at Good Soil. Children may commune with elements or receive a blessing depending on parent/guardian preference. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

Bulletin Key

Bold Font – Spoken by the Congregation
Regular Font – Spoken by the Pastor or Worship Assistant
† – Please stand as you are able, in body or spirit.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude and Welcome

Permission to use this litany for public worship is granted. This litany comes from: <http://fatpastor.me>

† Mothers' Day Litany

All who gather here are sons or daughters.

We praise God for the women who gave us life.

For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,
We give God thanks and praise.

For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,
We pray for peace.

For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,
We pray for healing.

For mothers who have died, who live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,
We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.

For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,
We weep with those with broken hearts.

For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired & weary,
We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

For those who are preparing emptier nests,
We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.

For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family, **We pray for wisdom and patience.**

For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again, **We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.**

For those who are waiting to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.

We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold.

For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,

We give God thanks and praise.

For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For Moms, in their wide variety and many forms, **We Give God thanks and praise. Amen.**

† Gathering Hymn: God is Here (ELW 526)

- 1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.
- 3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;

here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

- 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

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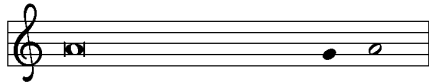
*The assembly and
presiding minister
greet one another.
(scriptural
reference:
2 Corinthians)*

† Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

*Kyrie Eleison
means "Lord
have mercy."*

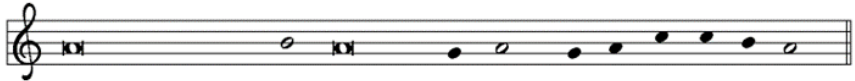
† Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



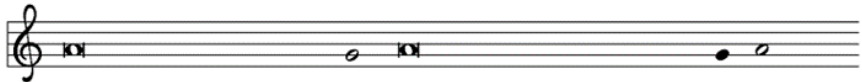
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



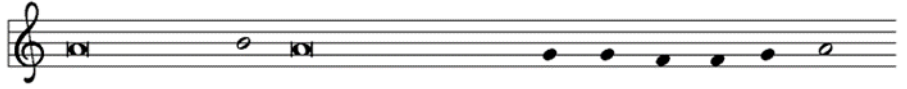
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Along with the return of the Alleluia, the Hymn of Praise returns on Easter Sunday to signify the joy of the resurrection.

† Hymn of Praise



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



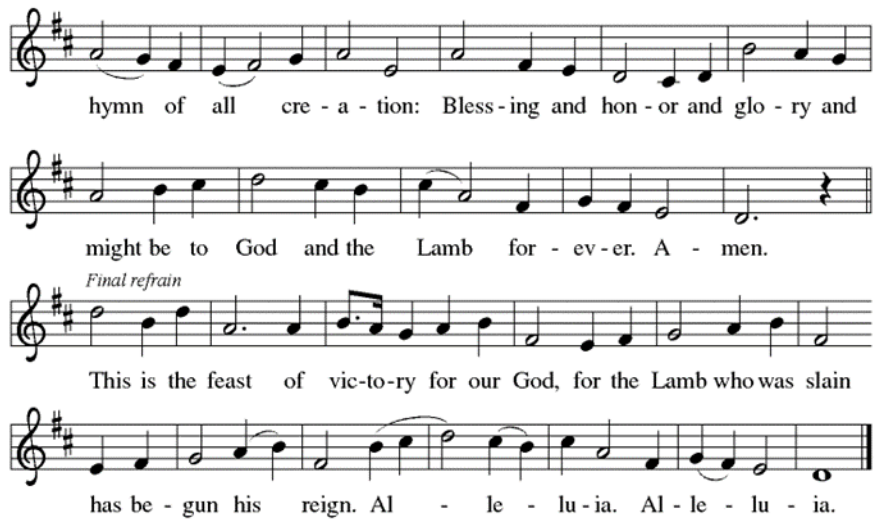
strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Prayer of the Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.

† Prayer of the Day

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Season of Easter features stories from the Book of Acts following the news of Christ's resurrection and the development of the early church.

The Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: 1 John 5:9-10a, 11-13

To put this reading into context:

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

Hear now the reading.

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that God has testified to God's Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in God's Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these

things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1



¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

We welcome the gospel by singing the Gospel Acclamation. We rise, if able, in anticipation of Christ being revealed to us through the Living Word of the Gospel.

† Gospel Acclamation: Halle Halle Halle ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Traditional Caribbean

Before and after the reading of the Gospel, we give thanks and praise to Jesus Christ, who is revealed to us through the Gospel reading.

† Gospel: John 17:6-13, 17-19

To put this gospel reading into context:

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Children grade 1 and younger are invited to step out with one of our Sunday School teachers to join the "learn and grow in faith" class during the sermon. They will return during the Passing of the Peace. Sunday School classes for all children meet after worship.

Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

Silence for Reflection.

Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You're invited to reflect on the following question:

When has someone praying for you made a difference in your life? How did that feel? Who will you be holding in your prayers this week?

† Hymn of the Day: Great Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! (ELW 392) v. 1, 2, 4

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our own participation.

Each petition addresses a different topic, often in the same pattern:

*+ The Church
+ Creation
+ Nations and leaders
+ Those in need
+ This faith community
+ The great cloud of witnesses/those now resting with God*

† Prayers of Intercession

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons to be faithful ministers of your word. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**


Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. Be especially with the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, and Haiti. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction. Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. We pray especially for Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Barbins of the Northeastern Ohio Synod, Helen, Gail, Carl, Pam, Mary Lou, Joe, Tim, Frank D., Joe, Frank & Vicki, Kate, family & friends of Char, Susan, Rich, Shawn, Archer, Ruth, Steve, Dick, Mindy, Kristina, Sandy, Jeanette, Khams & his people & family in Manipur, India... & all those we name aloud or in our hearts. God of grace, **receive our prayer**

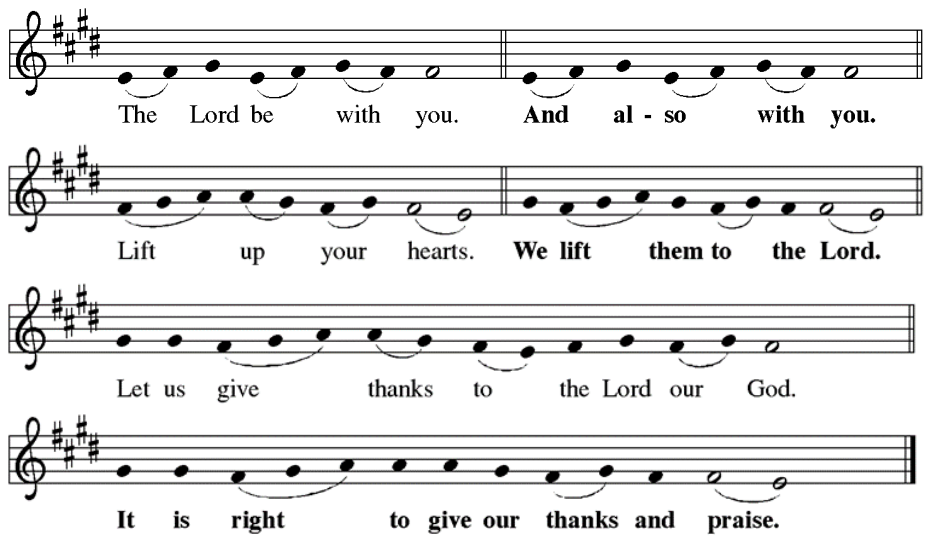
Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith. Inspire us by their witness. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

	<p>Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. Amen.</p>
<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one another and share it together.</i></p>	<p>† Passing of the Peace</p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always And also with you.</p> <p><i>The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.</i></p>
<p><i>God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Meal</u> <i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p>Offering</p> <p>God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, and your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil continue making an impact by giving today by using the QR code to the right or at www.goodsoillutheran.org/support</p> <p><i>Aim your phone camera at the QR code, but don't take a picture. A link will appear to click on that will take you to Good Soil's support page.</i></p> 
	<p>Offertory Special Music: "Mothering God" Jim Kulma</p>
<p><i>The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.</i></p>	<p>† Offering Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen ELW 377 vs 1</p> <p>1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!</p> <p><small>Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Text © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.</small></p>
	<p>† Offering Prayer</p> <p>Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.</p>

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

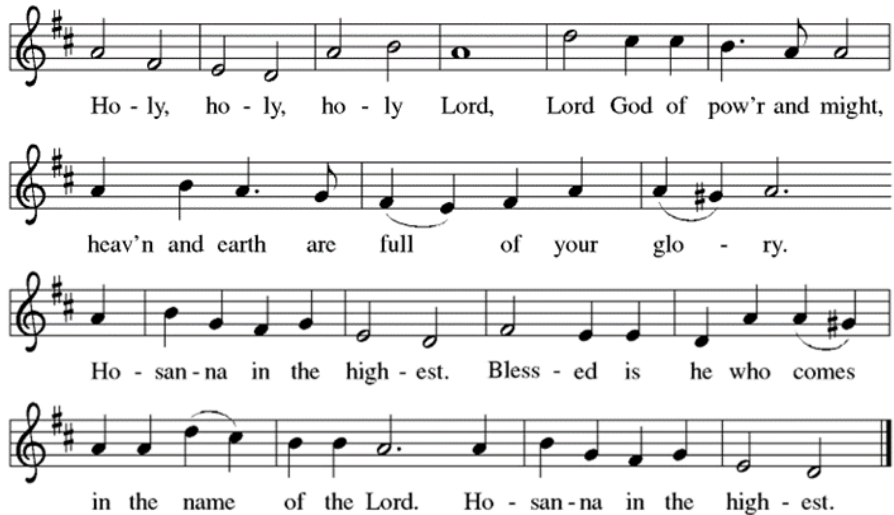
† **Great Thanksgiving**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

† **Preface**

† **Sanctus**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

† **Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution**

*The Lord's
Prayer is Jesus'
response to his
disciples when*

† **Lord's Prayer for Mother's Day**

We pray an adjusted Lord's Prayer today in honor of our Mothering God:

*they asked him
to teach them
how to pray.*

Our Mother,
who is in heaven and within us,
We call upon your names.
Your wisdom come.
Your will be done, in all the spaces in which you dwell.
Give us each day sustenance and perseverance.
Remind us of our limits as we give grace to the limits of others.
Separate us from the temptation of empire, and deliver us into
community.
For you are the dwelling place within us,
the empowerment around us,
and the celebration among us, now and forever. Amen.

† Invitation to the Table

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

Communion

*Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of
Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil.*

*Children are welcome to come to the Lord's table for communion or
for a blessing, depending on parent/guardian's preference.*

*When you receive the elements, you are invited to respond with
"Amen" or "Thanks be to God."*

*Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding down
the center aisle to the front in a single-file line. We will be observing
standing processional communion, rather than kneeling at the rail.*

*Gluten-free bread is available on request. The wine (red) is in the outer
rings of the tray, the grape juice (white) is in the center. Communion
cups can be returned at the end tables on your way back to your seat.*

Communion Hymn: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (ELW 857)

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,

from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

Text: Rick Founds b. 1954

Communion Hymn: Rejoice, for Christ is King (ELW 430)

1 Rejoice, for Christ is king!
Your Lord and king adore;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore:

Refrain: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Our Savior Jesus reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above: *Refrain*

3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n: *Refrain*

4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet: *Refrain*

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Communion Hymn: Shout to the Lord (ELW 821)

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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† Post-Communion Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

The Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

† Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope

✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

*Through the
sending hymn
we are sent out
into the world
to follow Jesus.*

† Sending Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns (ELW 855) v. 1, 3, 4, 5

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

3 Crown him the Lord of love--

behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.

4 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

5 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4

*The dismissal sends
us out as Christ's
Body: fed,
nourished, & ready
to serve. Worship
has ended, & our
service begins!*

† Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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*You are warmly invited to gather upstairs in the lounge for coffee
fellowship following worship!*

Today's Worship Servants:

Livestream: Trey Harrison	Reader: Kaitlyn Regan
Ushers: Bill & Darlene Wahl, & Amanda Inman	Counters: Donna Handy & Kirsten Reading
Online Usher: Dave Blocksom	Acolyte: Isaac Krankowski
Cantor: Brenna Connor	



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, May 12, 2024

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Barbins of the Northeastern Ohio Synod, Helen Andrews, Gail Boggs, Carl Bruns, Pam Bruns, Mary Lou Busby, Tim Chiang, Frank Dunaway, Joe Forshey, Joe Gray, Frank & Vicki, Kate Labuda, family & friends of Char Mattson, Susan Omerod, Shawn O'Neil, Archer Oster, Ruth Patrick, Steve Patrick, Rich Petrusky, Dick Schlupe, Mindy S., Kristina Seeley, Sandy Towberman, Jeanette Weidlich, Khams Zotal & his family & people of Manipur, India, & the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, & Haiti.

For those celebrating their birthdays: Jessica Berkshire (5/12) & Andrew Sykaluk (5/14).

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism: Michael Benewiat (5/14), Pam Lanter (5/14), Allan Wylie (5/14), Luke Williamson (5/17), & Ryan Williamson (5/17).

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the Glory of God in honor of Amy Elliott, mother and grandmother

Flower Sign-Up- Interested in signing up to adorn Christ's altar with flowers for worship? You can sign up with the flower list on the bulletin board in the hallway or online using this QR code. Please note: The physical flower list on the bulletin board has first priority. Best efforts will be made to ensure the digital calendar reflects the physical one, but if you happen to digitally sign-up for a date that is already taken on the physical sheet, you will be contacted to reschedule.



June 2, Screening of 1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture. A feature documentary that follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. It chronicles the discovery of never-before-seen archives at Yale University which unveil astonishing new revelations, & casts significant doubt on any biblical basis for LGBTQIA+ prejudice. Featuring commentary from prominent scholars as well as opposing pastors, including the personal stories of the film's creators, 1946 is at once challenging, enlightening, & inspiring. Lunch and snack provided. Open to the public.

Join Good Soil as we participate in the 2024 Pride Parade on Saturday June 1st. We'll assemble at Public Square between 10 and 11 am, and the parade starts at 11. The ~ 1 mile route ends at Mall B & C with booths and activities. Information on exactly where to assemble will be in the Seeds e-mail on Friday May 31. Please e-mail Kirsten Reading (klreading@ameritech.net) if you are interested in carpooling, and call or text her at 216-905-5535 the day of the parade if you need help finding the group or have any questions.

WHAT'S COMING UP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Classes continue through 5/19 & Summer Break Begins Memorial Day Weekend, 5/26.

Paving the Way (for more ministry) Campaign- It is time to replace Good Soil's parking lot with one that is sleek, safe, and provides a good impression of our faith community! This project also includes connecting water and electricity to the grassy back lot area to support future possibilities and ministry on that land. There's been an outpouring of generosity, and after just TWO WEEKS we met our congregational goal of \$20k, amen! Every dollar beyond our \$20k goal will continue to go toward offsetting the cost of this project (over \$100k). Your gift can be made as a lump sum payment, or provided in a series of increments. Please use the Intent Form found in your worship bulletin, or this QR code to let us know your intended gift by May 19, 2024. Funds due by Sept 1st. Thank you for your generosity!



Paving The Way: Pledge Level Summary		
<u>Number of Intents</u>	<u>Pledge Level</u>	<u>Total Pledged</u>
1	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
3	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00
1	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
4	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00
1	\$900.00	\$900.00
1	\$750.00	\$750.00
2	\$600.00	\$1,200.00
1	\$550.00	\$550.00
4	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
2	\$400.00	\$800.00
5	\$300.00	\$1,500.00
3	\$250.00	\$750.00
2	\$200.00	\$200.00
4	\$100.00	\$400.00
1	\$70.00	\$70.00
1	\$25.00	\$25.00
37		\$26,345.00

Ready, set...GROW May 18th at 10am is set for GSLM’s flower bed prep and yard clean up. Much info indicates gardening and yard work are good for one’s mental & physical health. And, doing such with friends can grow your spirit! Mark your calendars! Arrive in gardening clothes. A sandwich lunch will be provided.

Shop for Free at Good Soil's Craft & Office Supply FREE MARKET! Every Sunday in May, a Free Market of hundreds of excess arts & crafts supplies, paper, ribbon, chalk, office supplies & ad hoc items (salt shakers?!) will be displayed in a room on the north side of the basement education wing. (Follow the signs) The Free Market will open approx. 10 minutes after Sunday services in May and close by 11:30 a.m.

- You will find Sunday School, Art Camp and other supplies
- All are invited to take any items they can put to good use with children home for the summer, scout troops, adult projects, visiting relatives or anyone who could use them.
- Good Soil ministry partners using our building and the New Covenant Sunday School Leader have shopped the supplies prior to this Free Market opening.
- Items have been tested (e.g., do the flashlights & markers work?), compiled from dozens of unrelated boxes and roughly sorted to the extent possible in the Free Market space.
- Large paper shopping bags and some smaller plastic bags will be available - you may want to bring your own additional smaller bags.

Questions? Contact JoAnne Wancata (440-655-3674) or Chris Jacobson (440-241-4291).

Newsletter- Want to keep up with the latest Good Soil news or share the e-news with a friend? Sign up for or share our newsletter *Seeds* with this QR code to the right or this URL: <https://tinyurl.com/bddjk7yp>



Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
Sun, May 12	In-Person and Livestream Worship: Mother’s Day	9:30 am
Sun, May 19	In-Person and Livestream Worship: Pentecost Sunday RIC Cottage Meeting (small group discussions)	9:30 am 11:00 am
Sun, May 26	In-Person and Livestream Worship: Holy Trinity Sunday	9:30 am
Sat, Jun 1	Ladies Breakfast @ Gene’s Place to Dine CLE Pride Parade	9:00 am 11:00 am
Sun, Jun 2	In-Person and Livestream Worship: Graduate Sunday 1946 Movie screening and discussion	9:30 am 11:00 am
Sun, Jun 9	In-Person and Livestream Worship Annual Meeting to celebrate the ministry of the 2023-2024 program year and vote on new council members	9:30 am 10:30 am