



UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

United Methodist Church

ALL ARE WELCOME. ALL THE TIME.

As a diverse and inclusive faith community, we welcome and support all who desire to worship, study, commune and share life with us: including those of any race, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, or socio-economic position, for we believe that in God's house, all are welcome all the time.

**MINORITY
REPORT**

Part 1 ♦ Blessed from the Start
Part 2 ♦ A Celtic Perspective on Creation
Part 3 ♦ A Celtic Perspective on Evangelism

April 21, 2024

Rev. Dr. Steve Bailey, Pastor

SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:00 a.m. | January through May

PRAYER TIME

Weekly Prayer on Tuesdays at 6:00p via Zoom

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

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This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car-ols raise, the
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world. O let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
 This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rust - ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 Lord is King; let the heav - ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901
 MUSIC: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

TERRA BEATA
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* Indicates times in the service that the congregation stands, if able.

PRELUDE.....“Nimrod” Edward Elgar

WELCOME..... Dr. Steven Bailey, Pastor

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Willie Howard, Liturgist

A sanctuary is a place set apart: A place of worship, prayer, learning, and growth.

In God’s Sanctuary – “All are welcome all of the time.” Sinners and saints, experts or beginners, we gather seeking to know God and grow in faith.

So let us begin, with an open invitation for God to touch each of our lives today.

Let us begin by turning our attention to the holy mystery of God’s eternal love.

* **OPENING HYMN**.....“This Is My Father’s World” UMH 144

* **OPENING PRAYER**..... Liturgist

Come living spirit, dwell around us and within us. Lead us to a better life. Guide our steps ever closer to you. Calm the fears that overwhelm us. Heal the wounds that trouble us. Give us wisdom, compassion, and courage. Make us a reflection of your light.

Sneak into our daily lives and reveal your presence through wonderful surprises. Then, reassured of your mercy, grace, and love; renew our souls. As loving and faithful children, may we join in the work of making peace, resisting oppression, and bearing the true fruit of a life centered upon you. Amen.

**** Please be Seated for the Prayer Hymn ****

PRAYER RESPONSE.....“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus” UMH 349

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

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Musical score for 'Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus' in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in his won - der - ful face, and the things of earth will grow won - der - ful face, strange - ly dim in the light of his glo - ry and grace.'

WORDS: Helen H. Lemmel, 1922
 MUSIC: Helen H. Lemmel, 1922
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PASTORAL PRAYERDr. Bailey

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

STATEMENT OF FAITHLiturgist

The United Church of Canada | UMH 883

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

MUSIC MINISTRY *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* Richard Willis
Jim Wojtila, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING: John 15:5-17 NIV Dr. Bailey

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. ⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit — fruit that will last — and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

The Word of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE SERIES *"Minority Report: A Celtic Perspective on Evangelism"*

GIVING BACK OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

**** Please complete & place Attendance Sheet in Plate ****

Offertory *"Rhosymedre"* Ralph Vaughan Williams

* Doxology *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 94
Chalice Hymnal 46 Inserted

46 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Musical score for 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow'. The score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has the lyrics: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise'. The second system has the lyrics: 'him,* all creatures here below; praise him* above, ye'. The third system has the lyrics: 'heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.' The music is in the key of D major and 4/4 time.

*Or: God

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
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PRAYER OF DEDICATION Dr. Bailey

Eternal God, with gratitude for all that you bring into our lives; and with love that we express through giving; we place into your service these offerings. Thank you for the opportunity to give and join in your work. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN "The Gift of Love" UMH 408

* BENEDICTION Dr. Bailey

**** Please be Seated for the Postlude ****

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Voluntary" John Stanley

The Gift of Love

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

WORDS: Hal Hopson, 1972 (1 Cor. 13:1-3)
 MUSIC: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Hal Hopson, 1972

GIFT OF LOVE
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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS & RESOURCES:

- **Liturgist:** for today is Willie Howard.
- **Music Ministry:** Lloyd “Max” Bunker, Director of Music
 - **Organist/Accompanist:** Robert “Bob” Moncrief
 - **Guest Artist:** Jim Wojtila
 - **Cantor:** Jennifer Bier or David Hughes
- **Tech Ministry:** Jeff Adamson, Audio | Ina Keys-Harris, Video
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EXPRESSIONS OF CARE

PRAY ONE FOR THE OTHER | Please pray for and keep in contact with our homebound and remote members ...

Dorothy Adams
David Cabbil
Frances Chappell
Ed Dixon

David Fletcher
Maxine Greer
Willa Hunter
Doris Jeffries

Ed & Terri Leonard
Cindy Martinez
Christa Oksiloff
James & Barbara Williams

BEREAVEMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Our sister, **Dorothy Adams**, died on Thursday, April 18, 2024. Funeral service information pending. Cards for the family may be sent to the church.

OBITUARY for MARJORIE “TOMMIE” GETTIG | can be read and/or viewed at <https://obits.fiorittofuneralservice.net/marjorie-gettig> Service arrangements are yet pending. Cards for the family may be sent to the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and / or REMINDERS

LITURGIST SCHEDULE | THANK YOU!!! If there are any changes, to the below schedule OR if you'd like to serve as liturgist, please connect with Penny Talley.

April ... The Howard Family
May ... **TBD**

June ... Chaplain Bea Thompson
July ... **TBD**

NORTHERN WATERS NEWS

APRIL 21 & 28 at 2:00P or APRIL 26-27 at 7:30P | UMC OF CHAGRIN FALLS (20 South Franklin Street, Chagrin Falls, OH) is hosting the Summit Hill Players as they present "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder. A portion of ticket sales will be given to Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland to support their inner city work. Tickets are \$10 Adults / \$5 Seniors (65+) or Children and can be purchased at www.onthestage.tickets/show/summit-hill-players

APRIL 25, 26, and 27 | CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR (2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, OH) is having a Spring Flea Market hosted by the United Women in Faith. All proceeds will benefit local and global missions. Free Admission and bake sale | April 25 from 3:00p to 8:00p | April 26 from 10:00a to 3:00p | April 27 from 10:00a to 1:00p www.cotsumc.org


APRIL 27 at 9:30A-11:00A | NEHEMIAH MISSION OF CLEVELAND BREAKFAST (6515 Bridge Avenue, Cleveland) | Join us for Breakfast and help us celebrate our 20th Year in Ministry Year Anniversary! Learn who the Nehemiah Mission is and all the ways we partner with and serve in our community. For more information call (216) 961-6968 or nehmission@gmail.com | Register at www.nehemiahmission.org/register-for-breakfast-event

APRIL 28 at 3:00P | MIDDLEFIELD UMC (14999 South State Avenue, Middlefield) | Come Feel the Spirit! as the Sanctuary Choir lifts their voices for "Spirt Bound" | Donation at the Door. For more information call (440) 632-0480.


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Join us for a great night of singing centered around the power of music and featuring songs of inspiration. This concert is free & open to the public.

 SAT, APRIL 27 AT 6PM. DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Every TUES 6:00p ... Prayer in the Circle | Zoom ID 736 123 918
 Dial (253) 215-8782 or <https://zoom.us/j/736123918>

Every SUN 9:45a to 10:50a ... Adult Bible Study | Parlor
 11:00a ... Worship Service | Sanctuary & On-Line
 (Facebook | Dial (253) 215-8782 enter Zoom ID 853 0953 8368 with
 PassCode 591396 | <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85309538368>)

SAT, April 27 9:30a to 12:00p ... Volunteer Custodians

SAT, May 4 12:00p ... Choir Rehearsal

SAT, May 11 9:30a to 12:00p ... Volunteer Custodians
 12:00p ... Choir Rehearsal

SUN, May 12 Mother's Day

MON, May 13 12:00p ... United Women in Faith Meeting | Reception Room

SAT, May 18 9:30a ... Leadership Council | Reception Room

SAT, May 25 9:30a to 12:00p ... Volunteer Custodians

MON, May 27 Church Office & Building Closed ... Memorial Day

CHURCH CONTACTS

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 Rev. Shelley Nelson-Bridger, Executive Director

***For more information about opportunities to become involved,
 please consult with the appropriate contact person shown above.***



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