



PARADISE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 5, 2024
10am



Unify us so that the world will know.

Sunday, May 5, 2024

10am Worship

PRELUDE Mark Tryon, organist
Here I Am, Lord – arr. Mark Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN *We Are God's People* #283

WELCOME Marcella Damron

The Way – by Pat Barrett Praise Band

OPENING PRAYER Marcella Damron

Good, Good Father – by Chris Tomlin Praise Band

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Jesus prays for us,

P: For “those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one.

L: As you, Oh God, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,

P: So that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

L: As disciples of Christ, we proclaim in our words the hope

P: “That we may all be one.”

L: Yet often we become bound, even imprisoned, by our fears or distrust of those who seem different from us in some way.

P: When our fears bind us, we forget our calling to be witnesses in the world of the love of God manifest in Christ Jesus and in each other.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us! The glory that God has manifested in Jesus Christ is given to us even now so that we may live and love as one, for in Christ, we are one. The promise of God is to guard the lives of the faithful and rescue us from the hand of anything that binds us and separates us from God and one another. Because God’s love manifests in Jesus Christ, “the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end,” sets us free. (Rev. 22:12) We are free indeed! Amen.

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.

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY *Meditation on Ellers – Mark Thewes*

*DOXOLOGY (#625)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND GRATITUDE

ANTHEM *Lord, I Lift Your Name On High* Worship Choir

SCRIPTURE *John 17:20-23*

SERMON Rev. Dr. David Anderson
We Are the Church: What the World Needs Now

*CLOSING HYMN *In Christ There Is No East or West* #285

*BENEDICTION

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

P: Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE *Our Lord, Master of All – Rex Koury*

*(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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **TODAY, 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

### **Tuesday, May 7, 2024**

- ~~9:00 a.m.~~ NO Bible Study – they will be on break until August  
10:00 a.m. Quilting  
8:00 p.m. A.A., Small dining room

### **Wednesday, May 8, 2024**

- 5:30 p.m. Missions meeting, room at back of Sanctuary  
6:00 Bell Choir (just this week on Wednesday)  
6:30 Book study, Lounge

### **Thursday, May 9, 2024**

- 6:00 p.m. VBS meeting, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 Worship Choir

### **NEXT SUNDAY, May 12, 2024: Happy Mother's Day!**

- 9:00 a.m. 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

### **EXPERIENCE: Worship**

**Ushers/Greeters for May:** Andrew & Stacy Bowman, Denny & Patti Carper, Sherry Foss

**Confirmation Acolyte:** Ben Winter

**The Altar Flowers** are given by Linda Betz in loving memory of her mother.

**Summer Special Music:** If you would like to provide special music in worship on a Sunday this summer, there is a sign up sheet on the narthex bulletin board or see Pat Falot. You can play the piano, a musical instrument or sing a solo/duet/quartet.

### **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)

**SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** This year it will be 6-8pm, Monday through Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> here at Paradise Church.

### **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: [paradisesechurch.org](http://paradisesechurch.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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Offering May:** Summer Lunch Program: Lunch groceries will be given to Louisville Families in need at 2 locations this summer. The dates are June 13 and 27; July 11 and 25. Times and locations to come.

**Louisville Community Cupboard for May:** Cereal

## 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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## The Way (by Pat Barrett)

Through every battle  
Through every heartbreak  
Through every circumstance  
I believe that You are my fortress  
Oh, You are my portion  
And You are my hiding place, oh  
I believe You are The way, the truth, the life  
I believe You are The way, the truth, the life  
I believe  
Through every blessing  
Through every promise  
Through every breath I take  
I believe that You are Provider  
Oh, You are Protector  
You are the One I love, oh  
I believe You are The way, the truth, the life  
I believe You are The way, the truth, the life  
I believe You are Oh, You are Oh, You are  
And it's a new horizon and I'm set on You  
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new  
All my fears and doubts, they can all come too  
Because they can't stay long when I'm here with You  
It's a new horizon and I'm set on You  
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new  
All my fears and doubts  
They can all come too  
Because they can't stay long when  
I believe You are The way, the truth, the life  
I believe You are The way, the truth, the life  
I believe You are  
It's a new horizon and I'm set on You  
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new  
And all my fears and doubts, they can all come too  
Because they can't stay long when  
I believe You are  
The way, the truth, the life  
And I believe You are  
The way, the truth, the life  
I believe You are

**Good, Good Father** (by Chris Tomlin)

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night  
And You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone

You're a Good, Good Father  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am  
It's who I am

Oh, I've seen many searching for answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching  
For answers only You provide  
Cause You know just what we need  
Before we say a word

It's who You are  
It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am  
It's who I am

Cause You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us, aah  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
Oh, you're perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable  
I, I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable  
I, I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love, love, love

You're a Good, Good Father  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am  
It's who I am