

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

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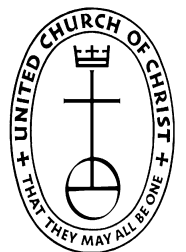
"Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ, will be an active family of faith in North Central Licking County, dedicated to building awareness of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through meaningful worship, diverse service, and genuine fellowship." - Mission Statement



"Writing the history of Jesus is far more complicated than simply documenting the life of a figure from the past. It is more like writing the biography of a friend who is still very much alive and still liable to surprise us."

*N.T. Wright, *Simply Christian**

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor
Jackie Parrill, Moderator
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor
Congregation, Ministers All
Piano 8:30: Sue Steele
Special Music 10:30a: Mary Miller





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8:30a.m. & 10:30a.m. Service

* = stand if you are able † = 10:30 a.m. service only †† = 8:30 a.m. service only

Welcome

Prelude †† (Medley) *Morning Has Broken / For the Beauty of the Earth / Holy, Holy, Holy*
Traditional / Kocher / Dykes

Call To Worship

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Come and see the love God has given to us.

People: **Come and see what it means to be children of God.**

Leader: Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

People: **With joy, we come to see the Lord.**

Prayer of Invocation

Old Testament Text

Psalm 4 (NRSV)

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. ²How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? ³But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him. ⁴When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. ⁵Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD. ⁶There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!" ⁷You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. ⁸I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*** Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Special Music †

Mary Miller

Gospel Text

Luke 24:13-27 (NRSV)

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

Communion

Confession

Leader: Lord of the Living, what is it that keeps us from recognizing you?

People: When we are so full of ourselves, it is all too easy to block you right out of our lives.

Leader: Maybe it's the way we interpret Scripture that obscures the signs pointing to you.

People: Perhaps we are guilty of being slow of heart when we don't recognize you in our neighbor, or in the struggle of the poor or the dispossessed.

Leader: Our eyes and ears have become so crammed with the sights and sounds of our lives that we simply fail to see you or to recognize your voice.

People: Help us to hear your voice and move forward in faith.

*The peace of Christ and the comfort of the Holy Spirit given to all.
Prayer of Consecration / Words of Remembrance / Sharing of the Sacraments*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Morning Prayers

Candle Dedication: Happy Birthday to Bekah and James Kalas, Charlie Atherton, Jane Lake, Kyle Campbell and Cole Harris

Sharing of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory ††

It Is Well With My Soul

Philip P. Bliss

* **Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Offertory Prayer

Gospel Text

Luke 24:28-35 (NRSV)

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon

Rev. Scott Schieber

* **Hymn**

He Lives

Insert

Postlude ††

Old Irish Blessing

Agay

Benediction

Announcements and Information



In-person Sunday School dates have been set for :

April 18 (scavenger hunt),
May 9 (Mother's Day gift)
and May 23 (God Bless America).
(Sunday School will take place during the 10:30a Worship Service outdoors weather permitting)

**VBS will be June 28-30, 2021 from 9-11a
snacks will be served.**



At Highwater Church

May 16th 8a-12p.

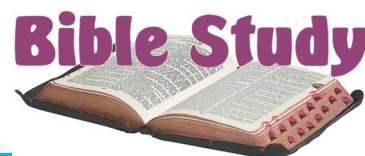
Please sign up at

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

April-May Worship Schedule

8:30a and 10:30a in-person in the Legg Center Streaming on Facebook and YouTube
(during our in-person worship masks will be required and social distancing will be Respected)

Monday Noon Bible Study Begins April 19th
We will meet in-person. Details coming soon.



Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ Prayer List

Prayer Concerns within our Family of Faith:

Betty Nash Bob Tucker Dave Nash Tom Siegel Becky Wright Marcie Williams
Donna Shipley Laurie Garno Jim Farmer Dick & Gayle Gibson Joy Smith Nancy Schmidt

Prayers for Our Greater Church Family: (This list to start over every month)

John Stout
Sharon Mummy
Mark Frick
Marsha King
Judy Schmoll
Chrissy King

Stewart Krulikowski & Family
Theresa Gonda
Christine Schmidt
Doug Snyder and Family
Jason Hover and Family
Kay Wightman



For all those who have been there on the front lines during this uncertain time and who will continue to be there through this pandemic.

Continued prayers for all the troops that protect and serve this country and prayers of comfort for their families as they wait for their safe return. Chase Lasko, Jared Grace, Nate Comer