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OFFICE HOURS
MON – FRI 9AM – 3PM

SERVICE TIMES
Sundays at 10:15AM

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The church with a heart in the heart of Toledo.



MAY 25, 2025 – 10:15 AM

ELW SETTING #3

Service led by Pastor Peter Bowmer

Music provided by Freda Lang

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

We are committed to you, the community, and the world around us. We believe God's love embraces all persons equally, no matter their age, ethnicity, race, abilities, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, citizen status, political leanings, religious expression, or any other boundaries the world uses to decide who is worthy and who is not. We are striving to be open and inclusive. We commit to loving YOU and caring for YOU by showing YOU the love of Jesus that we have received freely from God.

CONFESSION

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not Loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please stand as you are able.

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

ELW# 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

GREETING

P
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C
And also with you.

KYRIE

PASTOR:

CONGREGATION:

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

PASTOR:

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

CONGREGATION:

Lord, have mer - cy.

PASTOR:

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.

CONGREGATION:

Lord, have mer - cy.

PASTOR:

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **CONGREGATION:** Lord, have mer - cy.

PASTOR: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **CONGREGATION:** A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

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

al-le - lu - ia, 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.

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

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

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

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Please be seated

FIRST READING - ACTS 16:9-15 (read by volunteer)

L The Holy Scripture from the book of Acts.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING - REVELATION 21:10,22—22:5 (read by volunteer)

L ¹⁰And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names that are the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites: ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve

apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵The angel who talked to me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. ¹⁶The city has four equal sides, its length the same as its width, and he measured the city with his rod, twelve thousand stadia; its length and width and height are equal. ¹⁷He also measured its wall, one hundred forty-four cubits by human measurement, which the angel was using. ¹⁸The wall is built of jasper, while the city is pure gold, clear as glass. ¹⁹The foundations of the wall of the city are adorned with every jewel; the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, ²⁰the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. ²¹And the twelve gates are twelve pearls, each of the gates is a single pearl, and the street of the city is pure gold, transparent as glass.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING - JOHN 5:1-9 (read by volunteer)

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷The ill man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me." ⁸Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." ⁹At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a Sabbath.

L The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Peter Bowmer

BAPTISM AND AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, they 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 and ever. Amen.

APOSTLE'S CREED

P Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

C **Yes, I do.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead? On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead?

C **Yes, I do.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

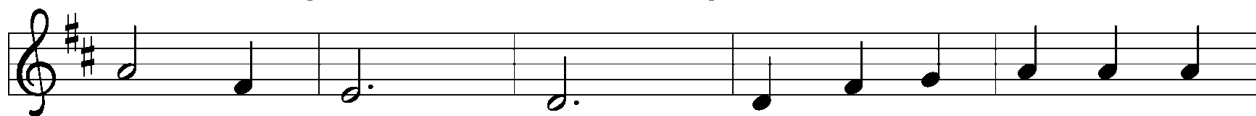
C **Yes, I do.**

WELCOME AZALEA!

HYMN OF THE DAY "I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Of The Light" ELW# 815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



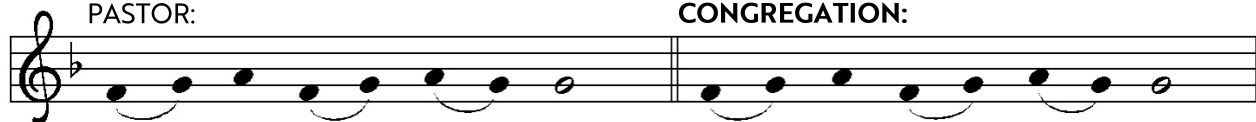
cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
 Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

GREAT THANKSGIVING

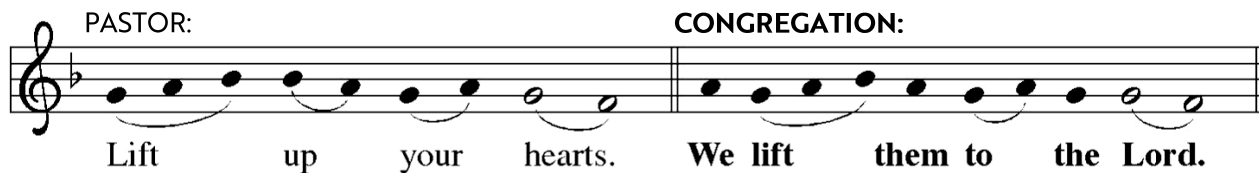
PASTOR:

CONGREGATION:



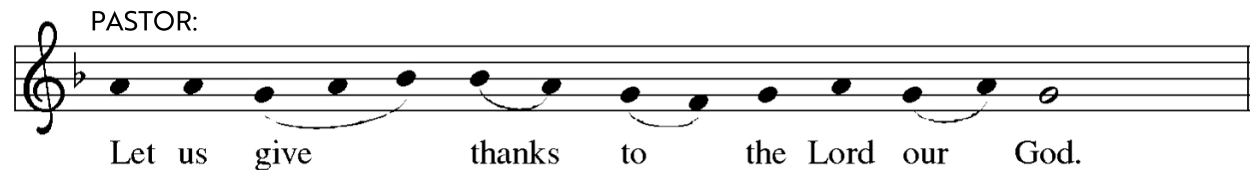
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

PASTOR: CONGREGATION:



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

PASTOR:



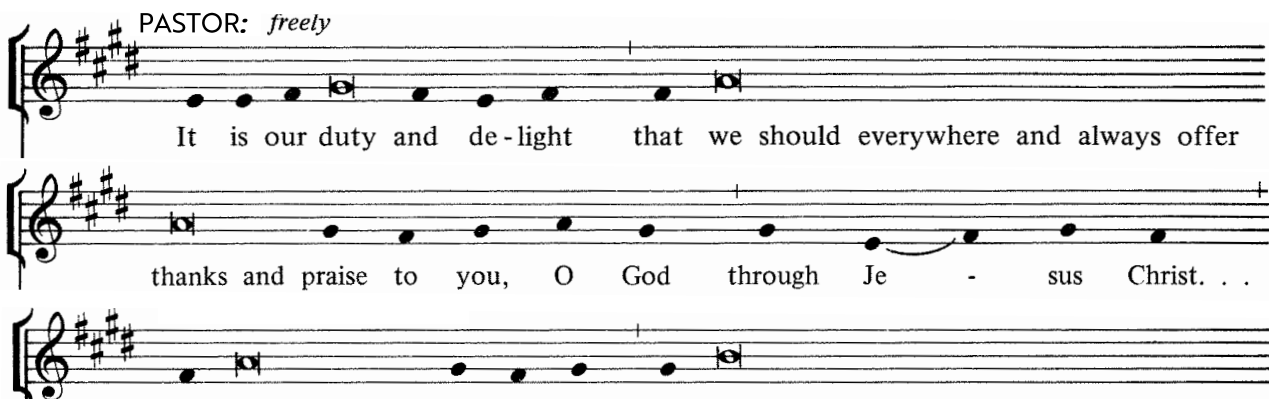
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

CONGREGATION:



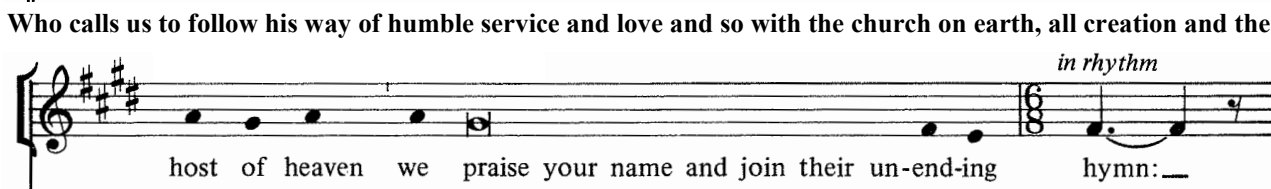
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PASTOR: *freely*



It is our duty and de-light that we should everywhere and always offer
thanks and praise to you, O God through Je - sus Christ. . .

Who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love and so with the church on earth, all creation and the



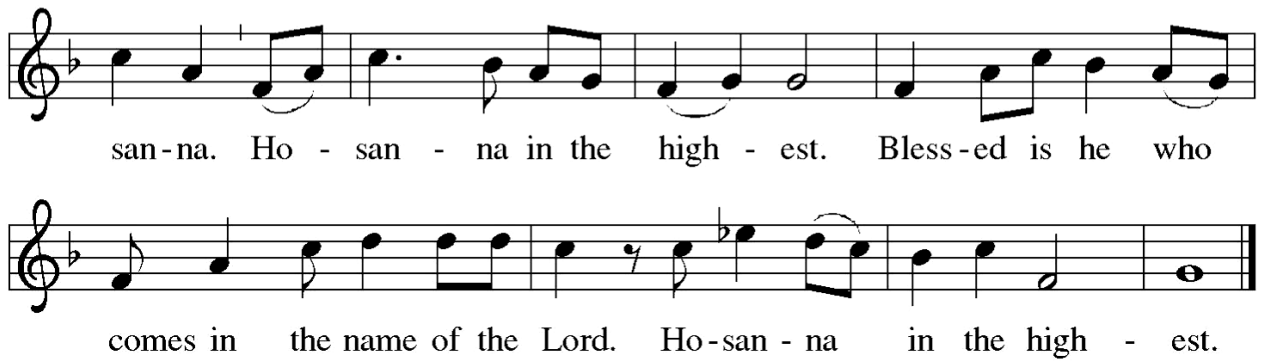
host of heaven we praise your name and join their un-end-ing hymn:—

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*)

CONGREGATION:



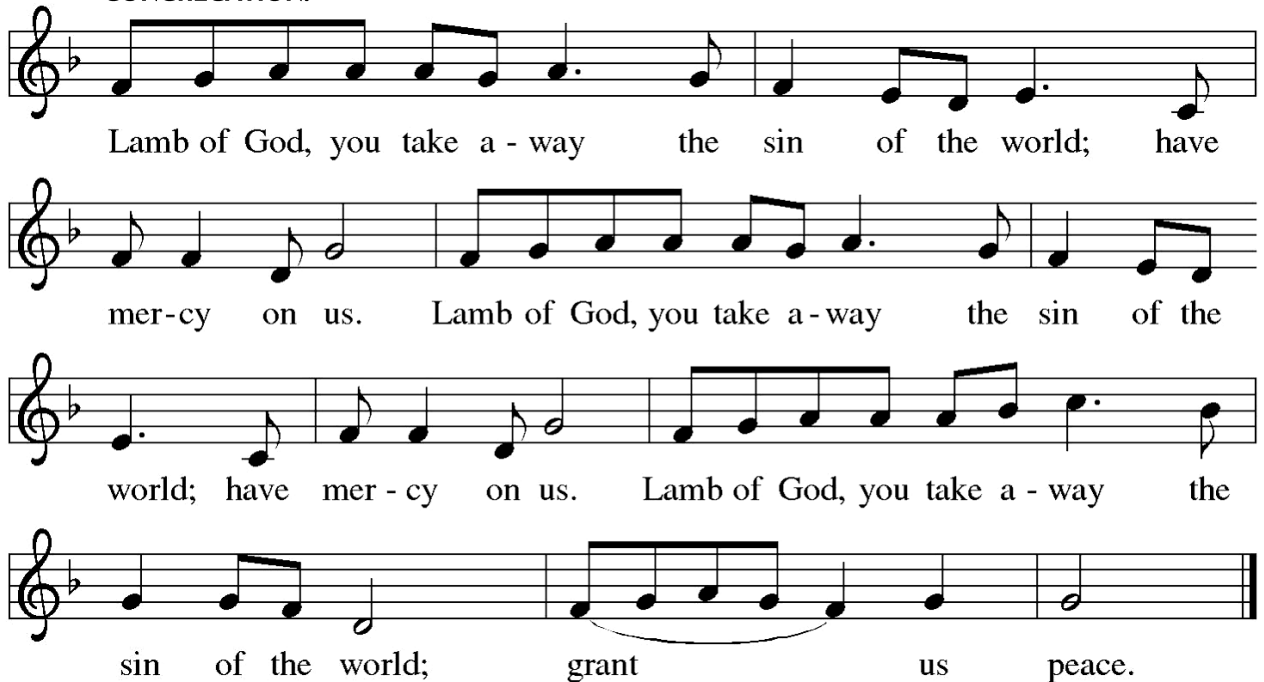
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LAMB OF GOD (*John 1:29*)

CONGREGATION:



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Holy Communion is the meal Jesus shares with us, therefore ALL are welcome to attend communion. Blessings are offered to those who prefer not to receive communion. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are also available. Please, come down the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Place empty glasses in the baskets at the end of the first pew.

P Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

COMMUNION HYMN *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* (vs 1-2) ELW# 471

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C Amen

BLESSING

P The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN "O Beautiful For Spacious Skies" (v 1 & 3) ELW# 888



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun-tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit-ed plain:
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929

Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME AZALEA & FAMILY!

Today we welcome Azalea Rose Peek-Dayton , daughter of Madelyn Rose Dayton and Kody Andrew Scott Peek. Her godparents are Mikeila-anne Elizabeth Souders and Kevin Austin Souders . Along with her friends and family we pray rich blessings on you as a child of God.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet again at Jing Chuan's on Secor Road. Reservations are for June 8th at 11:30 AM. If interested in attending please RSVP to Cindy Rockwell, 419-270-9137.

MEMORIAL DAY

The office will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. Enjoy the holiday!

CALENDAR

SUNDAY – MAY 25

10:15 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary

MONDAY – MAY 26 – OFFICE & CAFÉ CLOSED

WEDNESDAY – MAY 28

10:00 AM Community Heart Cafe – Social Room

THURSDAY – MAY 29

2:00 PM Arts Advisory Meeting – HeART Gallery

FRIDAY – MAY 30

10:00 AM Community Heart Cafe – Social Room

SUNDAY – JUNE 1

10:15 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary
Baby Shower - Parlor

ALTAR FLOWERS – In memory of Roseann DeVault from the Abituas.

CHANCEL FLOWERS – None

ANNIVERSARIES – Michelene & Jack SoRelle

BIRTHDAYS – Judi Dauer, Pattye Nicolls

PARTY IN THE PARKING LOT

4-7pm

with music & food

Sunday, June 8

community mural painting

Sunday, July 13

bed building

Sunday, August 10

glass blowing TMA



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