

Hiram Christian Church
Eastertide
Sunday, April 21, 2024



St. Peter Healing the Crippled Beggar
16th Century Manuscript Illumination by Matthias Gerung

“to save one life is to save an entire world”

~ *Sanhedrin 37a*

A Service for the Worship of God

April 21, 2024

May this time of worship be nurturing to your Spirit,
further encouraging you to be who God has created you to be.

Prelude	<i>Voluntary No. 7</i>	<i>James Hook</i>
Welcome		
Peace		
One:	God's Grace and Peace be with you.	
Many:	And also with you.	
*Call to Worship:		
Many:	Come, Holy Spirit,	
One:	enter our silences.	
Many:	Come, Holy Spirit,	
One:	into the depths of our longing.	
Many:	Come, Holy Spirit,	
One:	unmask our pretending.	
Many:	Enter our trusting, enter our fearing, enter our letting go, enter our holding back.	
One:	Come, Holy Spirit,	
Many:	embrace and free us.	
*Hymn	<i>Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us</i>	#231
Prayers of the People		
Stillness		
The Lord's Prayer	<i>(The language of "debts" and "debtors" is often used. The prayer may begin with the image of parent, "Our Father" or "Our Mother." Use the language that draws you close to our God.)</i>	
Invitation to the Table	This is the Lord's Table. This is an Open Table. All are welcome. All are worthy.	Marcia Muster
Communion Hymn	<i>Come Away from Rush and Hurry</i>	(see below)
Celebration of Communion		
Prayer of Gratitude		Marcia Muster
Response	<i>Amen, Amen, Amen</i>	#312
Children's Sermon		
Scripture Reading	Acts 17: 1 – 9	p. NT 104
Sermon	"All Soteriology is Local"	Rev. Chris McCreight
*Hymn	<i>We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky</i>	#684
Invitation to Stewardship ++		Marcia Muster
Offertory		
Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above, ye Heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	#46
*Prayer of Gratitude		Marcia Muster
*Benediction		Rev. Chris McCreight
*Hymn of Going Forth	<i>Weave</i>	#495
Postlude	<i>Arioso</i>	<i>Robert Cockroft</i>

Following the Benediction, your service begins.

231 Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us

F Dm Gm Dm Am Gm7

1. Sing of one who walks be - side us and this day is
 2. We have walked with him as strang - ers through the jour - ney
 3. Ris - en one, stay with us, raise us, once a - gain the

B \flat 7 Dm C Dm C B \flat 7

liv - ing still, one who now is clos - er to us
 of the day, and have told him of the vi - o - lence
 night is near. Dine with us and share your wis - dom,

Am B \flat 7 C F F Dm7

than the thoughts our hearts dis - till, Christ who once up -
 that has swept our hope a - way. He has of - fered
 free our hearts from ev - 'ry fear. In the calm of

B \flat 7 Gm7 B \flat 7 Am7 B \flat 7 Gm7 C

on a hill - top, raised a - gainst the power of sin,
 words of com - fort, words of en - er - gy and light.
 each new eve - ning, in the fresh - ness of each dawn,

WORDS: Ralph Wright, 1989, alt.

MUSIC: Attr. William Moore, 1825; harm. Charles Anders, 1969, alt.

HOLY MANNA
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F Dm C Gm7 Am B \flat 7 C6 C F

died in love as his own crea - tures cru - ci - fied their God and Friend!
 Did our hearts not blaze with - in us as he broke the bread this night?
 if you hold us fast in friend - ship we will nev - er be a - lone.

9 Come Away from Rush and Hurry

CIVILITY 8.7.8.7 D

D A/C# Bm G

1 Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the still-ness of God's peace;
2 In the pas-tures of God's good-ness we lie down to rest our soul,

D A/C# Bm F#m

from our vain am-bi-tion's wor - ry, come to Christ to find re - lease.
from the wa - ters of God's mer - cy we drink deep-ly, are made whole.

A D F#m Bm G

Come a - way from noise and clam-or, life's de-mands and fren-zied pace;
At the ta - ble of God's pres-ence all the saints are rich - ly fed.

A D A/C# Bm G D

come to join the peo-ple gath-ered here to seek and find God's grace.
With the oil of God's a - noint-ing in - to ser-vice we are led.

This Is My Father's World

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1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears, all
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise, the
 3. Our God has made this world; oh, let us ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the flow - ers bright, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 Our God has made this world and shines in all that's fair; in
 God trusts us with this world, to keep it clean and fair. All

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; God's hands the won - ders wrought.
 rust - ling grass I hear God pass, who speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 earth and trees, the skies and seas, God's crea - tures ev - ery - where.

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901, alt.
 MUSIC: Traditional English melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

TERRA BEATA
 SMD

Weave

495

E^b Gm Fm E^b Fm E^b

Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er. Weave us to- geth - er in

Fm B^b E^b Gm Fm E^b

u- ni- ty and love. Weave, weave, weave us to - geth- er.

Fm E^b B^b E^b A^b E^b

Weave us to - geth - er, to - geth- er in love.

WORDS and MUSIC: Rosemary Crow, 1979

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Ministers:	All Friends and Members of Hiram Christian Church
Organist:	Drew Hinkle
Reverend:	Chris McCreight

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

4C's Needs: For April—canned Sloppy Joes, instant mashed potatoes, pancake syrup. Please remember to check any expiration dates before donating! Monetary donations can be sent to: The 4C's, P.O. Box 227, Mantua, OH 44255

Nelson Garretttsville Comm. Cupboard: 8233 Park Ave, Garretttsville, OH 44231

++ Stewardship: If you would like to make a gift to the church via credit/debit card, you can follow the link to our website below.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Sun. Apr. 21: **9:45am Adult Elective in Fireside Room**
11:00am Worship

Mon. Apr. 22: **5:30pm Open & Affirming Process Gathering**

Tue. Apr. 23: **9:00am Bible Study in Rev. Chris' office**
8:00pm AA

Sun. Apr. 28: **9:45am Adult Elective in Fireside Room**
11:00am Worship
1-3:00pm Chi Rho

Mon. Apr. 29: **5:30pm Open & Affirming Process Gathering**

Tue. Apr. 30: **10am-3pm Blood Drive**

STAFF CONTACT & AVAILABILITY:

Rev. Chris McCreight at Chris@HiramChristianChurch.org or 330-977-7834

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Office Administrator Lisa Wright at Secretary@HiramChristianChurch.org

Church office hours: Mon. 9:30-12:30pm; Tue. & Wed. 9:30-3:30pm.

Key: **in Admin. bldg.;** **in the Hall;** **an in-person event;** **hybrid event.**

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