

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you this morning and pray you have a meaningful worship time with us. (CCLI 1765953)

### WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Ministers – The Congregation  
Pastor – Mark Chow

#### GATHERING FOR CELEBRATION

GATHERING MUSIC

Tony Merry

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Mark

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**And also with you.**

The Risen Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord!**

PRELUDE

“Elevation in F”

A. Guilmant

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

\*OPENING SONG 139 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

\*OPENING PRAYER

Cindy Lawyer

**Almighty God, through Jesus Christ, you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, may, by the renewing of your Spirit arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Sarah Burris

*(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)*

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER 395 “Take Time to Be Holy” [vs. 1]

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

Cindy Lawyer

**God of Miracles, We praise your Holy name and thank you for loving us!**

**Awaken Grace Church to your calling....**

**Unleash your power within us....**

**Break through our hearts and minds....so we will be open to your God-sized plans.**

**Let your light shine through us, so we may be an example of your love to others!**

**In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

John 15:9-17

Cindy Lawyer

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Mark Chow

BREAKTHROUGHS: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

INVITATION / CONFESSION AND PARDON 12

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Humbly I Adore Thee”

arr. J. Cox

*Grace Chancel Choir*

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH THE SACRAMENT

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 13-15

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.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*(The Sacrament of Communion will be received by intinction this morning. You may come down the center aisles to the Communion stations, receive the elements, and return to your seat by the outside aisles. For those wishing to receive the elements in the pews, simply remain seated and the communion stewards will come to you.)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Triune God, you have fed us with the body and blood of Christ, uniting us with you, filling us with the power that raised Jesus from the dead. Send us forth into the world, strengthened and renewed, to love and serve others, with hearts filled with grace and peace. In the name of Jesus Christ the Risen Lord. Amen.**

#### GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

\*CLOSING HYMN 557

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

\*SENDING FORTH

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 585 “This Little Light of Mine” [vs. 1]

POSTLUDE

“Moderato”

A. Hesse

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given by Jim & Pat Burkhart in memory of their parents and Roger & Betty Mahaffey.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 15

Worship – 28, 71

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

May 7 Genevieve Tyson  
May 8 Alex McCann, Anna McCann  
May 9 Michael Funk, Bob Paap, June Straker  
May 10 Larry Jones, Linda Jones Biddle, Debra Moore  
May 11 Jayme Schumacher, Jean Shurtz, Cris Sidwell

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, May 6		
Monday, May 7	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share – Parlor
Tuesday, May 8	6:30 p.m.	Trustees – Classroom
	7:00 p.m.	Yoga – Third Floor
Wednesday, May 9	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, May 10	6:00 p.m.	Outreach Comm. – Classroom
	6:15 p.m.	Finance Comm. – Parlor
	7:30 p.m.	Administrative Board – Parlor
Friday, May 11	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, May 12		
Sunday, May 13	8:15 a.m.	Early Service – Fellowship Hall
	9:00-10:15	Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:15	Sunday School – all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

## VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church

GRACE WILL Gather to worship God — Grow spiritually — Go serve and make disciples

## OUTREACH –

During May, we will collect items for the Muskingum County Center for Seniors — tissues – toiletries – soaps – detergents – cleaning supplies – pet treats – paper products – towels – wash cloths – candy.

## SALE – Please mark your calendar for **June 1 – 2** — Grace Church Garage Sale

As you clean up for spring, look at the items you no longer need, remember to bag or box these things, and bring to the church for the SALE. You may bring items at any time!!!

## Coming Events –

**TONIGHT, May 6 — 6:30 p.m.** — Foothills District Spring Conference / Worship —  
First UMC, Athens

**Sunday, May 13 — 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m.** — Mother's Day

Scripture: Exodus 20:12; 21:15, 17 Guest Preacher – Orlen Bates, Jr.

**Sunday, May 20 — 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m.** — Pentecost Sunday – Graduation Recognition –

Heritage Sunday Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 10:24-25; Romans 8:22-27;  
John 15:26-26; 16:4-15

**Sunday, May 27 — 10:30 a.m.** — Two By Two will lead us in music



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## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - "BREAKTHROUGHS"**

Spiritual breakthroughs begin with prayer. And yet, we are not to "just pray for anything we want, rather it should be our goal to pray for everything God wants for us. We need God to give us new and better desires that are pleasing to Him." (Think Eternity), or, as Jesus put it, "Remain in my Love." (*John 15:9*)

### 8:15 a.m. Worship Celebration

*Thanks to Joyce Cooper and our praise team for leading us in worship.*

### **Gathering for Celebration**

### **Celebration Through Praise**

### **Celebration Through Prayer**

### **Celebration Through God's Word**

Scripture – John 15:9-17

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message – *Breakthroughs: Love One Another* — Pastor Mark Chow

### **Celebration Through Our Gifts**

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

### **Celebration Through the Sacrament**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

### **Going Forth to Celebrate**