

First Evangelical and Reformed Church

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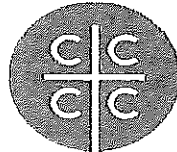
*We are a Bible based Church that presents God's relevant word
of caring and sharing for all people.*

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Sunday School – 9:00 am

Worship – 10:15 am

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PLEASE SIGN THE BLACK ATTENDANCE BOOK AND PASS DOWN.

Sunday, April 15, 2018

THE PEALING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARING OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE “Alleluia! The Strife is O’er”

Franklin Ritter

INVOCATION

*APOSTLE’S CREED

*HYMN “There Is a Place of Quiet Rest”

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CHOIR

PRAAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES

OFFERTORY “Beautiful Savior”

David Paxton

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be

Thine!

*BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

*THE LORDS'S PRAYER (debts and debtors)

HYMN "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" # 372

SCRIPTURE Luke 16:20-30 Page # 907

MESSAGE "Lies We Believe About God: Hell is Separation from God"
By David Lusk

*HYMN "O What a Wonderful, Wonderful Day" # 331

*BENEDICTION "Go Now In Peace" (See Back of Hymnal)

*TAKING OUR LIGHT TO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE "He Is Risen!" Edward Broughton

PRAYER WITH ELDER(S) to EAST SIDE OF ALTAR

**Indicate Congregation Standing / (For Those Who Are Able)*

Serving You This Week

Elder	Sherri Maurer
Organist	Charles Chevront
Director of Music	Margaret Lewis
Greeter	Linda Boger
Secretary	Gloria Moening

Shut-in of the Week: Don & Colleen Staver is this week's Shut-ins of the week. Please take time to send them a card and to pray for them this week. **Their Address is:** 3271 Bonnieview Dr.
Lima, OH 45801

Bible Trivia: What did Jesus instruct the apostles to do if a house didn't receive them? (*Hint: Matt. 10:14*)

- a) Depart and shake the dust off their feet
 - b) Depart and pray for them
 - c) Stay and teach them
 - d) Stay and eat with them
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Pondering: Remember what the Lord has done. Have a thankful heart.

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest 357

Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. James 4:8

1. There is a place of quiet rest Near to the heart of God,
2. There is a place of comfort sweet Near to the heart of God,
3. There is a place of full release Near to the heart of God,

A place where sin can - not mo - lest, Near to the heart of God.
A place where we our Sav - ior meet, Near to the heart of God.
A place where all is joy and peace, Near to the heart of God.

Refrain
O - Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er Sent from the heart of God,

Hold us who wait be - fore Thee Near to the heart of God.

WORDS and MUSIC: Cleland B. McAfee, 1901

McAFEE
C.M. Ref.



PRAYERS and PRAISES

HEALTH: Irene Brutzer, Karen & David Lutz, Charlene Malloy, Ginger Hill, Virginia Heidt, Betty Schwark, Esther Stauffer, Carol Offenbacher family, Corwin family, Josh & Bethany Chevront. Pray for the Hilda Cummings family in the passing of her daughter.

LIFE SITUATIONS: Pray for Revive Allen County, Busick's Prison Ministry, Church Revival, Prayer Warriors, our Community Outreach, and Persecuted Christians. Families impacted by violent acts, and those affected by severe weather.

NOTE: Please Keep Church Office Updated of changes.
Please Fill out a green card if prayer is needed.

*"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."
James 5:16*

Nursery Schedule: Eleanor Brown on April 15th, Missy Grapner on April 22nd, Kim Johnson on April 29th. **Please sign Nursery Sheet & put sheet under office door.**

Next Community Luncheon will be on **Sunday, April 22nd**, in the Fellowship Hall from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm sponsored by Linda Boger. Menu will be Shredded Chicken Sandwiches & Hot dogs, Pork & Beans, Chips and dessert. Please continue to pray for this outreach to our neighbors.

COMMUNITY LUNCH SPONSORS NEEDED! The sponsor would commit to purchasing, preparing and serving the meal, and to clean up afterwards. Please see sign-up sheet in foyer.

RALLY POINT CHICKEN BBQ DINNER ON MAY 6th, from 11:30 to 1:30 pm at 1698 N. Main St., Lima. Carry-in or Dine in. Tickets are \$8 for a half chicken, green beans, applesauce, roll & butter. Dessert may be purchased for a low price. Please see Kim Johnson for your tickets or call her at 567-242-9307.

KITCHEN NEEDS: Please save your cool whip and sherbet bowls for the kitchen. Needed for when we have leftovers.

Thanks!

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross 372

God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross . . . Gal. 6:14

1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross, There a pre - cious foun - tain
2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, Love and mer - cy found me;
3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be - fore me;
4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, Hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

Free to all, a heal - ing stream, Flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
There the Bright and Morn - ing Star Sheds its beams a - round me.
Help me walk from day to day With its shad - ows o'er me.
Till I reach the gold - en strand Just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross Be my glo - ry ev - er;

Till my rap - tured soul shall find Rest be - yond the riv - er.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1869
MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1869

NEAR THE CROSS
7.6.7.6 Ref.

Luke 16:20-30 New King James Version (NKJV)

²⁰ But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, ²¹ desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

²⁴ "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

²⁷ "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, ²⁸ for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' ²⁹ Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰ And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

SERMON NOTES: _____

331 O What a Wonderful, Wonderful Day

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. II Cor. 5:17



1. O what a won - der - ful, won - der - ful day— Day I will
 2. Born of the Spir - it with life from a - bove In - to God's
 3. Now I've a hope that will sure - ly en - dure Aft - er the



nev - er for - get; Aft - er I'd wan - dered in dark - ness a - way,
 fam - ily di - vine, Jus - ti - fied ful - ly thro' Cal - va - ry's love,
 pass - ing of time; I have a fu - ture in heav - en for sure,



Je - sus my Sav - ior I met. O what a ten - der, com - pas - sion - ate friend—
 O what a stand - ing is mine! And the trans - ac - tion so quick - ly was made
 There in those man - sions sub - lime. And it's be - cause of that won - der - ful day



He met the need of my heart; Shad - ows dis - pel - ling, With
 When as a sin - ner I came, Took of the of - fer Of
 When at the cross I be - lieved; Rich - es e - ter - nal And



joy I am tell - ing, He made all the dark - ness de - part!
 grace He did prof - fer— He saved me, O praise His dear name!
 bless - ings su - per - nal From His pre - cious hand I re - ceived.

Refrain

Heav - en came down and glo - ry filled my soul, (filled my soul,)

When at the cross the Sav - ior made me whole; (made me whole;) My

sins were washed a - way And my night was turned to day—

Heav - en came down and glo - ry filled my soul! (filled my soul!)

WORDS and MUSIC: John W. Peterson, 1961

HEAVEN CAME DOWN
 Irregular meter

GO NOW IN PEACE

Go now in peace. Nev - er be a - fraid. God will go
6 with you each hour of ev - 'ry day. Go now in faith,
11 stead-fast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you
16 do. Go now in love, and show you be-lieve. Reach out to
22 oth-ers so all the world can see. God will be there
27 watch-ing from a - bove. Go now in peace, in faith, and in
33 love.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of seven staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as quarter notes, eighth notes, and rests. There are measure numbers 6, 11, 16, 22, 27, and 33 indicated at the start of their respective staves. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

WALKING WITH GOD

There is only one basis for really enjoying life, and that is, to walk in the way in which God leads you. Then you are prepared to find delight in all sorts of wayside incidents.

For one thing, the ability of the senses to enjoy anything depends as much on the tone of the mind as on any external happening. Some people are like Peter Bell of whom Wordsworth wrote:

*“A primrose by a river’s brim
A yellow primrose was to him,
And it was nothing more.”*

When a man is drifting through life, seeking nothing outside of self-gratification, the world must become increasingly a barren and forbidding wilderness.

But it is wonderful how many delights fall to the lot of him who is led by God. For such a one the clasp of a friend’s hand, a cool drink in the heat of noon, a merry salutation from a passing traveler, a glimpse of beauty by the road, a quiet resting-place at night, are all full of unspeakable pleasure.

Taken from “Leaves of Gold” by Clyde Francis Lytle

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY: *We are excited that you have joined us today as we celebrate our Heavenly Father & His Faithfulness.*
Church Luncheon with Bible Trivia

TUESDAY: Bible Study at Alicia's @ 7 pm

THURSDAY: Bible Study at Church @ 5 pm

SATURDAY: Revive Allen County @ 8 am

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday School @ 9 am (Come Join Us!)

April 22, 2018 Morning Worship @ 10:15 am

Greeter: Carole Chevront

Community Luncheon

Financial Statement and Distribution

April 8, 2018 / Total Attendance 68

Weekly Budget	Account	Sunday Offering	YTD	Budget Difference
2,483.00	Unified Budget	1,475.05	32,650.12	
	Budgeted Specified	30.00	1,334.00	
	Running Total of Budget	1,505.05	33,984.12	(-777.88)
	Memorials	65.00	8,390.00	
	Unbudgeted Specified	50.00	1,982.10	
	Total Giving	1,620.05	44,356.22	



If you have trouble hearing please let a Deacon know and they will assist you in getting a Hearing Device.

Our Scripture reference today is: Psalm 4:4-5 (KJV)

⁴ Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.

⁵ Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.