



**IN MY
FATHER'S HOUSE
THERE ARE MANY
DWELLING PLACES**

JOHN 14:2

**May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Blended Worship Service**



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Lutheran
Church

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Congregation responses are in bold

Guest Minister (PM) - Rev. David Rice

Announcements made prior to the start of our service

Prelude Our God Jesse Reeves, Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman & Jonas Myrin arr. C. Tornquist

Please stand as you are able

We welcome Jesus into our presence as we turn to follow the cross as it is processed through our worship space

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Great is the Lord

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Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his



pow - er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is



faith - ful and true, by his mer - cy he proves he is



love. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry.



Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now



lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the



Lord! Great is the Lord!

Text and music: Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith
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PM: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!
Amen.

PM: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

PM: Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

PM: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

PM: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

PM: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

PM: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

A reading from Acts:

(Acts 7:55-60 Pew Bible,
New Testament, page 96)

The reading concludes with:
Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

144 Thy word

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-

side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is

wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and

I will love you to the end.

A reading from 1 Peter:

(1 Peter 2:2-10 , Pew Bible, New Testament, page 182)

The reading concludes with:
Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able

144 Thy word

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I will love you to the end.

Refrain

Text: Psalm 119:105, refrain: Michael W. Smith, stanzas
Music: Amy Grant
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The holy gospel according to St. John
Glory to you, O Lord

(John 14:1-14 Pew Bible, New Testament, page 83)

The reading concludes with:
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

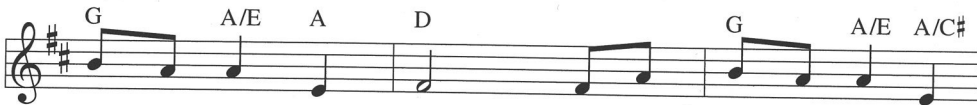
Please stand as you are able

We will glorify

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1 We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will
2 Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will
3 He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, he is
4 Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le -



glo - ri - fy the Lamb; we will glo - ri - fy the
bow be - fore his throne; we will wor - ship him in
Lord of all who live; he is Lord a - bove the
lu - jah to the Lamb; hal - le - lu - jah to the



Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.
righ - teous - ness, we will wor - ship him a - lone.
u - ni - verse, all praise to him we give.
Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

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Music: Twila Paris; arr. David Allen
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PM: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

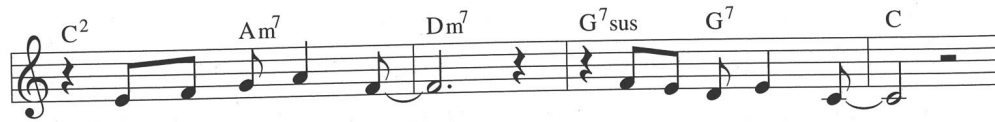
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

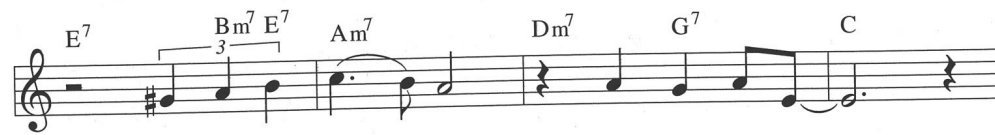
Change my heart, O God



Change my heart, O God. Make it ev - er true.



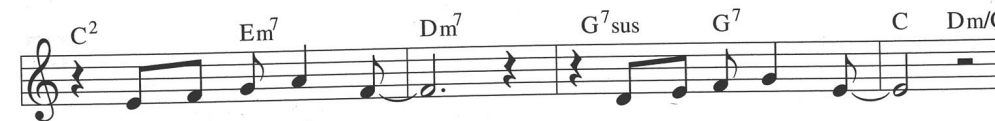
Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.



You are the pot - ter, I am the clay;



mold me and make me, this is what I pray.



Change my heart, O God. Make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.

Text and music: Eddie Espinosa
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Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick. Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Bless this week's marriage and help us support their life together,

Lou and Darlene Milavickas.

God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

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Change my heart, O God

Change my heart, O God. Make it ev - er true.

The first line of musical notation is in 4/4 time. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, Em7, Dm7, G7sus, G7, C, and Dm/C.

Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.

The second line of musical notation continues the melody from the first line. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. Chords are indicated above the staff: C2, Am7, Dm7, G7sus, G7, and C.

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You are the pot - ter, I am the clay;
 mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
 Change my heart, O God. Make it ev - er true.
 Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.

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The Offering of our tithes, gifts and sacrifices is gathered for the mission of Christ's church, including the care of those in need.

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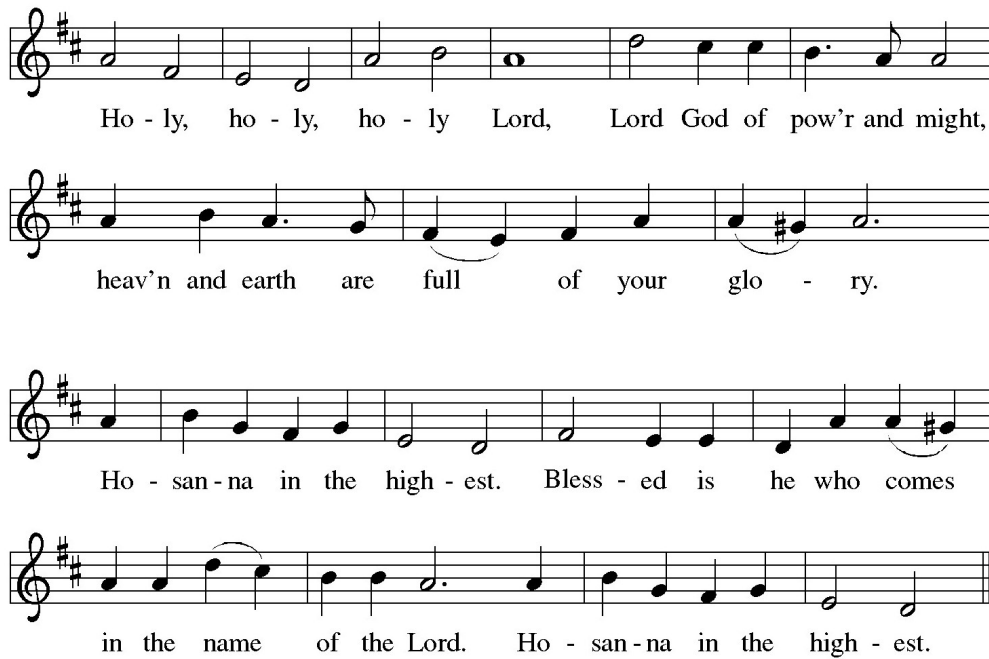
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AM: Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,
I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.

PM: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PM: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

PM: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

PM: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. ✠
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace to earth.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,
One God, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us enthusiastically pray as 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. Forever and ever. Amen.

God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated

The Lord's Supper (Communion) at this congregation is practiced as an open table – all are welcome. Jesus said this is his body and blood given and shed for you; come receive the loving grace God provides for you.

Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing, for all are loved by God.

Children who commune at their home congregation are encouraged to commune here today too.

Gluten free wafers available. Request at time of receiving communion.

Please stand as you are able

PM: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PM: Communion will be taken to some of Zion’s shut-ins. Our prayers go with those who deliver them, as they not only share Christ’s Body and Blood with those who are unable to be present with us this morning, but they also take the blessings of the whole congregation.
Amen.

AM: Let us pray,
Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

AM: Let us enthusiastically commit to our mission as we pray,
Lord, my hope and strength come from you. Open my eyes and heart to become the person you want me to be; a person who cares for the widows and orphans, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, frees the oppressed, and visits the sick and imprisoned. Give me and this congregation a vision to make a difference in our community. Enliven me to spread the good news of your Son. I pray this all for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

PM: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.
Amen.

*Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the Worship Space.
 Then follow it out to join in God’s work.*

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Shine, Jesus, shine

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the
 Fa - ther's glo - ry; blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our

Bm Bm/A G E A E/A D A/C#

hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the

Bm B7 E A E/A

na - tions with grace and mer - cy; send forth your Word,

D A/C# Bm E7 A D

<i>To stanzas</i>
E/A D/A

<i>Last time</i>
A

Lord, and let there be light!

A D/A A E/A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing,
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,

A D/A A E/A

in the midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing;
so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness,

D E/D C#m F#m

Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

D E/D C#m F#m

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

G Esus E G Esus E

Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

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PM: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

God of Wonder

Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong arr. C. Torngquist



JOIN THE CHOIR!!
Practice every Monday
6:30pm
Everyone welcome!
No experience needed.

**Rigatoni Dinner Fundraiser Event
Supporting Habitat for Humanity ECO Faith
Build**

Friday, May 29th 4-8pm
Zion Lutheran Church
Dine in or carry out

Tickets are available for pre-sale or at the door

Dinner includes penne with red sauce, meatballs, salad, garlic bread/rolls, dessert, and drink



STARK HUNGER WALK

FEED the NEED

THE NEED IS CRITICAL.
HUNGER AFFECTS 1 IN 5 CHILDREN
20.5% or 16,440 children may struggle with hunger in Stark County

HUNGER AFFECTS 1 IN 7 INDIVIDUALS
14.5% or 54,230 individuals may struggle with hunger in Stark County

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

- 2:00 p.m. - Registration at North Canton Community Christian Church
210 North Main St. North Canton, OH 44720
- 3:00 p.m. - Start of approximately 2.1 mile walk (RAIN OR SHINE)
- Afterwards - Hot Soup Social

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FACEBOOK: STARK-HUNGER-WALK
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STARK MAP



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All proceeds benefit the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank.



**ADULT
CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION
SUNDAYS
10:15-11:15**



Food Pantry

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
9:00 am—Setup
12:00 pm—Hot Meal
1:00 pm—Distribution



Bible Adventure

**BIBLE
ADVENTURE
EVERY
SUNDAY
10:15AM**



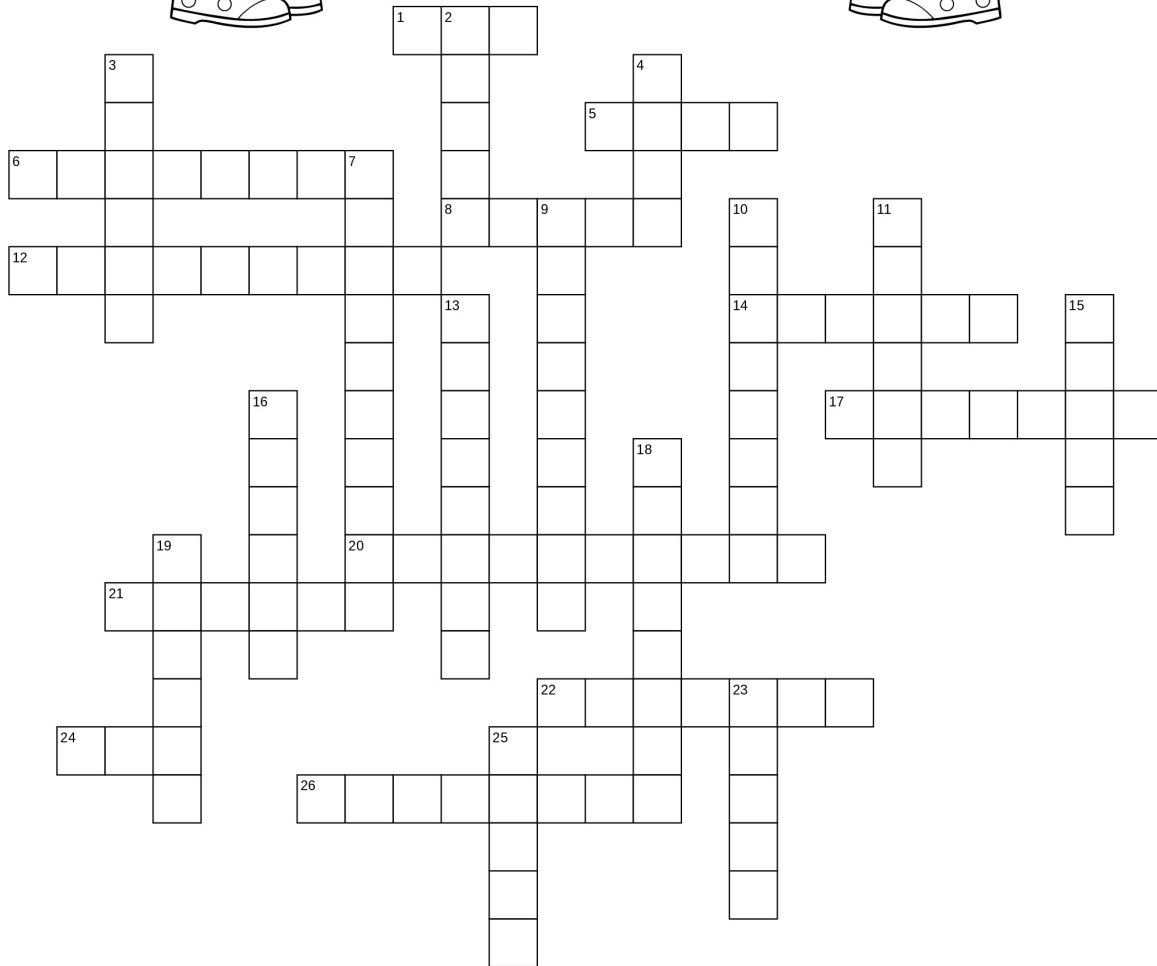
This week we pray for Pastor Sprite and all those affected by war.

Submit your prayer requests to Jayne Schrader at Prayer@Zion-NC.com



SPRING

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

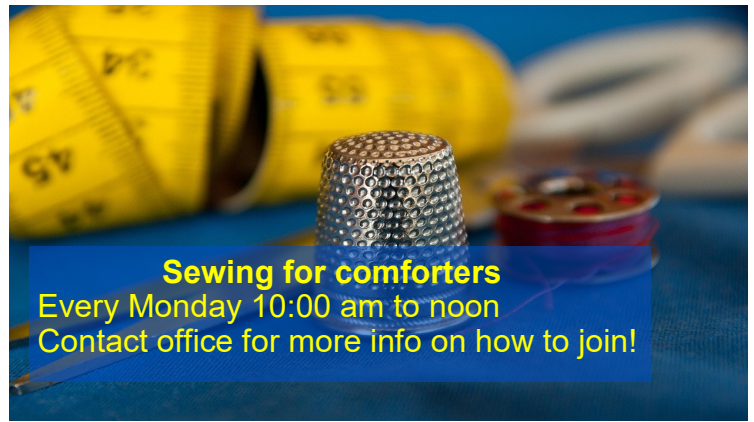
- 1. The fifth month of the year, in late spring.
- 5. A light toy you fly in the sky on a string.
- 6. Making something neat and free of dirt.
- 8. Brightness that lets you see, often from the sun or a lamp.
- 12. A tool that sprays water over grass or plants.
- 14. A tiny new shoot coming out of a seed or plant.
- 17. Putting seeds into the soil so they can grow.
- 20. The season when the weather warms and plants start to grow.
- 21. A soft wind that you can feel on your face.
- 22. Curved stripes of colors in the sky after rain.
- 24. Covered with water or another liquid.
- 26. A baby bird that loves to swim with its mother.

DOWN

- 2. The fourth month of the year, in spring.
- 3. Light pink flowers on cherry trees in spring.
- 4. Very light, foggy water in the air.
- 7. A special house made for growing plants.
- 9. Working in a garden to plant and care for plants.
- 10. A soft, umbrella-shaped fungus that can grow in damp places.
- 11. A small green plant with three or leaf leaves.
- 13. One tiny drop of falling rain.
- 15. Small sugary snacks that come in many colors.
- 16. A place where you grow flowers or vegetables.
- 18. Giving water to plants to help them grow.
- 19. When a living thing slowly gets bigger.
- 23. When a flower opens up.
- 25. A white or gray shape in the sky made of tiny water drops.

OUTSIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

STARTING May 13th
EVERY WEDNESDAY—7pm
Outdoor Weather Permitting



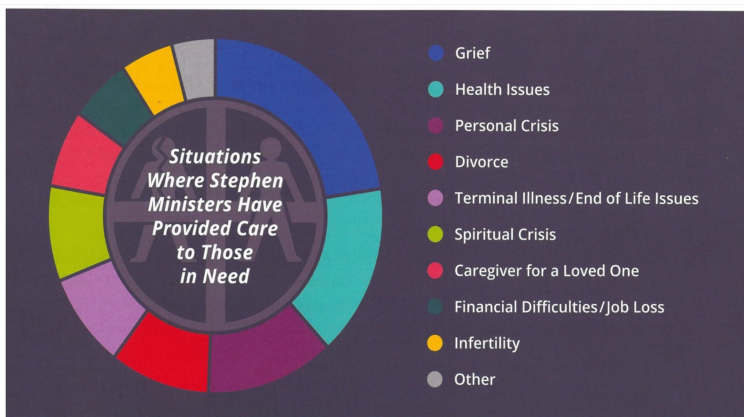
Sewing for comforters
Every Monday 10:00 am to noon
Contact office for more info on how to join!



Your help can help so many others!!

Donations needed

- Laundry Detergent
- Spaghetti Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Hearty Soups

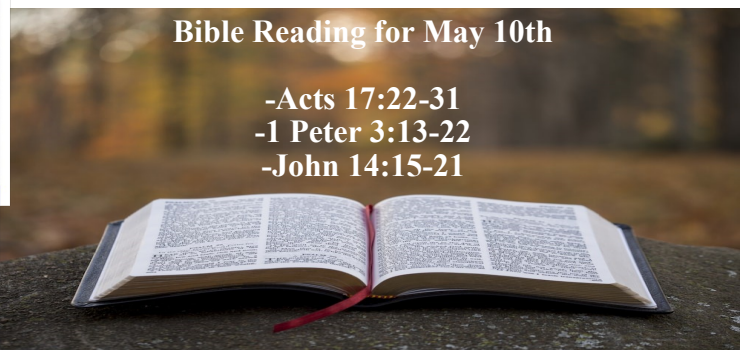


Would you like to talk with someone about your concerns?

Ask how a Stephen Minister might be able to help -
Please contact Ken Reinoehl!

Bible Reading for May 10th

- Acts 17:22-31
- 1 Peter 3:13-22
- John 14:15-21



Today's Worship Leaders

Guest Minister: Rev. David Rice
Assisting Minister: George Miller
Acolyte: LJ Brown
Accompanist: Susan Kaschak
Audio/Visual Technicians: John Rhodes & Ray LePelley
Chancel Guild: Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith
Reader: Laura Thompson
Trustees: Randy Elsass & Darlene Milavickas
Flowers By: Jim Fidler in memory of Elaine M. Fidler & Frances Mejstrick
Flowers By: Carol Rossbach in memory of Jim and Betty Kribbs

May 10, 2026 Worship Leaders

Guest Minister: Rev. Sprite Johnson
Assisting Minister: Jim Fidler
Acolyte: Ben Keith
Accompanist: Susan Kaschak
Audio/Visual Technicians: Chris Thompson & Ray LePelley
Chancel Guild: Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith
Reader: Renee Keith
Trustees: Rob Frock & Scott Gross
Flowers By: Thompson Family in honor of mother and grandmother
Flowers By: Sally Bunyan in memory of Mom Grace Paustain