



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 13, 2025
10:00 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Cramer, Interim Pastor
Mr. Attila Samu, Music Director Mrs. Jaccie Samu, Organist
In the Sanctuary and on Facebook Live
Soundboard/Broadcast: Mark Frost & Chris Eisenbraun
Projectionist: Jolane Day

*Indicates an invitation to stand. If you are more comfortable being seated, please do so.
It is not a requirement at all that you stand, but there are many who enjoy doing so.

The People Gather

Prelude

The Ringing of the Bell (The bell has been used for many years as a means of calling all God's people to worship.)

Welcome and Announcements

We Worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth

Introit #2 *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Opening Hymn #362 *Morning has Broken

***Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer**

Gracious God, how blessed we are with benefits well beyond our needs. Yet we find ourselves wishing for more, ignoring our rich opportunities. And our greatest benefit lies in the intensity of our faith, in the strength of absolutely believing in the Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. That gift, that benefit is presented ever so freely to us. Our response is to truly commit ourselves. We ask for forgiveness for our negligence as we seek to change our ways to appreciative, devoted servants. Amen.

Hear us as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Pastor: "All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of His covenant." (Psalm 25:10) Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri #807**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Special Music: *Meredith Powell*

Children's Sermon: *Ruth Cole*

We Join Our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer Hymn # 568 *Take My Life and Let it be Consecrated to Thee*

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns *Diane Greenawalt*

Prayers of the People

Honoring God with Our Giving

Call to Giving Offertory

Doxology # 808 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Hearing of the Word

Old Testament Lesson: *Deuteronomy 30:9-14*

New Testament *Colossians 1:1-14*

Sermon: *"With Benefits"*

We Are Sent to Do God's Will

Hymn #558 *Love Divine All Loves Excelling

***Benediction:**

***Postlude**

Announcements

**** Pastor Cramer will be away July 11-29- if you have any questions or concerns, please be sure to speak with Diane Greenawalt who is our Pastoral associate.**

Welcome back once again Melody Chabue who is playing on the piano for us!

Please consider volunteering in the nursery. No prior experience needed, only smiles and giggles wanted! You can find the sign up sheet near the dining hall.

GRO’s 3rd Diaper Wrap will be on Monday, July 14th from 10am-12pm at Project Making Kids Count in Boardman. If you would like to help us, we will meet at 9:30 in the church parking lot to carpool. You're welcome to join the "Happy Wrappers"!

Special Music Times during the summer months is a great way to share your talents! If you’re interested, there is a sign-up list for special music during the summer months, on the bulletin board in the choir room. If you have any questions, please contact our Music Director Attila Samu at 330-727-6348.

Do you love Game Night? Then get ready! One is set for August 7, at 6:00pm

Free Concert in the Park on Sunday, August 10, 2-4pm. This event is being sponsored by GRO. The group playing is Shawn & Shane & we will have snacks for the concert goers. You’re invited to come & enjoy the concert in our beautiful park! If you’d like to help us hand out snacks, there’s a sign-up sheet outside the dining hall. 🎵

If you missed filling out a Church Directory Update form, you can find some blank ones near the return locations, which are the table in and near the sanctuary doors, the table near the dining hall/bookshelf, and the table near the church office.

Coming Up This Week

Monday July 14	GRO 3 rd Diaper Wrap-Meet at 9:30 am
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Coming Up This Month

Sunday July 20	D/R Bridal Shower 2-6 pm
Saturday July 26	D/R Connection Church 3-9pm

(Endowment Committee Meeting coming up August 3rd right after service)

(Kingdom Kids-Coming Wednesday, September 17. Stay tuned for more details)