

Prelude "I Am the Vine" Talbot Pastor Barbara Cooper

Welcome/Announcements

***Call to Worship** Cilla Landrigan

Leader: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

People: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

Leader: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

People: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

Leader: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

People: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

Leader: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

People: May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

***Opening Hymn** "I Am Thine, O Lord" 419 UMH

***Opening Prayer** Cilla Landrigan

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Choir Anthem "Let Us Love One Another" Sherman

Children's Message Becky Weaver
The Lord's Prayer

Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" 420 UMH

Scripture Reading John 15:1-8 CEB Cilla Landrigan

Hymn "Christ Beside Me" 2166 TFWS

Joys & Concerns Cilla Landrigan
Morning Prayer Drew Lewis

Thanking God with Our Offerings Amy Enloe
Offertory
*Doxology, Offertory Prayer

Sermon Pastor Barbara Cooper

***Closing Hymn** "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord" 438 UMH

***Benediction**

Postlude "My Life is in You, Lord" Gardiner Pastor Barbara Cooper

*Indicates standing. If you have difficulty standing, please feel free to remain seated.



[View worship music lyrics here!](#)

Participating in Worship Today:

Pastor	Pastor Barbara Cooper
Musician	Pastor Barbara Cooper
Liturgist	Cilla Landrigan
Children's Message	Becky Weaver

Vanco Online Giving:



From Bob & Judy Whitehead:



TODAY after worship, our children are having a luncheon for our 60th anniversary. We would like to invite all of you to join us in Neighborhood Hall after the service for lunch! 60 years is a long time, and we look forward to having everyone there to celebrate with us. No gifts, just hugs! After 60 years we don't need anything except each other and all of you!



Our Next Fellowship Lunch is Sunday, May 5. Contact Cilla Landrigan if you can bring a dish to share! cilla_landrigan@woh.rr.com OR mammabirdPL@gmail.com, OR calling/texting @ 937-609-9265.



There will be a Celebration of Life service for former member, Nancy Hendrickson, at OUMC Friday, May 10. Time to be determined.

Thoughts From Your Lay Leader

The Accessibility Improvement Project has made great progress in the last few weeks. First, an informational meeting was held after church services on March 17th, led by Natasha Mitchner, Jim Enloe and Jay Messaros, to explain to interested congregants the two options being considered for improving church accessibility. Recommendations and suggestions were collected from the participants at this meeting. Then, based on this feedback, our Lead Team approved the selection of Option 2, the Hadley Road entry option, at our Lead Team meeting on April 16th. In addition, two of the Accessibility Team members (Jim Enloe and Linda Scoglietti) travelled to Cincinnati to check out two of the chairlift equipment manufacturers and try them out. They recommended selecting one of the manufacturers, Bruno, based on comfort, sturdiness and safety features.

Your trustee Chair, Jay Messaros, has met with the City of Kettering regarding permits, and has been working with an Architect to supply Code Compliant drawings of the ramp system required to obtain these permits. Jay has also developed an approximate cost for the Phase 2 Option, and is estimated to be between \$80,000 and \$100,000 to complete the project.

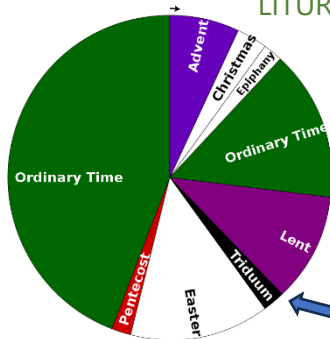
Although we currently have a small Grant (\$7000), thanks to Natasha Mitchner, to start this project, we will need additional funding to complete it, and the Lead Team is in the process of initiating a Capital Campaign to provide the necessary funds. The exact nature of this campaign hasn't yet been defined, but we will ultimately be requesting pledges from you, the congregation, over a time period yet to be determined.

Please be thinking about how you may be able to help financially in achieving this sorely needed accessibility improvement capability. Pray about it, keeping in mind that improving accessibility helps attract those who would like to come but can't attend because of the limited accessibility we now have. More information is forthcoming, so stay tuned.

Blessings, Phil Giebe

DID YOU KNOW?

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: Eastertide



For Christians, Easter is not just one day - it's a season of 50 days, derived in its length from the fifty days between Easter and Pentecost (which means fiftieth) in Judaism. Easter season begins on the eve of Easter and ends with Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2). The altar color during this time is white.

Ok, so what is Triduum? We'll have to ask Jen Messaros. Stay tuned for a future "Did You Know?"



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