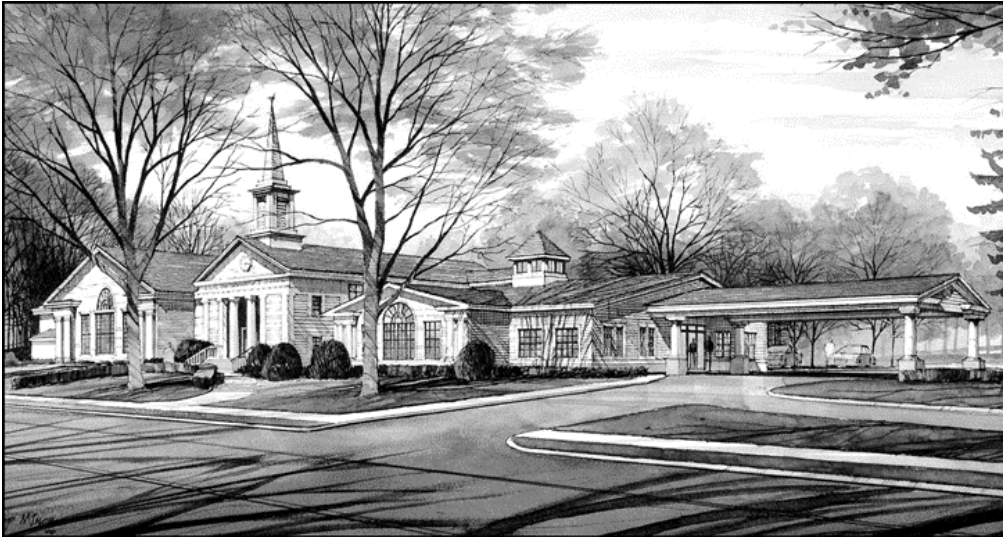




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***May 17, 2026***

**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* Warner & Bradbury/Raney

**Greetings**

**Choral Introit** *Behold!* Thiman

### **\*Call to Worship**

What does the Holy One require of us?

**To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

### **\*Opening Hymn #403**

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

### **\*Invitation to Confession**

When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

### **\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all.**

**Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

*(A moment for silent confession)*

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Amen!**

### **\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has

forgiven you. 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**

## Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts – a spring of hope for a thirsty world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Readings

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35, O. T. pg. 529

Acts 1:6-14, N. T. pg. 118

## Choir Anthem

*One Song*

P. M. Liebergen

## Sermon

*The Epic Arc of God's People*

Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty

## \*Hymn #803

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

**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*

Dietsch

## The Offering

### Offertory

Angel Rhodes

## \*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

## Honoring of Linda B

- Presentations

- Video "31 Years of Devoted Ministry"

## \*Benediction

## \*Choral Benediction

*Sevenfold Amen*

Lutkin

## Postlude

*Light of the World*

Schwartz

**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, Tanis Berry, who will be available after worship.

The **LITURGIST** today is Linda Babcock with Al and Sue Sager and Paul and Noah Woodard, as **GREETERS and USHERS**.

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.

**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 YouTube 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.**

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.

**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!

Our **PRAYERS AND SYMPHAY** go to Amy and Doug Carpenter on the loss of Amy's father, Jerry Lucachik, whose funeral was Friday.

Our **PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** go to Meredith and Jim Wilson on the loss of Meredith's sister, Adrienne Vidler.

This year Pray Rake Eat has an exciting new twist... **Pray Rake Eat and PLAY!** Yes, after we pray, rake and eat we will award great prizes for the winner of our Fastest Family Relay Race and Cornhole contests! We are also upgrading our food including "beef steak patties" and "tube steak", ice cream **SUNDAES** and many other delights! Join us for **ONE SERVICE at 9:30 on May 31** to beautify God's house and have fun as well! Sign up at the Welcome Center!

The **FLOWERS** on the communion table are given by the congregation of OPPC in appreciation of the many years of service and love that Mrs. B has given to us.

Today is **SANDWICH SUNDAY**. Thank you for bringing your individually wrapped sandwiches to worship with you and dropping them at the table by The Welcome Center. They will be delivered to St. Luke's after worship.

The church office will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, May 25** in observance of Memorial Day.

The **OPPC BOOK GROUP** will be meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in The Irene Irving Group. They will be discussing **A Study in Scarlet Women** by Sherry Thomas.

Today we give thanks for our dedicated Christian Education Volunteers. Adults who demonstrate their faith are key to a child's spiritual wellbeing. While parents are a child's first teacher they cannot do it alone. OPPC has a long and strong history of supporting families by creating and sustaining programming for Littles and Bigs which provides a safe and loving foundation. The CE Ministry Team and the teachers and facilitators show up on cue every Sunday for 9 months out of the year to be part of this important work of the heart. Thank you to the following folks:

Lynn Morgan & Jennifer Noah - Littles @ 9:30

Pastor Mario & Kurt Graulich - Bigs @ 9:30

Kaitlyn Woodard, Christie Putnam, Lisa Quinn, Sydney Grabau, Dorcas Eugene, Amy Kilpatrick & Sarah McBride - Play & Pray @ 10:30

Theresa Sherer, Don Schmid & Tanis Berry - Family, Faith & Food/Sunday Morning Hospitality

Youth Chaperones - Anne Helfrich, Lynn Morgan, Xanda Weiss, Pastor Mario

Sunday Morning CE Assistant - Amanda Putnam

Adult Education - Dave Brummer & Robert Mustard

### **Help Us Tell Our Story!**

Our church is full of life, and we don't want to miss a single moment. Whether it's a smile in the Reception Room, a group volunteering, or a candid moment at a committee meeting – **we want to see what you see!**

**How to Share your photos and stories:** Scan the QR code to upload photos directly from your phone. Thank you for helping us share the light of our community!



**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.





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# **BROADWAY NIGHT**

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**Wednesday, May 20th  
7:00 p.m.**

A Family-Friendly Feel-Good Night of

## **Show Tunes**

Performed by the

**OPPC Sanctuary Choir**

with Guests from Local Church Choirs

and Featuring the

**Wilson Memorial Handbell Choir**

As Well As Solos, Ensembles and a Singalong

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