



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.



Questions People Ask:

- 5/4: Why Are You A Christian?
- 5/11: Why Care About Others?
- 5/18: Why Organized Religion?
- 6/1: Isn't Your God Sort of Small?
- **What Good Does Prayer Actually Do?**

June 8, 2025

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

526 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there
 3. Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered

sins and griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry
 trou - ble an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged;
 with a load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge;

ev - ery - thing to God in prayer! O what peace we of - ten
 take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so
 take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends de - spise, for -

for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear, all be -
 faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus
 sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his

cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.
 knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
 arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

WORDS: Joseph M. Scriven, ca. 1855
 MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868

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

PRELUDE Variations on a Theme from Jehan Alain's "*Litanies*"
Monica Houghton

WELCOME Dr. Steven Bailey, Pastor

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Natalie Bier, Liturgist

What a gift we have in a true friend,
someone who chooses to share this journey with us.

A good friend is a Great Blessing.

Friendship grows through speaking and listening,
through spending time together,
through sharing experiences and showing up in hard times.

**Jesus has claimed us as His friends. Though He lived long ago
He continues to live today. He calls us into moments of prayer,
contemplation, action, and stillness. May our Worship today
strengthen our friendship with God and with each other.
Amen.**

* **OPENING HYMN** "*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*" UMH 526

* **OPENING PRAYER** Liturgist

**Slow us down, Lord. Our lives are often busy, and minds are
easily distracted. Slow us down so that we may enter deeply,
into this conversation you invite us to share. Give us
confidence to trust that you know us well and yet love us. Give
us the capacity to hear your voice – However you may speak to
us. Help us step across the gap that keeps us away from you.
Awaken in our hearts our deep love for you. Amen.**

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

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Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me."

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The second system of music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me."

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

The third system of music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me."

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

The fourth system of music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me."

WORDS: Daniel Iverson, 1926 (Acts 11:15)
MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926

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PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. 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 FAITH Liturgist

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**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 “*Melodie*” from Orfeo ed Euridice

Christoph Willibald von Gluck (arr. Fritz Kreisler)

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 6:5-14 NIV Dr. Bailey

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to
pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be
seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in
full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray
to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is
done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on
babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of
their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what
you need before you ask him. “This, then, is how you should pray:
“ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom
come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

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

MESSAGE SERIES: "Questions People Ask --
What Good Does Prayer Actually Do?"
Dr. Bailey

GIVING BACK OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

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

Offertory "The Rosary" Ethelbert Nevin (arr. Fritz Kreisler)

* Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 95

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow'. It is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.' The score is numbered 95 in the top right corner. At the bottom, it credits the words to Thomas Ken, 1674, and the music to Louis Bourgeois, 1551. A small logo 'OLD 100th LM' is also present.

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WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674
MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION Dr. Bailey

* **CLOSING HYMN** *"This Is My Song"* UMH 437

* **BENEDICTION** Dr. Bailey

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE March, from *"Love for Three Oranges"*
Sergei Prokofiev (arr. Jascha Heifetz)

PARTICIPANTS & RESOURCES:

- **Liturgist:** Natalie Bier.
- **Music Ministry:** Lloyd "Max" Bunker, Director of Music
 - **Organist:** Eric Charnofsky, organist and pianist
 - **Violinist:** Stephanie Sant'Ambrogio
 - **Cantor:** David Hughes, tenor
- **Tech Ministry:** Jeff Adamson, Audio | Ina Keys-Harris, Video
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* If you would like to be the Liturgist, please send an e-mail to vjackson@churchinthecircle.com

EXPRESSIONS OF CARE

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

David Cabbil
Frances Chappell
Maxine Greer
Willa Hatter

Willa Hunter
Doris Jeffries
Terri Leonard

Cindy Martinez
Christa Oksiloff
James & Barbara Williams

This Is My Song

1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions,
2. My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king-doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine;
Thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
but oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
O hear my song, thou God of all the na - tions,
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the na - tions;

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with three lines of text corresponding to the three numbered verses. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

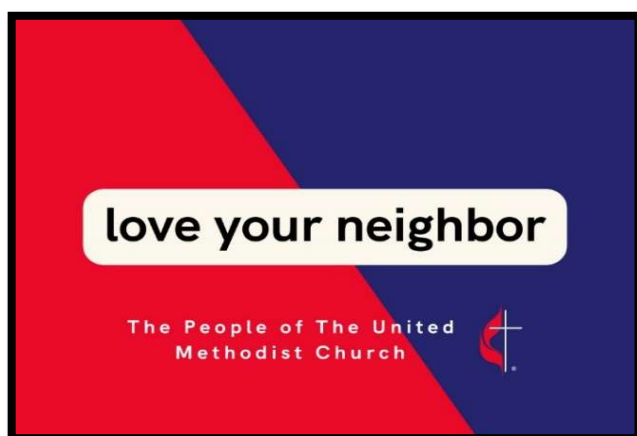


WORDS: Sts. 1,2 Lloyd Stone, 1934; st. 3, Georgia Harkness, ca. 1939
 MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. from *The Hymnal*, 1933

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ANNOUNCEMENTS and / or REMINDERS



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 Summer Break ... Adult Bible Study will Resume September 1

10:00a ... Worship Service | Great Hall & On-Line
(Facebook | Dial (253) 215-8782 enter Zoom ID 853 0953 8368 with
PassCode 591396 | <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85309538368>)

June-July-Aug..... 10:00a Worship Service | Sanctuary

MON, June 9..... 12:00p ... United Women in Faith Meeting | Reception Room

**THURS, June 12 to Annual East Ohio Conference | College of Wooster, Wooster, OH
SAT, June 14**

SAT, June 14..... 9:30a to 12:00p ... Volunteer Custodians

**SUN, June 15..... Celebration for Pastor Steve & Marcy Bailey
Father's Day**

**THURS-FRI Church Office & Building Closed ... Juneteenth
June 19-20**

SAT, June 21 9:30a ... Leadership Council | Reception Room

SAT, June 28 9:30a to 12:00p ... Volunteer Custodians

FRI, July 4..... Church Office & Building Closed ... Independence Day

MON, July 8 12:00p ... United Women in Faith Meeting | Reception Room

CHURCH CONTACTS

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Amanda Powell, Executive Director

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



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MESSAGE NOTES

Series: Questions People Ask:

Message: What Good Does Prayer Actually Do?

Scripture: Matthew 6 : 5 - 14

Preacher: Dr. Steve Bailey, Pastor

Notes: _____

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, June 15

Message: **Mile Markers**

Scripture: **Jeremiah 29 : 11 - 13**

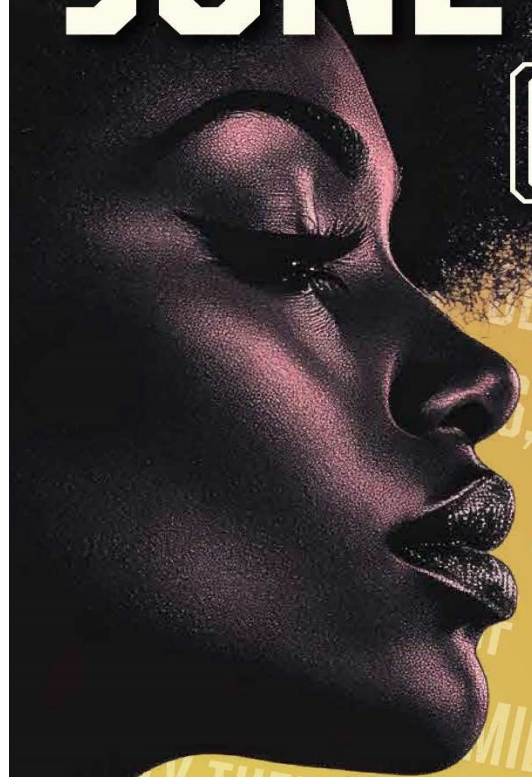
Activity: **Celebration for Pastor Steve & Marcy Bailey**
Father's Day
Lloyd "Max" Bunker, Director of Music and Organ

MAYOR KAHLIL SEREN & DJAPO CULTURAL ARTS INSTITUTE
INVITE YOU TO CLEVELAND HEIGHTS' FREEDOM DAY

JUNETEENTH

CULTURE FEST

ROOTED IN FREEDOM



SATURDAY JUNE 14
11AM-6PM @ CAIN PARK
MAINSTAGE CONCERT @ 8PM

- MUSICAL PERFORMANCES
- VENDOR MARKETPLACE
- HISTORICAL PRESENTATIONS
- EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

- CHILDRENS ACTIVITY AREA
- DRUM & DANCE WORKSHOPS
- LIBERATION ART GALLERY

- FOOD TRUCKS
- JUNETEENTH CONCERT
- COOKING DEMONSTRATION



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