

*Welcome to  
Otterbein United Methodist Church*

April 23, 2023

10:30 am

Celebrating and Caring for Creation

*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 and Announcements

Betty Redmond

Prelude

Creation Sings

\*Greeting (*from Psalm 96*)

L: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

**P: Let the sea resound, and all that is in it.**

L: Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;

**P: Let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn

No. 62, UMH

*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
(stanzas 1-4)

Children's Time in Worship

Vicki Gaines

**We Proclaim the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

Anthem

*Creation Calls Me to My Knees*

Clements

Old Testament Lesson      Psalm 95:1-7      (OT, page 550)

\*Gospel Lesson      Luke 12:32-34      (NT, page 75)

Sermon      Pastor Earl Zimmerman  
“CELEBRATING AND CARING FOR CREATION”

Anthem      *Masterpiece*      Pethel  
College Chorale

### **We Give Our Thanks**

Responsive Prayer of Thanksgiving & Forgiveness      Barb German

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

\*Hymn      *All Things Bright and Beautiful*      No. 147, UMH

\*Doxology      No. 95, UMH

Prayer of Dedication

Solo      *Morning Has Broken*      Stevens  
Judd Blake, tenor

Celebration of Holy Communion      No. 13, UMH

Pastoral Prayer

### **We Go Forth Renewed**

\*Closing Hymn      No. 152, UMH  
*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude      *Psalm XIX*      Marcello

## This Week's Opportunities

### **Sunday, April 23**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

### **Monday, April 24**

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

### **Tuesday, April 25**

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

### **Wednesday, April 26**

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

### **Thursday, April 27**

4:00 pm New Horizons Band  
Rehearsal—MH

### **Friday, April 28**

### **Saturday, April 29**

### **Sunday, April 30**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Selah Academy Open  
House  
4:00 pm Carly Titus Recital

## **Otterbein in Prayer**

Wanda Baker  
Jerry & Carolyn Beam  
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  
Titus Knicely  
Allen Litten  
Allene McCoy  
Mary Jo Mitchell  
George & Betty Painter  
BJ Payne  
Judy Pruett  
Linda Ridder  
Mary Ellen Rohrbaugh  
Irene Ruddle  
Maggie Sparks  
Juanita Taylor  
Daisy VanPelt  
Mary Wenger  
Family of Judy Falls  
Family of Beatrice Rolon

## Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Zanda Griffith & Carole Barber

Our service today is offered by the Creation Care Taskforce: Vicki Gaines, Barb German, Sarah Macomber, Wilma Mitchell, Ginny Whitehill, and Betty Redmond. We are very appreciative of the assistance of Kristi German in the arrangement of the prelude.

## Announcements

- **Welcome**—Our speaker today, Pastor Earl Zimmerman, is the coordinator of the local climate and environmental action group, Shenandoah Valley Faith and Climate. He's a committed climate and environmental activist and an avid gardener. He and his wife built an aging-in-place, energy efficient home here in the Valley when they retired. He formerly served as a pastor in several congregations, as a professor of ethics and religion at Eastern Mennonite University, and in church service in Asia. His assignments in India and the Philippines have especially made him aware of how global warming and environmental degradation adversely impact poor communities.
- **Thanks** to the fourteen-member team from Otterbein that participated in the Blacks Run Clean-Up Day on April 15. It was a beautiful morning to share and work together. See photos on the Creation Care Bulletin Board.
- **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 on Sunday, April 30 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
- **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.
- **WRE Pork Tenderloin Sandwich Fundraiser**—Sandwiches are \$3.50 each and will be ready May 13. **Orders are due May 4<sup>th</sup>**. The order form is located on the bulletin board in the Educ. Hallway. Contact John Liskey, Jr., for more information or with questions (540-433-2890 or 540-246-6990).
- **Assisted Listening Devices** and **large print bulletins and hymnals** are **available**. Please see an usher for assistance.

**TLC Person  
of the Week:**

Halcie Fishback  
308 North May Court  
Bridgewater, VA 22812

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

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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