

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Jassmine Bayless, in gratitude for this church family who has taught me what it means to belong!

# Gay Street & Green Valley Chapel UMCs

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



**Sanctuary, March 22, 2026**

***Our Greatest Hope***  
*The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*  
**-1 Corinthians 15:26**

**Welcome to Gay Street UMC!**

Ways to stay connected; our website: [mtvumc.org](http://mtvumc.org), Facebook, Instagram,  
or by signing up for eDevos—our weekly newsletter  
with devotionals, prayer concerns, and events.

- **Office Hours:** Monday–Friday, 8am–3pm | **Phone:** 740-392-6626 | **Email:** [office@mtvumc.org](mailto: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:** Share on green cards in pews and place them in the offering plate or give to the pastor.
- **Connect Cards:** are in the pew racks. If you are a guest or need to update your information please fill one out and place it in the offering plate or give it to the Pastor following the service.

Sermon Notes:

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**SAVE THE DATE:**

- Every Thursday: rehearsals for Wesley Ringers are at 6:30pm and Chancel Choir at 7:30pm.
- TODAY:** Logan is having a youth mission trip meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at 12:30pm.
- March 29<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday services at 8:30am & 10:45am. In the 10:45am service, the choir will be presenting a cantata.
- March 29<sup>th</sup>, Logan & C.R.E.W. will be headed to Scene75. \$10 will be due to Logan for the trip, and bring lunch money. We will be leaving around 12:30pm and hoping to be back home by 6pm.
- April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm in the Sanctuary.
- April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Care Team at 11:30am.

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>**

THE SANCTUARY WILL BE OPEN FOR A TIME OF PRAYER/REFLECTION FROM 9AM-6PM. PLEASE USE THE RAMP AT CHESTNUT STREET. WE WILL NOT BE HAVING A SERVICE THIS DAY.

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**

we will be having our 8:30am & 10:45am service, please join us. Also, we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt at 12:30pm.

**Pastor Dale’s Lenten Study:**

February 22<sup>nd</sup> and running **every Sunday** through April 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be held in the Kurella Room from **9:30am–10:30am**.

**Weekly on Wednesdays:**

- **Wednesday night congregational meal;** Please join us at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall, every Wednesday for a great meal & fellowship.
- **C.R.E.W. Youth Group** 6:15pm–7:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.
- **Pastor Christopher’s Bible Study** on ‘Disciple 1’ from 6:15pm–7:45pm in the Varsity room.

**Our Mission**

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

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Liberati

**PREPARATION**

Prelude *Spirit of God, Descend Upon Our Hearts* Wesley Ringers  
arr. by Dan R. Edwards

**Opening Prayer--All Uniting** Liturgist: Wayne Dunlop  
**Healing and Empowering God, we are sometimes so sure that things will not work out, we doubt even your ability to put things right in our lives. We lack such faith. But Jesus came to show us that our most dreaded enemy--death--can be overcome by faith. Heal our doubts and our longings for assurance and give us spirits of trust and hope. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

\*Gathering Hymn *Be Still, My Soul* UM Hymnal 534

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

L: Lazarus, though dead, was called to life by Jesus.

**C: May we be called to the light of righteousness.**

L: As others witnessed this resurrection, they believed in Jesus.

**C: May we, who have heard, believe in the power of Jesus to conquer our fears and doubts.**

L: Praise be to God who has given us Jesus.

**C: Praise be to Jesus who has given us life. AMEN.**

Invitation to Children Rev. Christopher Liberati

Children's Song-congregation *Where Children Belong*  
Lyrics:

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water,  
God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Children's Message followed by Junior Church dismissal Logan Hines

**INTO THE WORD**

Revelation 21:1-5 Lay Reader: Emily Toms

\*John 11:1-45

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

Message *Our Greatest Hope* Rev. Christopher Liberati

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Prayer Hymn *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus* UM Hymnal 349

Morning Prayer  
Lord's Prayer--**UM Hymnal 895**

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 *Let My Heart Be Quiet*, by Heather Schopf Chancel Choir

\***Doxology** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UM Hymnal 95**  
\*Prayer of Dedication

**SENDING FORTH**

**RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS:**

**Dave Claborn, Stacey Claborn, Amy Jo Taylor Sanders**

\*Hymn of Parting *Only Trust Him* UM Hymnal 337

\*Benediction

Postlude *Marching to Zion*, arr. by Jason W. Krug Wesley Ringers

**Pastor to congregation:**

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and protect them in love.

**Congregation responds:**

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

