



## **Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ**

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Torie Front, Senior Minister & Music Director

Grace Waggoner, Director of Youth and Family Ministries

Organist: Patsy Farmer

Chorale Pianist: Judy Grace

Pianists: Janine Shipley, 8:30

Cathy Bero, 10:30



### **April 20, 2008 – Fifth Sunday Of Easter**

*The Purpose of Worship is to Joyfully Praise Our God*

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

\* Opening Hymn – 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus Page 350

Announcements & Prayer Requests

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles and Ringing of the Church Bell

Call to Worship: Music from and by the Women's  
Retreat

Children's Call to Worship† "Jesus Loves Me" is  
played

Prayer of the Congregation /Instrumental Amen

Responsive Reading: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. <sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

**<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

<sup>3</sup>You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, <sup>4</sup>take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

**<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

**Reader:** May God's blessing be added to the reading and hearing of the Holy Scripture.

\* Gloria Patri Page 622

New Testament Lesson - Acts 7:55-60

\* Hymn - Trust and Obey Page 349

Gospel Lesson - John 14:1-14

Reader – The Word of God for the People of God

**Congregation – Thanks be to God.**

Sermon - "What Is Our Role in Baptism?"

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, and Lord's Prayer (using 'debts')

Special Music † "Come to the Water"

"Service of Baptism" †

**Response 1: Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it.**

**Response 2: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin, and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.**

**Response 3: We promise our love, support, and care.**

**Response 4: We receive this child as a new person in Christ. We offer our understanding and support as she explores life. We enfold this child in our love, seeking together to grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and all people. We join with these parents, grandparents, and other family in telling the gospel in our midst so that this child may live with us for Christ, showing forth his love for all people.**

Offering & Offertory

"You Know Everything About Me"

\* Doxology

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\* **Offering prayer: Source of Living Water, we give you all praise and honor. Thank you for being our God, and for loving us as your people. Just as you give us many gifts, including the gift of living water to refresh and renew your people, we too give you these gifts. Accept our tithes and offerings and let them be used to bring the good news of your refreshment and renewal to all. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

\* Hymn - Just As I Am

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\* Benediction

\* Benediction Response - Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of  
His glory and grace.**



**Visitors Are Always Welcome** – If you came as a visitor this morning, we hope you will leave as a friend. Please fill out a visitor's card, which you will find by the bulletins, and place it in the offering plate or give it to someone. We are glad you are here, and hope you will return soon and often.

**Youth Group Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner Rescheduled** - Mark your calendars for THIS FRIDAY, April 25th, for the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for the youth group.

**Nursery and Cry Room** –We have a nursery available in the Legg Center and a Cry Room upstairs above the sanctuary where you are able to see and listen to the service with your children.

**Flower Dedication for April** - April's altar flowers are donated by Jeff, Kathy, and Sam Preston in memory of Sandy Nethers and Josie Preston.

**Greeters and Ushers for April** - Larry and Sue Baughman will be greeting us with the love of Christ this month.

**Lay Readers for today** - 8:30 Sue Steele 10:30 Fred Grace

**In the Nursery Today †** Mary Jo Layman (*Nursery staff please plan to be available at 10:15a for those who might arrive early and remain until 10:45a for those that may be running a little late. Thank you :)*)

**Acolyte for today †** - Austin Campbell

**This Week at Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ:**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sat.</b>
8:30a –Worship	8a - 12p Church office open		Church office open	8a -2p Church office open	6:00p - Youth Group Fundraiser	
9:30a - Various Sunday Schools and Supervised Assembly for the children	6:45p - Bible Study at Fred and Judy Grace's 10481 Reynolds Rd		7:00p Jam Session	12:00p <i>Monday</i> Noon Bible Study	Spaghetti Dinner	
10:00 - Bible Stories in the Nursery						
10:30a -Worship						
6-8:30p MS Youth						
6p HS Youth						

**Announcements and Information**

**The Call To Worship, Special Music, and Offertory Music today are provided by the women who went on the Women's Spring HeartSpa retreat last week:** Thank you Marcia, Debbie, Nancy, Cindy, Patsy, Mary Jo, Betty, Terry, Jenifer, Cathy, Mary Jane, Shelley, Melanie, Sue, Elaine, Jessie, Mary, Ruth, Pat, Julie, Susan, Stacey, Janine, and Torie.

**New Young Adult Sunday School - 9:30 - 10:15** for ages 18-?. During this time **open activities for children** are available. This includes playtime, song learning and other activities. We are open for suggestions and could use volunteers to cover the time slots. Please call Grace 366-3654, Tracy 892-7063 or Fred at 892-2525.

**Women of Faith Weekend - Friday April 25th and Saturday April 26th** at Nationwide Arena. Tickets are \$45.00. Hotel rooms have been reserved @ \$94.00 per room (4 person occupancy). Anyone interested contact Marcia at Utica United Methodist Church (892-2621).

**New Church Directories** - Highwater is getting a new church pictorial directory this year! The photos will be taken May 28 and 29th, from 2:30-9:00p. Please sign up for a sitting date.

**Potluck** - Next Sunday, April 27, following the 10:30 service we will have a potluck. Please bring a dish to share. This will be a chance for you to get to know the cohort from Torie's CPE unit at Riverside - Rev. Mike Oskin, Rev. Jill Rasmussen-Baker, Chaplain Collette Smith; Rabbi Sharon Mars, and Chaplain Stacey Spencer.

**It's Dorothy McGruder's 80th birthday** - Her birthday is April 24th and Dorothy's son, Larry, would like to surprise her with a card shower. Cards can be sent to Dorothy c/o Chestnut House, 1065 Johnson Avenue, Newark, Ohio 43055. **Or bring** your cards with you and come to Chestnut House tonight at 6:00p.m. and hear our own "**Bound For Glory**" perform.

**Pastor Torie to go to 'jail'** - Pastor Torie has been 'served' with papers to go to 'jail' for the Muscular Dystrophy Association! If you can make a pledge to the MDA and help bail her out of jail, please take a form off the announcement board! Thanks for your help!

**Newsletter News** - The Heartbeat of Highwater will be published the last Sunday of the month rather than the first Sunday, so please make sure all articles are in to Debbie the Monday before. Please send articles to [highchurch@windstream.net](mailto:highchurch@windstream.net) or drop them off in the office.

**May 11th** - will be a big day at Highwater - Graduation Sunday (if you are graduating or have a child graduating, please let the office know); Pentecost (wear red); and Mother's Day (ahhh!); and a cake and punch reception after both services.

## **Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ Prayer List**

### **Highwater Congregational UCC Church Family**

First Congregational UCC, Columbus

#### **Our Members :**

Mark Hoar

Jack Green

Tom Lake Jr.

Lori Yoakam

Shelly and Grant Ellis

Mae Pound

Amanda Cullison

**Praise:** Tom Siegel

**Our Greater Church Family:** *(The list starts over at the beginning of each month unless we know otherwise. Please add anyone continuing to need prayer)*

Bethany and David Nicole (Melody Hover's niece and nephew)

Earl Layman (Patsy Farmer's dad)

Lucille Ellis (Randy Ellis's grandmother)

Pat Gonworth

Dorothy Snyder (Carolyn Blackburn's sister)

Rachel French

**In Memoriam:** We join with the families in mourning the passing of their family member's:

**Families of:**

**In the Military:** All Troops overseas & their families

Jimmy Chen (coming home soon)

Jacob Shipman

Geoff Stewart - in Iraq (Jack Schmidt's nephew)

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