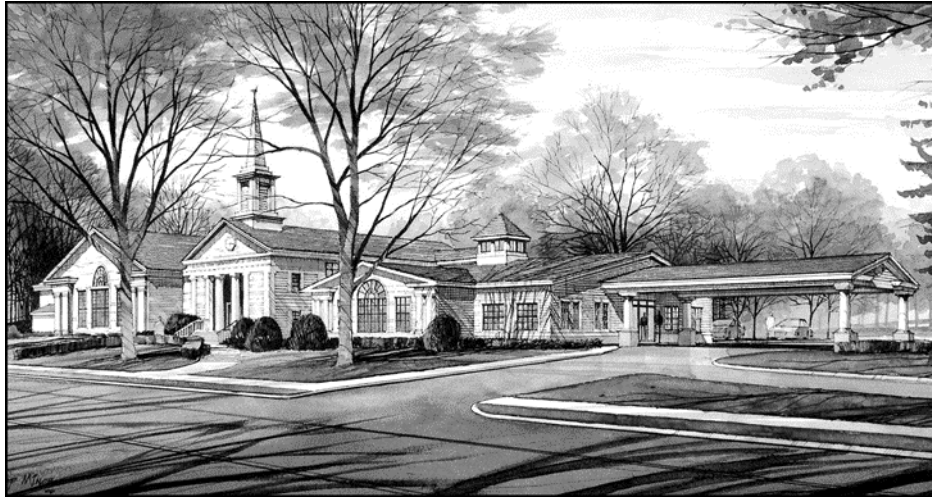




***A thriving faith community  
engaged in compassionate service.***



***April 19, 2026***

**10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

*Live Streaming on Facebook plus On Demand on YouTube*

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## Order of Service

\*Please rise in body or spirit

**Prelude** *Jesus Loves Me / Clair De Lune* Bradbury (arr. Seal/Debussy)

### Greetings

**Choral Introit** *Come Share The Lord* Leech

**\*Call to Worship** Nora Knodel

The Lord is our shepherd; we shall not want.

**He makes us lie down in green pastures and leads us beside quiet waters.**

He restores our souls and guides us in paths of righteousness.

**Even when we walk through the darkest valley, we fear no evil.**

For you are with us, comforting us with your rod and staff.

**You prepare a table before us and our cups overflow.**

Surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives.

**And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever! Let us worship God.**

**\*Opening Hymn #305** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy*

**\*Invitation to Confession** Dylan Mania

Confession is uncomfortable but we know God meets us in this moment. Join me as we confess the ways we miss the mark.

**\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)** Dylan Mania

**Merciful God - We confess that even though we already have so much; we are still guilty of**

**feeling envious of many things, including other people's phones and grades. Forgive us when**

**we get so caught up in our daily living that we forget we share the planet with creatures and how our digital**

**consumption threatens their lives. Jesus taught us that bigotry, bias and "isms" are wrong and yet we judge and exclude**

**others anyway. When our political views are different; help us find ways to have respectful conversations. Forgive us**

**when we don't slow down and work through conflict in ways that are measured so collateral damage can be mitigated.**

**You sent your son to show us how to love our neighbors and still we don't. Forgive us when we fall short of your wishes**

**for your planet and people. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Friends! Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives. God forgives our failure and calls us back into the flock.

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

Having been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, let us now share the signs of that

reconciliation with one another. The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.** (Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you saying

"Peace be with you".)

### Children's Time

### Announcements

**Choral Anthem** *Brothers* C. Steubing & M. Martin

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 23, O. T. pg. 501 Devin Mania  
Acts 2:42-47, N. T. pg. 120 Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty

Sermon

*It's Personal*

Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty

**Profession of Faith and Reception of the Confirmation Class**

Nora Knodel  
Jack Kowalik

Devin Mania  
Dylan Mania

Richard Pallante  
Adya Prabhaker

**\*Hymn #529**

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

**The Offering**

**Offertory**

*This Little Light of Mine*

Arr. M. Hayes

**\*Doxology #606**

(Melody)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ,  
all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune  
God, whom we adore. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Ricky Pallante

**The Eucharist**

**\*Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

In every time and every age, O God, it is good and faithful that we give you thanks, for your mercy is sure and your steadfast love endures forever.

In your compassion you gave us Christ Jesus, who sets us free from death and leads us to life eternal.

And so, with all creation, with all the needy and hungry ones, with all those who have enough and plenty, with creatures large and small, with sun and moon and stars, and with the saints of every age, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

(Hymn #552)

Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things. By your power and love you continue to deliver your people from bondage, thwart the designs of evil, show the way through the wilderness, turn hardship into righteousness, and reveal your hand upholding the just.

Blessed are you, O Christ, servant of the universe. You came among us to feed and heal and teach, to confound the haughty, to confuse the deceivers, to change the wrong-hearted, and, in all these things, to give hope to those who long for peace.

## Memorial Acclamation

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life. You give us words when we have none; you fill us with vision when we have the most need; you give us voice to proclaim our faith in every hour. Be our guide and teacher, today and always.

Come now, O Prince of Peace, Spirit of Love, Breath of Life. Bring to all this hurting world the joy that Mary knew, and teach us to proclaim with her, "I have seen the Lord!"

In the unity of the Holy Trinity, in gratitude for this great day of resurrection, we praise you, God of all that is, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

Jack Kowalik and Adya Prabhaker

### The Lord's Prayer

**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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Prayer Response

*Hear Our Prayer*

Whelpton

## Words of Institution

### Partaking of the Bread and Cup

#### Communion Hymn

*Pray For Light*

Bill Carter

## Prayer After Communion

### \*Closing Hymn #761

*Called As Partners in Christ's Service*

### \*Benediction

### \*Choral Benediction

*God Be With You*

Tomer & Rankin

## Postlude

*Rejoice, The Lord is King*

Darwall/Curry

**WELCOME!** We are glad you have joined us to worship God. If you are a visitor, we invite you to introduce yourself to our Deacon of the Day, Anne Helfrich, who will be available after worship.

Please sign the **WELCOME PAD** as it makes its way down your row. If you are a visitor or have recently changed your address, please include this and any other information you wish to share.

The **PRAYER BOARD** is located in the Reception Room at the name tag table. You are invited to use a slip of paper to write or draw your prayer and clip it to the board. The Prayer Board will be brought into worship; however, the prayers will not be read aloud or shared. This is a unique and special opportunity for children and adults to be able to express their joys and/or concerns.

**THREE WAYS TO WORSHIP!** In Person, live streamed at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and then the service (which is being recorded as we worship in person) will be available beginning Sunday afternoons on the OPPC You Tube channel which can be accessed directly from YouTube or our webpage: [www.oppchurch.org](http://www.oppchurch.org). **Please be aware that the worship service is being recorded as well as live streamed and will be broadcast via the internet.**

**WE WELCOME KIDS IN WORSHIP** as together we are the whole people of God. **WORSHIP BAGS** are available in the Reception Room at the CE table. The **NURSERY** will be staffed **AFTER** Children's Time for infants through 3 year olds. **PLAY & PRAY** for kids 4 years old through First Grade also begins **AFTER** Children's Time. Volunteers will lead the children out and to their classroom. If you have any questions about either of these two programs; please speak to the volunteer at the CE table in the Reception Room. If you are a visitor and would like to accompany your child to see the classroom and meet the teachers; you are very welcome to do so!

The **FLOWERS** on the Communion Table are given by Douglas McFarland in memory of Sarah Brewer. Happy Birthday (RIP).

Today we **WELCOME** the **CONFIRMATION CLASS** into membership at OPPC. Please note the class worked together on some parts of today's service, including the Prayer of Confession. Please take a few moments after worship today to greet the following 8th graders: Nora Knodel, Jack Kowalik, Devin Mania, Dylan Mania, Ricky Pallante and Adya Prabhaker.

The **OPPC Book Group** will meet on Tuesday night in the Irene Irving Room. They will be discussing ***Theo of Golden*** by Allen Levi.

**RUMMAGE SALE** – Join us **TODAY** after the church service to start unpacking bags and boxes of items donated for the sale. Also, many volunteers are needed to organize and price items starting on Monday, April 20. Would you be willing to help at the sale or to pack up the unsold items on Saturday? If you have any questions, please call Sue Sager at 716-662-9413. The Rummage Sale will run from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24 and 10:00 a.m. until noon for the Bag Sale on Saturday, April 25.

**THE OFFERING** is one way of many ways for us to respond to God. Monetary gifts to support the ministry of OPPC are greatly appreciated. **Secure online giving is available.** Scan the QR Code with your cell phone and you will be directed to our Online Giving Site.

