

The flowers on the altar are joyfully given to the glory of God by Jane and Dwight Beougher in celebration of the upcoming graduations of three of their grandchildren and their 63rd wedding anniversary!

Gay Street & Green Valley Chapel UMCs

Experiencing God through Worship, Spiritual Growth, Care, and Service



Sanctuary, May 3, 2026

Engaging the Lost

*O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*
-Psalm 95:1

Welcome to Gay Street UMC!

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Office Hours: Mon–Fri, 8am–3pm | 740-392-6626 | office@mtvumc.org

Restrooms: Located at the rear of the sanctuary or through the parlor.

Hearing Devices: Available upon request from an usher.

Prayer Concerns: Use gray cards in pews; place in offering plate or give to a Pastor

Connect Cards: In pew racks—guests and updates welcome (return in offering plate or to a Pastor)

Sermon Notes:

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Weekly on Wednesdays:

C.R.E.W. Youth Group with Logan Hines 6:15pm–7:30pm on the 3rd floor

Last study will be on May 13th!

Our Mission

To make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude *Aria from "Israel in Egypt", G.F. Handel* Janet Guetle

Opening Prayer–All Uniting Liturgist: Rev. Dale Sutton
Heavenly Father, we come before You, acknowledging that because of Your love, we no longer see the world as we once did. Thank You for the gift of Christ, who makes all things new. We praise You that the "old" is gone and that through Your grace, we are a new creation.

*Gathering Hymn *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* UM Hymnal 158

***CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)**

L: The old is gone, and behold, the new has come! We no longer regard anyone from a worldly point of view.

C: God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

L: We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us.

C: We are new creations in Christ, called to bring the message of grace to the world.

All: Let us worship the God who has transformed us and entrusted us with His.

INTO THE WORD

2 Corinthians 5:16–20

Lay Reader: Norah Mack

*John 4:5–29

*Response to the Word *Gloria Patri* UM Hymnal 71

Message *Engaging the Lost* Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *There's Something About That Name* UM Hymnal 171

Morning Prayer

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings:
When we bring an offering to God, it is a form of worship. Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives. As we do so, our love for God and others grow.

Offertory *Gloria, by Franz Joseph Haydn* Chancel Choir

*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UM Hymnal 94**

*Prayer of Dedication

**RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS/CONFIRMANDS:
PHILOMENA ODONKOR & NORAH MACK**

RECEIVE

*Apostles’ Creed UM Hymnal 7

Communion service and responses UM Hymnal 13 & 14

Communion Hymn–Stacey Varner, pianist

As We Gather, Words & Music by Mike Fay and Tom Coomes

A Shield About Me, Words & Music by Donn Thomas and Charles Williams

The Steadfast Love of The Lord, Words & Music by Edith McNeill

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Communion Blessing

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* UM Hymnal 176

*Benediction

Postlude *Crown Him with Many Crowns, arr. by Jason D. Payne* Janet Guetle

Worship Participants:

Chancel & Kingdom Kids Choir Director:

Terry Dunnavant

Live Stream:

Carol Moore & Max Heindl

Sound:

Daniel Burson

Ushers:

Liz Lutwick, John & Susan Stone, Cyndi Wyatt

