

*Welcome to  
Otterbein United Methodist Church*

March 19, 2023

10:30 am

Fourth Sunday in Lent

*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

*Lamb of God*

Bizet

\*Greeting (Hebrews 4:14-16)

L: Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,

**P: let us hold fast to our confession.**

L: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,

**P: but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.**

L: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,

**P: so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn    *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*    No. 295, UMH

Children's Time in Worship

**We Proclaim the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson    1 Samuel 16:1-13                      (OT, page 259)

Solo                                      *The Lord's Prayer*    Malotte/arr. Anderson  
Meryl Franck, handbells

\*Gospel Lesson                      John 9:1-41                      (NT, page 102)

Sermon                                      "SIGHT"                      Rev. Adam Blagg

Duet                                      *Is It Nothing to You?*                      Foster  
Lizzy Thomas and Marian Woodington

Announcements

**We Give Our Thanks**

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

\*Hymn                      *Open My Eyes, That I May See*                      No. 454, UMH

\*Doxology                                      No. 95, UMH

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem                                      *Behold the Lamb*                      arr. Larson  
*(The Communion Hymn)*

Celebration of Holy Communion                      No. 13, UMH

Pastoral Prayer

**We Go Forth Renewed**

\*Closing Hymn                      *Amazing Grace*                      No. 378, UMH  
(stanzas 1-4)

\*Benediction

\*Postlude                                      *Glory Be to Jesus*                      Hobby

## This Week's Opportunities

### **Sunday, March 19**

- 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am SPRC Meet.—Rm. 204

### **Monday, March 20**

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

### **Tuesday, March 21**

- 11:00 am Lenten Study—Rm. 204  
No Bible Study  
6:00 pm VIA Refounding Action  
Bridgewater COB

### **Wednesday, March 22**

- 10:00 am Bible Study—Rm. 204  
6:00 pm YA Gathering—MH  
6:00 pm Chancel Ringers  
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir

### **Thursday, March 23**

- 4:00 pm New Horizons Band  
Rehearsal—MH

### **Friday, March 24**

### **Saturday, March 25**

- 1:00 pm UMM Spaghetti Supper  
Prep  
4:30 pm Spaghetti Supper

### **Sunday, March 26**

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

## **Otterbein in Prayer**

Wanda Baker  
Jerry & Carolyn Beam  
Gary Billingsley  
Millie Bruce  
Rev. Louis Carson  
Fern Cline  
Cliff & Jean Davis  
Ann Dellinger  
Jo Ellen Dickenson  
Mike Earman  
Nancy East  
Judy Falls  
Dennis Gaines  
Ray & Audrey Griffith  
Doris Hanger  
Laura Headlee  
Norma Heath  
Megan Liskey Lambert  
Tom Liskey  
Allen Litten  
Allene McCoy  
Mary Jo Mitchell  
George & Betty Painter  
BJ Payne  
Judy Pruett  
Linda Ridder  
Mary Ellen Rohrbaugh  
Irene Ruddle  
Linda Stephens  
Juanita Taylor  
Daisy VanPelt  
Mary Wenger  
Family of John Miller  
Family of Shirley Williams

## **Next Week's Nursery**

### **Volunteers:**

Darlene Cochran &  
Elisabeth Williams



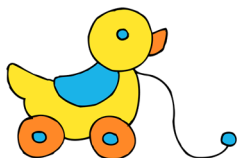
*The flowers on the altar today  
are given by Janet Gloeckner in  
loving memory of her parents,  
Bob & Norine Wilson, and her  
husband, George Marrah, and  
to the Glory of God.*

## Announcements

- **Bible Study will not meet this Tuesday evening**, but the **Wednesday** session will meet as scheduled at **10 am** in **Room 204**. A recording will be available; email Adam if you are interested in receiving the link.
- **Valley Interfaith Action's Refounding Action** is **THIS Tuesday, March 21**, from **6-7:30 pm** at **Bridgewater Church of the Brethren**. Talk to Linda Conrad or Adam Blagg for more information. Check out Adam's weekly email or scan the QR code to register.
- **Spaghetti Supper**—The Otterbein Men invite one and all to their Annual Spaghetti Supper **this Saturday, March 25**, beginning at **4:30 pm**. This meal will be served **in-person** in Memorial Hall. Pick-up and home delivery orders will also be provided - deadline to order is tomorrow, Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. A link to ordering is in Adam's Friday email or you may call Bill Pollard (540-421-3256) and leave a message. The menu will be spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, drink, and dessert. Donations will go to support the work of Valley Interfaith Action (formerly Faith in Action).
- **Holy Week Services**—Make plans now to attend our Holy Week Services! **Maundy Thursday, April 6** at **7:00 pm** at **Asbury** and **Good Friday, April 7** at **7:00 pm** at **Otterbein**. The combined choirs of the churches will present **Seven Last Words** by Michael John Trotta during the Good Friday Service.
- **Assisted Listening Devices** and **large print bulletins and hymnals** are **available**. Please see an usher for assistance.



Congratulations to Trey & Danielle Nelson on the birth of their son, **Dax Walker Nelson**, who was born on **Saturday, March 11** at **3:11 pm**. He weighed **6 lbs., 11 oz.** All are doing well. Dax is also the grandson of Randy & Beverley Nelson.



**TLC Person  
of the Week:**

Rev. Louis Carson  
2304 Cedarfield Pkwy #3829  
Richmond, VA 23233

*Remember Rev. Louis this week  
with a note or a card.  
Let's show him Otterbein's  
"tender, loving care"!*

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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