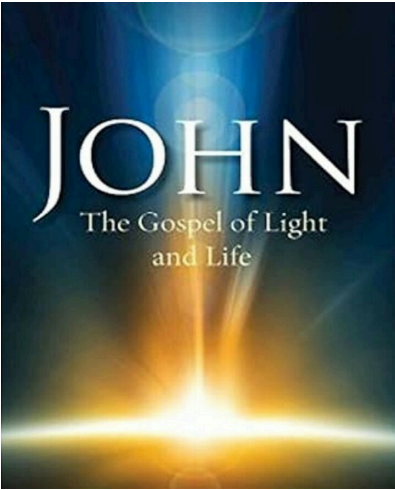


Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Montez Morey, in honor of her mom and dad's 66th wedding anniversary!

Gay Street UMC

Experiencing God through Worship, Spiritual Growth, Care, and Service



Chapel, March 23, 2025

I AM the Good Shepherd

For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

-1 Peter 2:25

Welcome to Gay Street UMC!

Ways to stay connected; our website: www.gaystreetumc.org, Facebook, or by signing up for eDevos—our weekly newsletter with devotionals, prayer concerns, and events.

- **Office Hours:** Monday–Friday, 8am–3pm | **Phone:** 740-392-6626 | **Email:** office@gaystreetumc.org
- **Restrooms:** Located at the end of the hallway on the first floor.
- **Prayer Concerns:** Share on green cards in pews and place them in the offering plate or give to the pastor.

Sermon Notes:

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Upcoming dates to remember:

- MARCH 30TH THERE WILL NOT BE KINGDOM KIDS' SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CHOIR!**
- March 30th, C.R.E.W. taking a trip to Top Golf in Columbus after 10:45am service. Leaving by 12:30pm and hoping to be back around 3:30pm-4pm. Cost will be \$25 per person which includes lunch. See Logan for more details.
- April 4th, Care Team at 11:30am.
- April 6th, OSU Men's Glee Club Chorale Concert here at Gay Street in the Sanctuary at 2:30pm; open to the public and free of charge!
- April 7th, Piece Corps at 10am.
- April 13th, we will be welcoming our New Member's in the Sanctuary service at 10:45am.

The White, Wright, Ritter Scholarship is available on the website; deadline is April 15th

The hospitality team is need of new/more volunteers, if you are interested please contact LeNan Hager at 614-274-8996.

"The Chosen" Season 5 will be shown in three parts at Polaris Cinemark on consecutive Fridays leading up to Easter: Part I on March 28, Part II on April 4, and Part III on April 11, all starting at 6 pm. The season covers Passion week up to the crucifixion. If you need a ride or have extra seats, contact Mary Cochran at 740-392-7176. Tickets can be ordered online, and some may dine at Chick-fil-A beforehand. Join us inside the theater before 6 pm!

- **Bible Study:** Led by Pastor Christopher on the Gospel of John, March 12th – April 16th, 6:15pm-7:30pm in the Varsity room. Book cost: \$14.50; contact the office to order.
- **Kingdom Kids Activities:** Choir from 9:30am-9:45am and Sunday School from 9:45am-10:30am every Sunday in the blue room.
- **Wednesday Fellowship:** Join us for food and fellowship at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall.
- **Youth Bible Study:** Led by Logan on the 3rd floor, Wednesdays from 6:15pm-7:30pm.
- **Community Service Opportunities:** Available on our website under the service tab.
- **Worship Volunteer Needs:** Positions include Liturgist, Lay Readers, Ushers, Live Stream, and Sound Board teams. Contact the office to help.

Our Mission

To make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

*The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude *Thine Is the Glory* Janet Guetle
based on Judas Maccabaeus, adapted by Robert Honby

Opening Prayer–All Uniting Liturgist: Guy Hager
Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. AMEN.

*Gathering Hymn *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought* UM Hymnal 128

***CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)**

L: Come, walk with the Lord this day.

C: We seek places of peace and rest from the stresses of our lives.

L: The Shepherd will lead you to places where your soul may be restored.

C: We come, sometimes fearful of the hostilities of the world.

L: In the midst of all the turmoil, The Shepherd will provide for your needs abundantly.

C: Surely these wonders will heal and restore our spirits. AMEN.

INTO THE WORD

Congregational Reading of: Psalm 23 (*see right side of your bulletin*) Lay Reader: Jerry Bell

*John 10:11–18

*Response to the Word *Gloria Patri* UM Hymnal 71

Message I AM the Good Shepherd Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* UM Hymnal 381

Morning Prayer
Lord's Prayer

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings:
When we bring an offering to God, it is a form of worship. Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives. As we do so, our love for God and others grow.

***Doxology** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UM Hymnal 95**
*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* UM Hymnal 138
*Benediction

Postlude *Andante*, by John Stanley Janet Guetle

Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me
beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me
in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod
and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table
before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my
head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and
mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will
dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.**