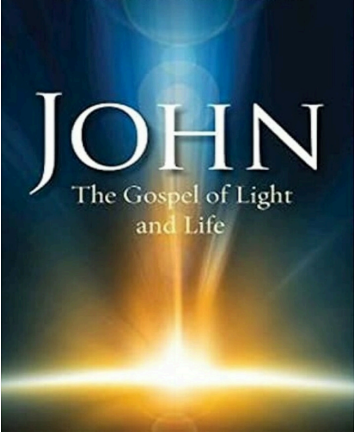


**Altar Flowers** today are given to the glory of God by Montez Morey, in honor of her mom and dad's 66th wedding anniversary!

# Gay Street UMC

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



**Sanctuary, 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](http://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](mailto:office@gaystreetumc.org)
- **Restrooms:** Located at the rear of the sanctuary or through the parlor.
- **Hearing Devices:** Available upon request from an usher.
- **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.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Liberati

**PREPARATION**

Prelude *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*, arr. by Sandra Wesley Ringers

**Opening Prayer–All Uniting**

Liturgist: Wayne Dunlop

**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.**

Invitation to Children Rev. Christopher Liberati

Children’s Song-congregation *Where Children Belong*

**Lyrics:**

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.**

Children’s Message Logan Hines

**INTO THE WORD**

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

\*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.*

Offertory *The Lord's My Shepherd*, arr. by Lloyd Larson Chancel Choir

\*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 *Shepherd, The King of Love* Wesley Ringers  
arr. by Joshua Evanovich

**Serving in Worship:**

Chancel Choir Director: Terry Dunnivant

Wesley Ringers Director: Mary Kepple

Live Stream: Patsy Hommon & Max Heindl

Sound: Daniel Burson & Jassmine Bayless

Ushers: The Brooks Family & Sharon Mills

**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.**