

Oxford Presbyterian Church  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 14, 2017

Liturgist: Sue Wilson

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

God of soulful love –  
a love that finds and lifts us in the most confusing  
and despairing of times –  
with gratitude we enter in this sacred space,  
not to remain as we are or have been,  
but to be led somewhere new.  
Carry us homewards  
into your heart of love. Amen.

(Image on the bulletin cover – “Ruth Gleaning” by Marc Chagall)

**CHIMES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

Rummage Action Team Specialists

**PRELUDE**

*“Jesus, Light of Joy”*

arr. Rebecca te Velde

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*“Alleluia”*

anonymous  
arr. John Coates, Jr.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: As a mother cradles her child to her breast;

**All: so does the Lord enfold us with nurturing love.**

As a father proudly carries his child atop his shoulders;  
**so does God bear us forward into the paths of life.**

As friends embrace each other warmly after a long absence;  
**so does Jesus welcome our presence.**

Held, carried, and welcomed,  
**we worship God in a spirit of joy and with trust in our hearts.**

**\*HYMN**

*“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”*

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**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Mothering, Fathering God, who sets suns and moons above us,  
Mountains and valleys beneath us, friends and strangers among us:  
**how often we have tried to hide from your presence,  
how seldom we have looked for your creating face  
and your fashioning hand.**

Mothering, Fathering God, who took on our flesh in Jesus our brother,  
And being found in human form made the ultimate disclosure  
Of yourself in the face of Jesus Christ:  
**how often we have forgotten you,  
how seldom we have loved and followed you!**

Mothering, Fathering God, who pours out freely the Holy Spirit:  
**how often we have ignored your promptings,  
how seldom have we asked for your or accepted your gifts!**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*“Lord, Have Mercy”*

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**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (from The Brief Statement of Faith)

**Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
Like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.  
Alleluia, Amen!**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE**

**A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

(Children in Preschool through Grade 8  
are dismissed to class following the children's message.)

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Jesus, light of our hearts,  
since your resurrection you always come to us.  
Whatever point we may find ourselves,  
you are always waiting for us.  
Open our hearts to what you want us to hear  
in your Word today. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

A reading from Ruth 2:1-13, 17-23

Holy wisdom, holy Word.  
Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

*"Restoring a World of Beauty and Wonder"*

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

## \*HYMN

*"Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us"* #44

## OPW HONORED WOMEN RECOGNITION

Presbyterian Women

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (sins...sin)

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*"Jesus, My All, to Heaven Is Gone"* John Cennick  
arr. Monty Budahl

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## \*HYMN

*"Lord, Make Us More Holy"* #313

## \*BLESSING

Held in the tenderness of God,  
restored to abundant living by Christ,  
and empowered by the love of Spirit,  
we go into this day and this new week  
alive to possibilities and alert  
to the callings of compassion.  
We journey with great hope and expectation.  
Alleluia, Amen!

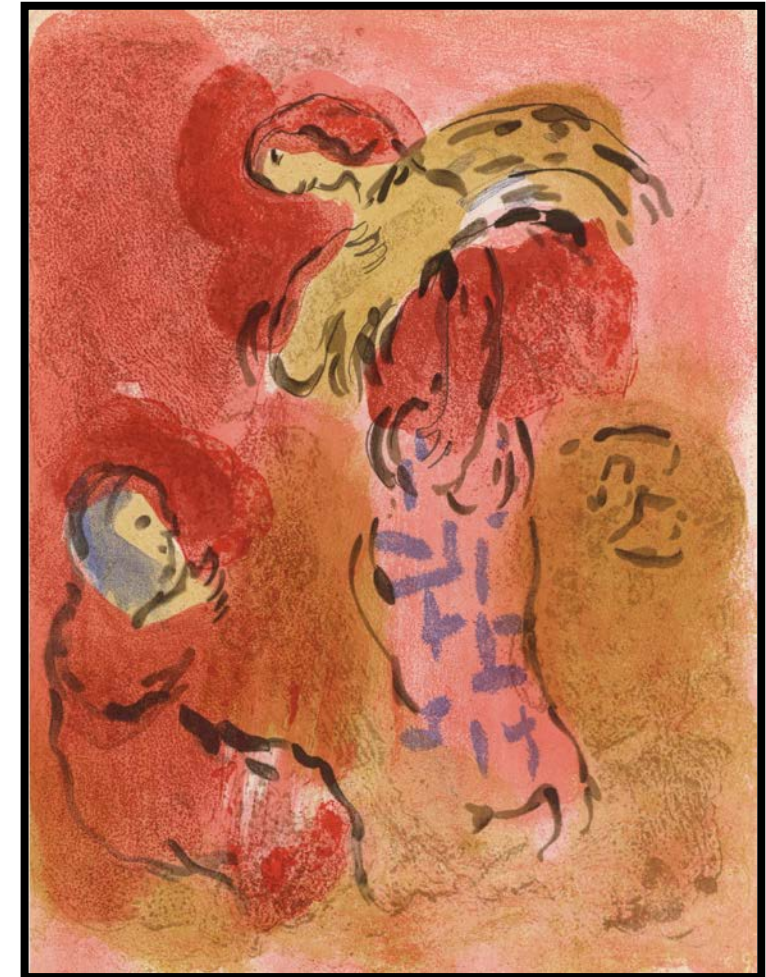
## \*CHORAL RESPONSE

*"You Shall Go Out with Joy"* Stefi Geiser Rubin  
and Stuart Dauermann

## \*POSTLUDE

*"A Trumpet Alleluia"* Franklin Ashdown

*\*Please stand as you are able*



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Oxford Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, May 14, 2017

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 14 \* \* \*

9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Worship  
10:20 Sunday School  
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux

### Monday, May 15 \* \* \*

9:00-3:00 Rummage Pricing  
(Seminary)

### Tuesday, May 16 \* \* \*

9:00-3:00 Rummage Pricing  
(Seminary)  
1:30 Tuesday Afternoon Circle  
(The Knolls)  
7:00 Session (Molyneaux)

### Wednesday, May 17 \* \* \*

9:00-3:00 Rummage Pricing  
(Seminary)  
7:00 Deacons (Molyneaux)

### Thursday, May 18 \* \* \*

6:00-8:30 Rummage Sale  
(Seminary)  
6:30 Piano Recital (Sanctuary)  
Reception (Molyneaux)  
7:00 Youth Group (Youth Room)  
7:30 Chancel Choir (Geneva)

### Friday, May 19 \* \* \*

10:00-3:00 Rummage Sale  
(Seminary)

### Saturday, May 20 \* \* \*

10:00-Noon Bag Sale (Seminary)  
10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)

### Sunday, May 21

9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Worship  
10:20 Sunday School  
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux  
5:30 International Potluck Dinner  
(Seminary)

**\* \* Please Note: Due to the Seminary being Rummage Sale ready, the building will be unavailable for use beginning May 13<sup>th</sup> until the evening of Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## OXFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Lawrence H. Bartel  
**Music Director:** Kent Peterson  
**Organist:** Lynn Jacobs  
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### OFFICERS OF OPC SESSION

**Class of 2017:** Gwen Fears, Kim Logsdon,  
Mary Jane Roberts,  
Robert Smith, Janet Ziegler

**Class of 2018:** Carol Klumb, Amy McGoldrick,  
Katie Payne, Deb Sayers,  
David Wilson

**Class of 2019:** Jenny Bailer, Lynn Cronk,  
Greg Hughes, Nancy Moeckel,  
Johanna Reinhart

### DEACONS

**Class of 2017:** Danny Cross, Connie Everhart,  
Matt Lykins, Rori Lykins,  
Jean O'Connell

**Class of 2018:** Lee Fisher, Virginia Layton,  
Joni Marcum,  
Mary Jo McFadden,  
Karen Shearer

**Class of 2019:** Carol Burkhalter,  
Debbie Davidson,  
Janet Holmes, Pat Roberts,  
Diane Young

### TRUSTEES

**Class of 2017:** Rick Bailey, Lisa Brunckhorst  
**Class of 2018:** Nick Fears, Tom Holmes  
**Class of 2019:** Keith Payne, Joe Simpson

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May 14 - May 21, 2017

Large-print bulletins and hearing assistance units are available from the ushers. **Please sign the friendship pads found at the end of the pew and pass them to your neighbors.**

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're so glad you're here! We welcome you to participate in any or all activities of the church. Our congregational vision is to become "a more joyful, passionate, spiritually vibrant, inter-generational community of friends who are intentionally engaged in growing in faith, committed to serving our community and the world, and centered on transforming lives through the Good News of Jesus Christ." As a community of friends in Christ, our mission is: **Seeking God...** We strive to know God and love God. As fellow seekers, we welcome all who wish to learn and grow with us. **Serving others...** Following our Servant Savior, we give our time, talent and resources to help bring fullness of life to others. **Sharing Christ's love with all...** Through our words and actions, we proclaim the unconditional love of Christ. Filled with joy and hope, we build relationships across any boundaries that separate us."

**Greeters:** Chris and Ann Adryan

**Acolyte:** Bella Walter

The flower on the communion table are given by Karen Shearer honoring her mother, Vi Kazimore, and all the mothers of the world.

## Mission Partners Prayer List: Presbytery of the Miami Valley:

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dayton  
**Sister Churches:** The First Church of Zlatoust, Russia and The Seventh Church of Barranquilla, Colombia

## Congregational Prayer Concerns:

Betty Barnhart, Pris Berry,  
Bob Douglass, Connie Everhart,  
Cathy Fey, Nancy Gates, Ann Hardy,  
Genee Hesse, Breanna Kinneman,  
Stacey Winn, Marilyn Rettig,  
Sarah Soika, Jan Reinhart

Email prayer requests to Jean O'Connell,  
[occonnelljm17@yahoo.com](mailto:occonnelljm17@yahoo.com), call Pat Roberts, 513-255-0549 or email the church office,  
[office@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org)

Fellowship hour following worship hosted by the Peacemaking Committee.

## Your Name Tag is Important to Us!



Please do not place name tags in the large recycle baskets so that yours won't be lost. Please place them in the smaller baskets labeled 'name tags'. Thank You!

**Altar Flowers are needed for June 18 and 25 and July 16.** You can sign up on the flower chart near the water fountain next to the Molyneaux Lounge or call Marge Smith at 523-2895. Thank you.



## Historic Hopewell Church Worship Service

Sunday, June 4 ~ 9:30 a.m.  
**(NO 10:00 a.m. service at OPC)**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: Prior to the Children's Message,** Children's Activity Bibles and bags are available in the Narthex. Following the Children's Message, our teachers are waiting to welcome our students. Members of the Christian Education Committee will be available to escort students to their perspective rooms following the children's story.

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**Room Assignments:**

**Nursery:** Infants through age 2, Nursery 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**Preschool:** Ages 3-5, Preschool area, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**Grades K through 2:** K-1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Grades 3-5:** Art Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Grades 6-8:** Audio-Visual Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor



If you were able to attend the **OPW Friendship Brunch** on Saturday, May 6th, you were treated to an amazing program presented by Pastor Lawrence. His talk and slides were very interesting and inspiring! Thank you Pastor Lawrence! Also thanks to the women of both circles who provided us with delicious food. Everyone left with their blooming marigolds, nourishment, and happy smiles. Thank you Karen Shearer, for bringing us a wonderful morning to remember.



**Come and Shop at the Seminary starting this Thursday:** Lots of Bargains. One of a Kind Items. Everything is on Sale!!! Our Rummage & Boutique Sale is this week, May 18-20. Please support our Missions. The Oxford Presbyterian Women have been busy sorting and they have lots of wonderful gently used items for sale this coming week. Please stop by to shop and to say hello. In addition to clothing for most everyone we also have kitchenware, an assortment of jewelry and wonderful knickknacks and one of a kind items. Please spread the word and be prepared to buy. We have wonderful bargains and it will please you to know that when you buy something at our Rummage sale you are giving the Oxford Presbyterian Women money that goes back to the community to help those in need. The sale starts this Thursday from **6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at The Seminary** and continues on Friday from **10 am-3 pm** and **Saturday Bag Sale 10:00 am to noon.**

We need volunteers on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday this week to help with the pricing and display of our rummage and Boutique offerings. Please come and help out any time between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

**We need volunteers to come at noon on Saturday to help us pack up the left-overs and take them to Goodwill.**



**Chaperone Needed!!!!**  
**June 25 - June 30**

We are still in need of one adult member of OPC to help chaperone the Youth Mission Trip to Pike County, Kentucky.

If interested please email: mitchelljameshardy@gmail.com. A background check is required.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**THE TUESDAY AFTERNOON CIRCLE** will meet on May 16 at 1:30 p.m. in The Knolls Country Kitchen. Lynn Cronk will lead the lesson, Karen Shearer the Mission

Yearbook and Jean Butterfield the Least Coin. All are welcome.



*You're Invited...*

**C.C.N.S. Graduation (M-W-F Class of 2017)**

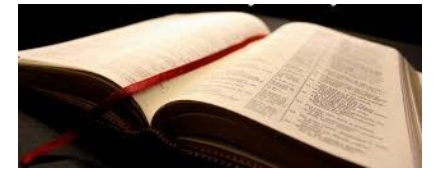
**May 22, 2017 ~ 6:00 P.M.**

**DVD CHURCH SERVICE SHOWING**



Come join Becky Quay to enjoy Presbyterian Church services on DVD at The Knolls on May 23, 2017 in the Assisted Living dining room. Program begins at

10:00 a.m. All are welcome!



**Journey Through the Bible**

Last week's Questions and Answers

- How does David respond when he learns that his mortal enemy, Saul, is dead? (David mourns the death of Saul. - 2 Sam. 1)
- What prophet is sent by God to confront David about his affair with Bathsheba? (The prophet Nathan confronts David. - 2 Sam 12:1-15)

Next week's Questions

- In David's last days as king, which son tries to claim the throne for himself? (Hint, this occurs after Absalom's death)
- Why has Paul "become all things to all people"?



**Relay for life - Team OPC**

Want to participate in Oxford's Relay for Life with Team OPC? Go to [www.relayforlife.org/oxfordoh](http://www.relayforlife.org/oxfordoh) to sign up. **Participants must register by May 20th.** The walk will be held June 24th from 1 pm to 11 pm in the Uptown Oxford Parks (**new location this year!!!**) A luncheon for cancer survivors will be held at 11:30 AM. For more information see Jennifer Lake or Janet Holmes.



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Seeking God  
Serving Others  
Sharing Christ's  
Love With All

## Oxford Presbyterian Women's Retreat

Saturday, June 3 ~ 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Western Lodge on the campus of Miami University

Our speaker is Melissa Tidwell, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Xenia, OH. She has worked in religious publishing and was the editor of *Alive Now* magazine. She is a published author and will be leading us in "**Mapping the Landscape of Change: Patterns of Spiritual Transformation**". It will be a creative exercise in finding models for describing our challenges and opportunities and learning new spiritual practices. She comes highly recommended and we are pleased to welcome her to our group on June 3rd. Make plans to attend this fun program.

Please choose one of the following lunch choices and turn in your reservation with \$10 to Bridgite Dickerson, OPC Administrative Assistant at the church office by May 26th.

Breakfast will be provided and lunch is a choice of box lunches. *Select your choice:*

- Smoked Turkey on Wheat Bread
- Roast Beef & Cheddar on White Bread
- Hummus & Muenster

with Roasted Red Peppers on Wheat Bread

**\*The lunch includes chips and a cookie.**

Please contact Roberta Crain, 523-1026, if you have any questions.

Name of attendee \_\_\_\_\_

Join Us ... May 21st<sup>th</sup> at 5:30p.m.

At the Seminary Church

## Annual International Potluck Dinner



Bring your favorite International dish to share  
Main Dish, table settings and drinks provided

Meet and greet the Talawanda H.S. foreign  
exchange students and their host families

Sign up in the Molyneaux Lounge  
Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>