

*Welcome to
Otterbein United Methodist Church*

May 21, 2023

10:30 am

Ascension Sunday

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

We Gather to Worship the Lord

Welcome

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount

arr. Bish

***Greeting**

L: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

P: Blessing and honor and glory and might be unto the Lamb!

L: Worthy is Christ who has ransomed us by his blood from every tribe and tongue and nation, and made his people a kingdom, and priests to our God.

P: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! Amen.

***Opening Prayer**

***Opening Hymn**

No. 64, UMH

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Children's Time in Worship

We Proclaim the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Lesson Acts 1:1-11 (NT, page 118)

Anthem *Teach Me, Lord, to Wait* McDonald

*Gospel Lesson Luke 24:44-53 (NT, page 91)

Sermon "ASCENSION" Rev. Adam Blagg

Announcements

We Give Our Thanks

Invitation, Confession, Pardon, & Peace No. 12, UMH

*Hymn *Alleluia, Alleluia* No. 162, UMH

*Doxology No. 95, UMH

Prayer of Dedication

Solo *Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)* Houston
Marian Woodington

Celebration of Holy Communion No. 13, UMH

Pastoral Prayer

We Go Forth Renewed

*Closing Hymn No. 312, UMH
Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

*Benediction

*Postlude *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* arr. Hayes

*Please take your communion cups with you
and dispose of them as you leave the Sanctuary.*

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, May 21

- 9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Selah Academy Open House
4:00 pm Spring Ring Fling—Asbury

Monday, May 22

- 4:30 pm Soup Kitchen
5:00 pm Clothes Closet

Tuesday, May 23

- 1:00 pm *Tidings* Crew
6:00 pm Bible Study—Rm. 204
7:00 pm Admin. Council—Rm. 204

Wednesday, May 24

- 10:00 am Bible Study—Rm. 204
No Chancel Ringers
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, May 25

Friday, May 26

Saturday, May 27

- 7:30 am UMM Meeting—Thomas House

Sunday, May 28

- 9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Darlene Cochran & Elisabeth Williams

Attendance Last Sunday:

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Otterbein in Prayer

Wanda Baker
Gary Billingsley
Ellen Branner
Millie Bruce
Rev. Louis Carson
Fern Cline
Cliff & Jean Davis
Ann Dellinger
Jo Ellen Dickenson
Mike Earman
Dennis Gaines
Ray & Audrey Griffith
Doris Hanger
Norma Heath
Jeff Johnson
Titus Knicely
Allene McCoy
Mary Jo Mitchell
George & Betty Painter
BJ Payne
Judy Pruett
Linda Ridder
Mary Ellen Rohrbaugh
Irene Ruddle
Maggie Sparks
Dot Swartz
Juanita Taylor
Sally Turner
Daisy VanPelt
Jim Wampler
Mary Wenger
Family of Bill Diehl
Family of Allen Litten



The flowers on the altar today are given by Kathy Billhimer & Darlene Cochran to the Glory of God and in memory of Loretta Orebaugh for what would have been her 80th birthday.

Announcements

- **Selah Academy Open House**—Selah Academy is so grateful to Otterbein for your hospitality in allowing us to start a small school in your building this fall, and we would love for you to **join us upstairs** for an **Open House TODAY following worship**. Let's share some light refreshments together in two of your newly spruced-up children's rooms. Selah's Business Manager and I would love to meet you and answer any questions you might have about Selah! ~Paula Cook, Director
- **Spring Ring Fling**—**TODAY at 4:00 pm**, the combined handbell choirs of Otterbein and Asbury will present a **"Spring Ring Fling"** concert. Please join us at Asbury for a program featuring hymn, gospel, Broadway, and classical arrangements. We even promise some laughs! A freewill offering will be taken with all proceeds going to support VIA (Valley Interfaith Action).
- **Brass Concert**—The 2023 Concert on the Lawn Series will feature the **Massanutten Brass Band TONIGHT at 6 pm**. The concert will be held on the Duke Lawn at JMU in between the Music Building and Duke Hall. Parking is available in the Mason Street or Warsaw Parking Decks. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and food and enjoy some great music! Our own Sean and Sarah Macomber will be playing and Sean will present his solo from a recent national competition.
- **Bible Study** continues **Tuesday at 6 pm** and **Wednesday at 10 am** in **Room 204**. A recording will be available; email Adam if you are interested in receiving the link.
- **Kits for Conference**—Information on the Kits for Conference can be found on the credenza in the breezeway entrance or at <https://vaumc.org/blog/2023/03/29/collecting>. Please note: **we are NOT collecting items for School Kits**. Contact Pat Wingert for more information.
- **Attention Graduates**—We are in the process of planning Graduate Recognition Sunday. Please contact the church office or Carole Barber (540-820-5898 or carole214@aol.com) if a church member in your family is graduating from high school, college, or any other educational institution.
- **Assisted Listening Devices** and **large print bulletins and hymnals** are **available**. Please see an usher for assistance.

**TLC Person
of the Week:**

Ray & Audrey Griffith
2163 Layman Trestle Road
Rockingham, VA 22802

*Remember Ray & Audrey this
week with a note or a card.
Let's show them Otterbein's
"tender, loving care"!*

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 3 pm
Friday: Closed