



I speak to the mountains,
"Oh, it's time to move
'Cause my God is
bigger,
better,
stronger,
greater
than you.

"Speak to the Mountains"
by Chris McClarney

WESTERN RESERVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Western Reserve United Methodist Church

March 8, 2026

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Joyce Hoile

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Mission Statement: ***Western Reserve Church will develop disciples who reflect Christ's love through worship, fellowship, and service.***

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

****Please rise in body or in spirit***

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT: *"Blessed Assurance"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Lord, gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

CONGREGATION: Gather us in, the weak and the strong.

LEADER: Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

CONGREGATION: Gather us in, the young and the old.

LEADER: Gather us in to sing of God's works.

CONGREGATION: Gather us in to praise Jesus Christ.

LEADER: Gather us in to worship and wonder.

CONGREGATION: Gather us in to know of God's love.

(Written by Mary J. Scifres, and posted on the Ministry Matters website)

*OPENING HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" (UMH #140)

*PRAYER (spoken in unison)

Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we gather in Your presence with thanksgiving and praise for the way in which You have revealed Yourself to us. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, we have come to know and love You; we have seen Your love and mercy in action; we have caught a glimpse of Your heart, and we have heard the call to follow.

Continue to reveal Yourself to us as we worship. May Your Holy Spirit open our minds and hearts to Your presence here, and to the Word that You have for us this morning. We long to meet You here, and to know You better. In the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, and our Savior. Amen. *(RE: Worship.com)*

DEDICATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology (UMH #95)

*Offertory Prayer

ANTHEM: *"More Precious Than Silver/I Stand in Awe"*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MORNING PRAYERS – Sharing our joys and concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"God Is So Good" (TFWS #2056 sung twice)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 40:21-31

Romans 15:14-21

*Matthew 17:14-20

RESPONSE

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"This Is Our Story; This Is Our Song: 'Speak to the Mountains'"

*CLOSING HYMN

"It Is Well with My Soul" (UMH #377)

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Your Peace)" (UMH #376)

POSTLUDE

Thank you to those assisting in our worship services.

Sermon: Pastor Joyce (All Services)

Music: Leaha Marshall and the TOGGLE Praise Team (9:15 am)
Leaha Marshall (11:00 am)

Liturgist: Doug Price (9:15 am)
The Baldwin Family (11:00 am)

Greeter: Sandy Ellis

Ushers: Steve & Kathy Simon (11:00 am)

Please keep the following friends in your prayers this week:

Those in Nursing Homes:

Park Vista of Youngstown: Linda Ward

Hampton Woods: Nancy Jarvis

Windsor House: Nancy Hull

St. Luke Lutheran Community: Margie Wagner

The Inn @ Glenellen: Richard Fox

The Addison @ Cornersburg: Ila Cochran

Those serving in our military:

Jeff Asch, Jared Eichert, JT Palmer, Riley Miller, Mark Kuntzman,
Jared Muntean

Those with other prayer concerns:

Bill Helsel, Sandra Ellis, Billy Tarr, Betty Brunswick, Tim Treleven,
Bill Robb, Ed Dambik, Terry Hassay, Jon Ramsbottom, Marjorie
Nelson, Halle Wright, Kennedy Turek, Brian Hassel, Marian Doerr,
Barb Rauschenburg, Stuart Hassel, Juanita Bloom, Chelsea
(Schmidt) Kachelries, Laurie Grischow, Lugene Pezzuto, Doug Price,
Jack Phillipson

THE PRAYER LIST IS UPDATED WEEKLY. If you would like to be included in the prayer list, please let the Church Office know and keep us updated as to the status of these prayer requests so that we can remain current on those needing special prayer. Thank you!



*Good
Morning*

This is God.

I will be handling all your problems today.

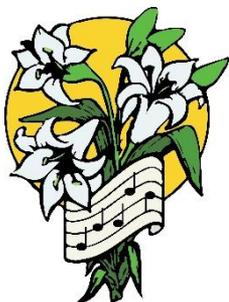
I will not need your help.

So, relax and have a great day!



WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR WORSHIP!
If you are visiting with us this morning and have any questions or need assistance, please see an usher.

LENTEN BIBLE READING: Throughout Lent, we will be reading the Bible aloud in the Sanctuary. You are invited to come to the Sanctuary whenever you are in the building for a meeting or activity and spend some time reading God's Word. There will be a log kept by the Bible to enter where you started and stopped so the next person will know where to begin. You may read as little or as much as your time allows. Our goal is to read through the entire Bible by Easter. *We have reached the book of Exodus!*



THEME SONGS for the Lenten Sermon Series can be found in our Spring Brochure which is available in the worship spaces and the Welcome Center area. Please take one for yourself and take some home to share with friends and family members.

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Mission Trip Fundraising Italian Buffet

MENU INCLUDES:

WEDDING SOUP
CHICKEN PARMESAN
SHRIMP LINGUINI
CHICKEN ALFREDO LASAGNA
TOSSED SALAD | BREAD | DESSERT

MARCH 11

5:00 PM



A basket will be provided for free-will donations and proceeds will benefit the Mission Trip to Asheville, NC this summer. Please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Center and let us know how many are coming!

OFFERING ENVELOPES: There was a printing issue in the March/April envelope sets. The company who does our envelopes has mailed out new sets and you should receive them this week. Please use these instead of the sets you received previously. On a side note, if you are not receiving envelopes and would like to, please contact the Church Office. Thank you!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH: All women are invited to our United Women in Faith meeting on Thursday, March 12 at noon in the fellowship hall. We will start with a potluck lunch, followed by a speaker from Hospice of the Valley, who will give us valuable information about services offered by this agency. If you are able, please bring a dish to share. Join us and bring a friend!

NEW MEMBERS MEETING: If you are interested in becoming a member of the church or would just like more information about Christianity, the church, or our ministries, please join us at 5:30 pm on Thursday, March 19.



IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS! Order forms are located at the Welcome Center. Please turn your form in with payment no later than Sunday, March 15. We will be once again ordering our flowers from Petitti's Garden Center, and the cost is \$9.00 per plant. These flowers will be used to decorate our altar for Easter, and you can take your flowers home following the Easter Sunday services.



AND SO IS THE GAB SALE! Start saving your donations for this annual event that will be held on April 30-May 3. Donations of clothes, housewares, small appliances, home décor, jewelry, baby items, collectibles, furniture (especially furniture) and more are appreciated, but please, no large appliances, encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines, mattresses, oversize sofas, China cabinets, entertainment centers, computers, or televisions. More information will be coming soon.

THANK YOU, JOANN! JoAnn Truax has announced that this will be her last year leading the GAB Sale. She has served in this position for the last 14 years, and we thank her for her dedication and service to this ministry. A time of recognition is being planned for a future date.

GAB SALE TEAM: We are looking for a team of up to 5 people who would be willing to lead the GAB Sale. You would meet with JoAnn to see how things are currently organized, visit the GAB Sale to experience it firsthand, and then begin meeting as a team to plan for next year. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact the Church Office. If you have any questions, feel free to ask Pastor Joyce or JoAnn.



Spring

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

THE SHOPS AT HARTVILLE KITCHEN

APR. 28

6:00 PM

DOORS OPEN
5:30 PM

\$45.00

INCLUDES DINNER,
GIFT BAG FILLED WITH
COUPONS & GIFTS, CHANCE
TO WIN FABULOUS PRIZES!

If you would like to go to this incredible event,
please give your money to Melodee by
Tuesday, March 10.

TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

You can meet us there or plan to carpool.
If you are available to drive or would like to carpool,
please let Melodee know (330-502-6083).

A cartoon illustration of a white Easter bunny with pink inner ears, sitting on a green hill. The bunny is holding a large, colorful Easter egg decorated with yellow, purple, and green patterns. There are other smaller eggs (pink, yellow) and a yellow butterfly nearby. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds.

LUNCH INCLUDED!

EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 | 11:15 AM

There will also be a "Palm Parade" at the beginning of the 9:15 and 11:00 services.

EASTER CANDY: The Christian Education Committee is asking for donations of wrapped Easter candy (miniature size) for the Sunday school Easter party. There is a basket in the narthex for you to place your donations in. Sunday, March 21 is the last day to bring in your donations. Thank you!

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HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY

Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Worship Services: 8:30 AM • 9:15 AM • 11:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt: 11:15 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Love one another as I have loved you.

Bread & Soup Supper: 5:00 PM

Worship Service: 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Behold the wood of the Cross!

Prayer Vigil: 12:00–3:00 PM

Tenebrae Service: 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Worship Services: 8:30 AM • 9:15 AM • 11:00 am

Easter Breakfast: 7:00–9:00 AM

ALTAR FLOWERS: Sponsors are needed for many Sundays in 2026, including March 15 & 29. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center. The cost is \$20.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

- Men's Bible study – Meets in the Fellowship Hall every Tuesday at 8:00 am except for the 1st Tuesday when they meet at Trek Coffee House (1588 Mahoning Ave.).
- Adult Bible study & prayer group – Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the Youth Room. If you would like more information or have any prayer requests for the group, please contact Laura (cell: 330-770-7017 or email: walton32000@yahoo.com).

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Early Worship Service (8:30 am)	5
T.O.G.G.L.E. Service (9:15 am)	39
Traditional Service (11:00 am)	48
Total Worship Attendance	92

Amount needed to meet weekly budget: \$6,631

Total Giving amount: \$9,509 (This includes electronic giving.)



Electronic Giving is available! Simply scan the QR code with your phone and you will be taken to the secure Vanco online giving platform where you can make your donation to WRUMC electronically.



PARKING LOT/FRONT DITCH PROJECT

Received to date: \$13,857
(after payment for work completed)

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GIVING TO
THE PARKING LOT/FRONT DITCH PROJECT!
WE STILL HAVE MORE WORK TO GET DONE!***

NOTES

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TODAY

Worship Services (8:30, 9:15, 11:00 am)
Sunday school/Bible study (9:30 am)

TUESDAY

Men's Bible Study (8:00 am)
Helping Hands Closet (9:00 am - 1:00 pm)
Sewing Circle (9:00 am)
Bible Study/Prayer Group (6:00 pm)
Trustees' Meeting (7:00 pm)

WEDNESDAY

Mission's Italian Dinner (5:00 pm)

THURSDAY

United Women in Faith (12:00 pm)

COMING UP!

Family Game Night (March 27 | 6:00 pm)
Easter Egg Hunt (March 29 | 11:15 am - 1:00 pm)