

Service of Divine Worship

5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Assemble in God's Name

As You Focus for Worship

Loving God, whom we praise and glorify as disciples of Jesus Christ, cleanse us today by your word so we may rejoice once more in our baptism and aspire to the perfection of love among us and throughout your world. Prune away the dead debris of our fears and failures so we may become productive branches in the church, reaching out to feed a world starving for genuine love and yearning for community. Amen.¹

Welcome and Proclamation of the Good News

Prelude: Nozomi Uno, flute

***Call to Worship:** *Responsive Reading*

I will praise the Lord in the midst of the assembly; I will worship with all those who gather in God's name.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall give praise.

All the ends of the earth shall worship the Lord, and all the families of nations shall bow down to God.

For sovereignty belongs to God alone; it is the Lord who rules over the nations.

My descendants shall serve the Lord; they shall be known as God's forever.

They shall make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that God has done.

*Let us worship God.*²

***Hymn #267:** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Prayer of Confession:

God of our Life, you have called us to bear witness to the cross and resurrection of Jesus, in whose love we have found abundant life. We confess that we keep this good news to ourselves. Neither our words nor our actions have faithfully proclaimed his saving goodness. We have failed to show and tell the love by which we so richly live.

Forgive us for denying the divine love and power in which we live, move, and have our being. Quicken us by your Holy Spirit, in all that we say and do, to bear faithful witness to the love, mercy, and justice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.²

Silent Personal Prayer

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Song of Joy, Hymn #386, verses 1 & 5:** *O for a World*

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,

Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,

Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

*** The Peace:** *"The Peace of the Lord be with you." "And also with you."*

*As a sign of reconciliation please share the Peace of Christ
with your brothers and sisters.*

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination: *Unison Reading*

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.³

Old Testament Lesson: Psalms 24

Children's Time

Susie Faas

Ministry of Music: *I See You, God*
Kiersten Talbot, soprano

Mark Burrows

New Testament Lesson: Mark 6:1-13

Sermon: *Unrealistic Expectations*

Reverend James DiEgidio

Respond to God's Word

***Hymn #527:** *Near to the Heart of God*

Joy & Concern Cards will be collected during this hymn

***Affirmation of Faith:** *The Apostles' Creed*, Traditional

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Life Together

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory: *There's No Rock a-Gonna Shout for Me*
Heritage Choir

Barrett

* Hymn # 592: Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #343:** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

* *Those who are able may stand.*

Heritage Presbyterian Church

April 28, 2024

Order of Worship



Children's Ministry Director—*Susie Faas*

Youth Director/ Administrator—*Patty Schmetzer*

Director of Music Ministries—*Karen Mail*

Accompanists—*Tim & Ann LeVan*

Business Manager—*Susan Brose*

Custodian—*Rich Johnson*

Office Administrator —*Stephanie Martin*

Email: office@hpcmason.org; Website: www.hpcmason.org

Church Office: 513-398-7671 Fax: 513-573-9722 Preschool: 513-398-7981

¹ Reprinted by permission, *Led by Love, Year B*, by Lavon Bayler, © 1996 by United Church Press

² From *Call to Worship, Year B, Lectionary Aids for 2002-2003, Office of Theology and Worship* Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), in Association with Geneva Press

³ Reprinted by permission from *Book of Common Worship*, © 1993 Westminster John Knox Press

Transition Period Pastoral Care

The Session has engaged the services of local pastors for emergency pastoral services such as hospital visitation and funerals. If you need pastoral care, please call Stephanie Martin in the church office: 513-398-7671, or email office@hpcmason.org. She will contact a Pastor. After hours or on weekends, please call Deacon Vice Moderator Sally Le Cras: 513-317-6353.



Save the Date!!

May 19 at 5:00pm - Heritage Got Talent

We are looking for talent acts. If you have a talent you would like to share, please contact Leah Jacob at cellogod-dess76@gmail.com.

Mason Symphonic Chorale Presents:

What a Feeling! Today, April 28 at 7pm

Featuring...Mason Symphonic Chorale, Hallelujah Ringers, West Chester Academy Singers

Tickets are available at www.masonchorale.org or at the door before the concert.



Recycling Update

HPC is no longer collecting plastic bottle caps for recycling, as the ReUse Hub is no longer accepting them. Please continue to recycle your bottle tops at home. Thank you!

Basketball at HPC

Basketball in our church gym will start on Tuesday, April 2 through May 29, 7-8:30pm—open to all ages 16 and up. Please join us for some pick-up games or simply just shooting around. See Tom Ball with questions.



Apply Now For No-Interest Heritage Education Loans

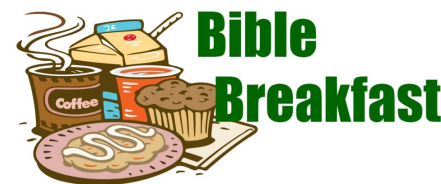
HPC can help cover the costs of college through interest-free loans of up to \$2,500 per year. The loans are available for Heritage Church and other Christian students. Contact Susan Brose at sbrose.hpc@gmail.com for an application form. Submit applications by July 31st so the Endowment committee has time to review your application and finalize the loans before school starts.



Loans are made for \$1,250 per semester, \$2,500 per school year, for a maximum of four years and \$10,000. Loans are interest-free with a 50-month repayment schedule beginning 12 months after the final year of education concludes.

Bible Breakfast and Teacher Appreciation May 5, 9-10am

As we close out a great school year of Sunday School and Bible Study, let's celebrate! All are welcome! If you attended Sunday School, Bible Study, or studied scripture on your own – come and enjoy fellowship and breakfast. We will also take some time to appreciate those who taught us this year.



Please use the link <https://bit.ly/BibleBreakfastMay5> to let us know you are coming or contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org

Please
join us!

Crafters!

A group of Crafters meets in the Fireside Room each Tuesday from 10am-12pm to work on our own projects and on projects to be donated. We work and have a good time chatting and laughing. we would love to have you join us!

Community Cupboard

Each of the past three months, more than 1,000 food items have been put into the Community Cupboard. This is fantastic! Your continued generosity is very much appreciated by those who use the Cupboard. You have provided a steady supply of needed food items.

Currently, however, we are almost out of fruit, juice, meat (stew, chicken, tuna and yes, Vienna Sausages). Thank you for all your support.



Calling All High School & Post High School 2024 Graduates!

- Please plan to attend our Graduate Recognition on Sunday, May 12th during the Worship Service. We will present our high school graduates to the congregation by inviting them up and giving them a gift. Other graduates will be asked to stand and be recognized. We would like to congratulate you on your hard work!
- We ask all graduating high school & other graduates to submit the following:
 - ⇒ Name of the school you will be graduating from
 - ⇒ Any specific plans for the Fall, including your chosen college, major or job
 - ⇒ High School Seniors, please include 5 photos
 - ⇒ Other graduates, please include 1 photo

Send all the above info to: youth@hpcmason.org by April 28th.

PRAYER list...

Joys:

- The new Family Promise campus is official open!

Concerns:

- Lori Ball—recovery from 4/25 surgery—2-3 week recovery expected
- Laurie Knobbe—major health issues
- Debbie Perkin's mother—hospitalized after a fall
- Paul Brummett—Alan Knobbe's brother-in-law—Hospice Care

Continued Prayer:

- Prayers for the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for peace.
- Prayers for the people of Israel and Gaza and all victims of terrorism and war
- Transitional Leadership Team
- Shawn Allen—friend of Joyce Klein—Stage 4 Cancer
- Mike Buerger—friend of Rick Davis—bladder cancer treatments
- Glen Hamann—home recovering from successful 4/15 bypass surgery
- Mitchell Kent—teammate of Sam Le Cras—tractor trailer accident
- Cathy Kinzie—cousin of Pat O'Kray—congestive heart failure
- Twila Lane—wife of Tim LeVan's friend Gary—chemotherapy
- Carole Phillips—memory care at Optimized Senior Living
- Bonnie Reeves—Hospice
- Steve Ritz
- Merideth Rought—healing after a car accident
- Roger Rude—health issues
- Ron Trapp—Pastor Emeritus—Hospice Care
- Tony Vivian—brother of Tim LeVan's friend Rod—cancer surgery

In Memoriam:

- Bruce Crutcher & family—Agnes Crutcher claimed the victory of the resurrection on April 17th, 2024.
- Denise & family—Jamey & Sheri Focke's daughter-in-law—Denise's father passed away on 4/18/24

Intercessory Prayer: Bethel Murdoch Presbyterian Church

Call the church office, 398-7671, to request the prayer chain be started

Sunday, April 28, 5th Sunday of Easter, Deacon Sunday

9:00 am: Sunday School for all ages
9:30 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: In Person Worship & Livestream Worship on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)
5:00 pm: Kids of the Kingdom, 'Tweens & Legacies
7:00 pm: Mason Chorale Concert at HPC

Monday, April 29

Tuesday, April 30

10:00 am: Crafting Group
7:00 pm: Basketball Open Gym

Wednesday, May 1

5:30 pm: VBS Decoration Prep
6:15 pm: Choir Practice
7:30 pm: Bells Practice

Thursday, May 2

8:15 pm: Men's Fellowship

Friday, May 3

12:00 pm: Committee Minutes Due

Saturday, May 4

Sunday, May 5, 6th Sunday of Easter

9:00 am: Bible Breakfast & Teacher Appreciation
9:30 am: Choir Practice
10:15 am: In Person Worship & Livestream Worship on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)
11:30 am: Finance Committee Meeting

Sanctuary Flowers Today Are Given by Susan Brose in honor of Bethany, Kaitlyn & Trey's birthdays—all in April.

Worship Leader Today: Kelly Simmons

Greeters Today: Nelson & Suzanne Kennedy

Birthdays: Ralph Spaeth, Isabella Harmeling, Campbell Glinski, Bella Steverson, Luke Jacob, Michele Plats

Heritage Presbyterian Church VBS: June 24-28, 6– 8:30 pm



One of the highlights of the summer is Vacation Bible School. Come, and be a part of faith and fun, as we are called together to serve.

Throughout the week we will follow Psalm 56:3, "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you."

Through Bible activities, crafts, games, science, snacks, and mission, we will be part of an amazing community learning to TRUST GOD to Go With Us, Lead the way, Share Wisdom, Give us Peace, & Spark Joy!

There are many ways to be part of VBS!

Attend...Children age 4 – upcoming 5th graders are welcome.

Register on-line at www.hpcmason.org
or <https://bit.ly/HeritageVBS2024>

Donate... There is a wish list of supplies posted in the Atrium.

Volunteer... We need lots of helpers! Adults & Teens
(upcoming 6th graders and older)

If you love God, and love to have fun, you will love VBS!

How do you want to be a part of VBS?

Sign up in the Atrium or contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org

VBS Decorating - Wednesdays in May 5:30–7:30pm

We need help creating the decorations to transform our building into *Camp Firelight* for Vacation Bible School. If you can trace, cut, or glue, we would love to have you join us! Some take home projects are also available. Contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org



FPWC Guests Have Moved Into the New Campus!

As of Sunday, 4/21, the FPWC Guests (Family Promise Warren County Guests, i.e., the homeless) have moved into the new FPWC Campus! And things are going very well. Guests, Staff and Hosts are loving it!

HPC will have our first Hosting Week using the new Family Promise Model, starting Sunday, 5-26-2024. We will be DELIVERING meals each of the seven days at about 515pm, to the new Campus. It also means that we will be providing Meal Hosts, Fellowship Hosts, and Overnight Hosts that week. At this time (4-24-2024), it looks like our Partner Churches will be providing Meal Hosts and Fellowship Hosts for most of the evenings that they provide the food. But none of our Partner Churches, at this time, want to provide Overnight Hosts.

What does this mean? We are asking you (as one of our 28 HPC trained hosts) to sign up to be one of two Overnight Hosts, for at least one of the nights of that week (week of 5-26-2024). Overnight Hosts are needed from 830pm to 700am.

You might want to be a Meal Host instead of an Overnight Host. We are asking you (as one of our 28 HPC trained hosts) to sign up to be one of two Meal Hosts (5pm to 7pm), and/or one of two Fellowship Hosts (7pm to 845pm) for at least one of the nights of that week. We will probably only need Meal Hosts and Fellowship Hosts on Sunday, May 26, and Tuesday, May 28. For the other evenings that week, we expect that Meal Hosts and Fellowship Hosts will be provided by our Partner Churches.

Can you volunteer to be one of the 14 Overnight Hosts, or one of the 4 Meal Hosts, or one of the 4 Fellowship Hosts that we will need in the week of 5-26-2024? Please see the FPWC article in the May Newsletter (HPC Good News) for more information.

Sandwich Mission Continues

Kathy Schickel is the Director of Operations at Our Daily Bread. She sent Nelson an email about the fact that HPC recently signed up to extend our Sandwich Mission out thru the end of September of 2024. In that email she wrote, "Please share our appreciation for all of your support with your whole team!"

2024 Pledges & Gifts

Use this link to give online: <http://bit.ly/2Wjfb2m>

Heritage Presbyterian Church

April 28, 2024

Announcements

6546 S. Mason-Montgomery Rd.
Mason, Ohio 45040

hpcmason.org

9:00 am—Sunday School

10:15 am—Worship



Children's Ministry Director – Susie Faas

Youth Director/ Administrator - Patty Schnetzer

Director of Music Ministries – Karen Mail

Accompanists – Tim & Ann LeVan

Business Manager – Susan Brose

Custodian – Rich Johnson

Office Administrator – Stephanie Martin

Email – office@hpcmason.org; Website: www.hpcmason.org

Church Office: 513-398-7671 Fax: 513-573-9722 Preschool: 513-398-7981