



Sunday, April 23, 2023 ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you **checked in** for worship today?

*please stand as you are able

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit

Buxtehude Bux. W.V. 209

Introit

Come Holy Ghost

9th Century

Adult Choir; Tyler Kim, Director

*Call to Worship

Elder Jim Wiggans

Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –

God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.

Let us worship God today, for God is good –

God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.

Let us worship God today –

Because we are God's people.

Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Wiggans

*Hymn No. 295

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

***Seating interlude

Prayer of Confession

Day or night, it is always the right time to come before God,
For God already knows what lies in our hearts.

Let us offer up our hopes yet unmet:

For peace, for reconciliation, for grace.

Let us offer up the wrongs we have done:

Our greed, our apathy, our meanness.

Let us offer up the good we have left undone:

Forgiving another, offering mercy, choosing compassion.

And in silence, let us offer God the whole of our hearts.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! The Lord Jesus Christ died for us, He rose for us, He reigns in power for us, He prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

We believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. We thank and praise the Lord together for our great salvation.

Response

I Like to Go to My Church

We Know Spring is Here

Primary Choir

Sawyer McNab, Piano

Butler

Perry

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Rev. Wes Allen

Anthem

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Adult Choir; Amanda Schkeeper, Alto

Spiritual, Arr. Dawson

There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,
There is a Balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouragement and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,
There is a Balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say: "He died for all."
There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,
There is a Balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

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Way of the Week #24: Tell Your Story

Rev. Spencer

24. TELL YOUR STORY. God has done and is doing something unique in your life. Has God answered a prayer, provided help, or blessed you? Share it. Ask God for opportunities to share your faith in Christ by words and deeds.

Ideas for Action (try to do by 12 noon Tuesday): At the start of each morning this week, think about one thing you're grateful to God for from the previous 24 hours. Got it? Now share it with someone else in the course of today.

Offertory

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My Offering	
Where your treasury is, there will be also. Mat. 6:21	Name: _____
	Address: _____
	Amount: _____

Offertory Music

Joel Krott, Piano

I Know De Lord's Laid His Hands on Me

Frank Mitchell; Bass

Spiritual, Arr. Burleigh

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Pastor Leon Dorleans

"The Benefit of Saying YES to God"

Scripture Text: Acts 26: 9-19 (page 147 Pew Bible NT)

*Hymn No. 458

Search Me, O God

Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

Kyrie, God, Holy Ghost

Dupré Op. 28 No. 51

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Dr. Steve Trzeciak)

Rev. Spencer

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8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Jim Wiggins; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Debbie Heller and Karen Mason; **Ushers:** Steve Shaffer, Barry Leatherman, Paul Lewis; **Trustee Greeter:** Bill Conner; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Mike McNeil; **Nursery Caregivers:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed)

Worship flowers are given by Dr. Lucy Rorke-Adams to the glory of God and in loving memory of her sisters Elizabeth Seropian and Marline Broburg

We welcome Pastor Leon Dorleans to our pulpit this morning. He was ordained into the ministry in 1975 at the Red Quarry Christian Church in French Lick, Indiana. Leon graduated from Cincinnati Christian Seminary in 1987 and started his ministry in Cite Soleil in 1988. Haiti Outreach Ministries began in 1990 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti with

Pastor Leon as the founding director. Through HOM, he and his wife Jacky and daughter Nadege have built three churches, four schools and two clinics as well as developed the leaders in Haiti needed to sustain the ministry. They have recently broken ground for a Bible College. Many of our members have been on mission trips to Haiti. FPCM has sent mission teams to this ministry 11 times with the first after the 2010 earthquakes.

Work of God's People (See *Connections*, eblast, website and our app for details)

- **Today:** Interested individuals in the Spring Inquirers Class will meet with Session today at 12:15 pm to share their faith story and become members. We will welcome them next week **Sunday, April 30 (9:30)**.
- **Today:** We'll be meeting in the Cooperative Garden at 12:30 pm **April 23** to [plant more of our crops](#). Please bring a shovel (if you have one and can do shoveling work), a trowel and gardening gloves.
- **Congregational Meeting** -- Session has called a special meeting of the congregation **Sunday, April 30**, immediately following the 9:30 AM worship service in Miller Commons. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Elders, Deacons and Trustees to a term of office beginning June 1, 2023.
- **Special Event! Fifth Sunday Worship – Sunday, April 30 -- 9:30 am** blended worship (Miller Commons); church-wide 5th Sunday service project for Cathedral Kitchen. After worship, our Deacons will lead us in making 250 turkey and cheese sandwiches, decorating placemats and designing centerpieces for the tables at CK. Light snacks and refreshments provided. All ages welcome! **SIGN UP GENIUS LINK:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A5A628ABF94-cathedral>
- **Do you know of a 2023 graduate?** Please fill out a [brief form](#) to submit names of those high school, college or post-grad graduates to [Jan Martin](#) in the church office. We will honor our graduates on **Graduate Recognition Sunday**, May 7 with an insert in the worship guide.
- **Adult Spiritual Formation** (Sundays 9:45-10:45 am): [The Book of Acts](#) study concludes May 21. Meets in FH Hall A. **NEW** marriage study [“You and Me Forever”](#) started April 16. Dive into Scripture to understand what it means to have a relationship that satisfies the deepest parts of our souls. Sign up online or right through the Church Center app *Signups*. Meets in the Hayes Room.
- SIGN UP for end of year inflatable parties for Kingdom Kids and Crossing Zone – **Wednesday, April 26!** [See our event pages](#) or sign up right through the Church Center app.
- CREDO students will meet with church Elders on **Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be provided. The dinner and meeting with Session will conclude by 7:00 pm. CREDO students will be celebrated in the Worship Service on **Sunday, May 14**.
- **Sunday, May 7:** Youth Choir Concert (7:00 pm) in the sanctuary
- Registration is OPEN for summer camp at Camp Johnsonburg **July 16-21**. [See event page for all the fun!](#)
- We are looking for individuals high school or older to learn our **live stream system and audio** for our Sunday morning broadcasts. We will train! Help us continue our live stream ministry. [See event page](#).
- **VBS Registration is OPEN!** [See our event page](#) for information on the **June 26- June 30** VBS. At *Stellar* VBS we will launch on a cosmic quest where we will have a blast shining Jesus' light into the world. 😊