



PARADISE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 28, 2024
10am

Boldly Go Where No-One Has Gone Before
Sunday, April 28, 2024 10am Worship

PRELUDE Mark Tryon, organist
Lift High the Lord, Our Banner – arr. Mark Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #43

WELCOME Marcella Damron

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) – Chris Tomlin Praise Band

OPENING PRAYER Marcella Damron

Who You Say I Am – Hillsong Worship Praise Band

CALL TO WORSHIP (*seated*) *(Inspired by Psalm 63 and Isaiah 55:1-5)*

L: Come into the sanctuary and look around. Behold the beauty and splendor of God's people. All of us – rich and poor, young and old, and desperately hanging on.

P: Behold the beauty and splendor of God's people.

L: We believe God's steadfast love is better than life, so let our lips praise God as long as we live.

P: We also often doubt God's love. We often doubt that God will really provide when it matters.

L: But this is what matters today: God said, "Come all who are thirsty, come to the water, and you that have no money, come, buy and eat."

P: All of us, rich and poor, young and old, and desperately holding on. So with faith – both bold and timid – let us worship God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Inspired by Acts 4:32)*

L: God of mercy, we come to celebrate our unity, but we confess the many ways that we are divided.

P: Our nationality, ethnic origin, economic status, gender, age, and musical preferences all too often obscure the common calling we share in Christ's name.

L: May our common identity as your children and our communal witness to Christ,

P: Bind us together in your name. Forgive our tendency toward separation and division, and remind us that we are your Easter People.

SCOUTS SUNDAY

God and Church Award: Josh Chase, Evelyn Chase

God and Family Award: Kaden Send, Asher Chase

God and Me Award: Maggie Chase

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated* – arr. A.C. Whitworth

*DOXOLOGY (#625)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND GRATITUDE

ANTHEM *Gospelfest* Worship Choir

SCRIPTURE *Acts 4:16-20*

SERMON Rev. Dr. David Anderson
We Are the Church: Fortune Favors the Bold

All pray in silence.

Please remain seated, or if you feel comfortable, you can come to the front and pray on the steps.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

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.

*CLOSING HYMN *God Be With You* #602

*BENEDICTION

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE *Prelude in F Major* – J.S. Bach

*(Indicates standing as you are able.)
Welcome members and visitors!

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**The Nursery** is staffed and available this morning.

**Kidsville Class** and **Middle School Class** begin at 10am.

*Acts 4:16-20 NRSV*

*“What are we going to do with these men?” they asked. “Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name.”*

*Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY, Sunday, April 28, 2024**

9:00 a.m. Adult Class, Media/Library room  
9:00 Confirmation Class, Lounge  
10:00 Sanctuary Worship  
10:00 Middle School Youth, youth room  
10:00 Kidsville class, Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> graders

**Tuesday, April 30, 2024**

9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
10:00 Quilting  
6:30 p.m. Invest Team meeting, room at back of sanctuary  
8:00 A.A., Small dining room

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024**

6:30 p.m. Book study, Lounge  
7:00 Property Meeting, Media/Library room

**Thursday, May 2, 2024**

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir  
7:00 Worship Choir

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 5, 2024**

9:00 a.m. Adult Class, Media/Library room  
9:00 Confirmation Class, Lounge  
10:00 Sanctuary Worship  
10:00 Middle School Youth, youth room  
10:00 Kidsville class, Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> graders  
2:00 p.m. Stark Hunger Walk in North Canton

**EXPERIENCE: Worship**

**Ushers/Greeters for April:** Karen Shoemaker, Susan Thoman, Sherrie Wallace, Mark and Clara and Dalton Aufdenkamp  
**Confirmation Acolyte:** Erica and Emily O'Hara

**GO: Evangelism**

**Share your experience on-line:**

-Check in at Paradise Church on Facebook, post a picture; "like" Paradise Church; make a comment; forward our posts on your page.  
-Follow Paradise Church on Instagram (paradise\_ucc)

**INVEST: Discipleship**

**MAILING OFFERINGS:** You can also mail in your offering through the postal service: 619 E. Main Street, Louisville OH 44641. Thank you!  
**ON-LINE GIVING** through our church website: [paradisearchurch.org](http://paradisearchurch.org)

**CONNECT: Fellowship**

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday closed; Tuesday through Friday 9am-noon  
**COFFEE HOUR** following worship: see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to supply cookies/fruit/dessert.

**REACH: Ministry**

**CHURCH CAMP:** Registration is open for Templed Hills. If you are interested, contact Donna Edwards 330-495-4450 for info and registration.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Offering April:** Monetary donations - Stark Hunger Walk. If you are interested in walking the Stark Hunger Walk on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> it will be in North Canton at the Community Christian Church. See the sign up sheet today for more information or see Debbie Jones.

**Louisville Community Cupboard for April:** Hand Soap

### **PARADISE MISSION STATEMENT**

Paradise United Church of Christ seeks to provide a window through which the warmth and wisdom of Jesus can be clearly seen by everyone. We seek to embody the love of Jesus Christ through worship, spiritual growth, Christian education and service to God and His community.



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### **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone): by Chris Tomlin**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed  
My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love  
Amazing grace  
The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures  
My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love  
Amazing grace  
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, who called me here below  
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

**Who You Say I Am:** by Hillsong Worship

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost, but He brought me in

Oh His love for me

Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free

Oh, is free indeed

I'm a child of God, yes, I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me

His grace runs deep

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me

Yes, He died for me

Who the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God, yes, I am

In my Father's house

There's a place for me

I'm a child of God, yes, I am

I am chosen, not forsaken

I am who You say I am

You are for me, not against me

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