



**May 2, 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

The Presbyterian Church  
142 N. Fourth Street  
Coshocton, Ohio

*Pastor Karen Crawford*  
*Alice Hoover, organist*  
*Sarah and Andrew Swigert, liturgists*

***God's love is here for you!***



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## GATHERING

**RINGING OF THE BELL** - Calling us to prepare with prayer during the prelude.

### **PRELUDE**

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

*setting, Paul Manz (1992)*

Alice Hoover, organ

*"O that I had a thousand voices to praise my God with thousand tongues!  
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, would then proclaim in grateful songs to all,  
wherever I might be, what great things God has done for me!"*

### **GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Karen

*Flowers are given by Glenn & Sally Kinkade in memory of their mothers, and in honor of their daughter.*

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

Liturgist

We gather to praise and worship God,  
**the one who created us for love.**

We gather to worship the true vine,  
**the one in whose love we abide.**

Easter people, Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed!**

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN 729** (see hymn insert) Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

*African American spiritual*

Stanzas 1, 2 and 4

\*All who are able please stand.

### **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O Christ, you are the true vine, and you have made us your branches. In your grace, we find strength, and in your love, we are set free. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who have been freed, when we act as if the Easter story did not turn the world upside down. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who are your branches, when we forget that we are rooted in you and bound to one another by your spirit. Forgive us, O Christ, our one true vine, and teach us to abide in you. Amen.**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

## TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 8:26-40

I John 4:7-21

Liturgist

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

#### GOSPEL READING

John 15:1-8

Pastor Karen

This is the good news which we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### MESSAGE

*Abide in Me*

Pastor Karen

#### \*HYMN 295

Go to the World!

Stanzas 1-3

*text, Sylvia Dunstan, 1985*

*music, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906*

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22)*

Let us say what we believe.

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.**

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional, "Debts and Debtors")*

Pastor: In the blessed hope of the resurrection, we pray to the Lord of endless life,  
saying: By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**

Liturgist: Life-giving God, we pray for the church . . .

Help us to abide in Christ, like branches of a vine. Fill us with your power  
and prune away our sin, so that we may bear good fruit, giving glory to you.  
By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**

- Pastor: Life-giving God, we pray for the world . . .  
 Let all the ends of the earth remember your love, lifting up the lowly,  
 feeding those who hunger, until all peoples know your saving strength.  
 By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**
- Liturgist: Life-giving God, we pray for this community . . .  
 Open our doors to seekers and strangers; let all who have been cut off and  
 cast aside be welcomed into the covenant of your care.  
 By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**
- Pastor: Life-giving God, we pray for loved ones . . .  
 Reveal your love in the lives of those who suffer. Confirm their faith and cast  
 out their fear. Abide in them, that they may abide in you. Eternal God,  
 show forth in us and in our world the good news of your saving power and  
 love, so that all may believe and have life in you; through Jesus Christ, who is  
 risen indeed and taught us to pray...
- All: 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, and the  
 power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Lord, Keep Me Steadfast in Thy Word *Dietrich Buxtehude (1639-1707)*

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
 Endless in the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION

Through our offerings, O God, give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort.  
 Make our many gifts one offering for the world; in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

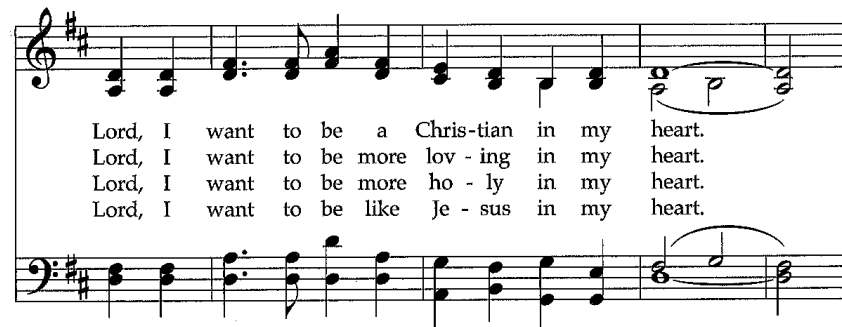
**BENEDICTION RESPONSE 295** Go to the World! *text, Sylvia Dunstan, 1985*  
 Stanza 4 *music, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906*

**POSTLUDE** To God Alone Be Highest Praise *Johann Sebastian Bach*  
*edited, Van Denman Thompson*

# 729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian



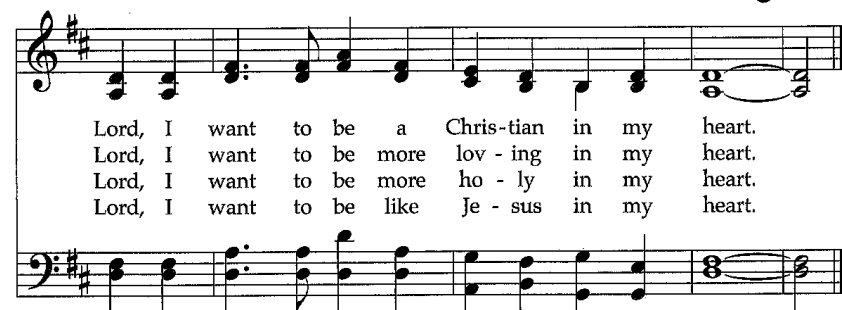
1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;  
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart, in my heart;  
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart, in my heart;  
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart, in my heart;



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 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart.



In my heart, in my heart, in my heart,  
 In my heart, in my heart, in my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart.

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

# Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

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 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906  
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK:

**MONDAY (5/3):**

**TUESDAY (5/4):**

**THURSDAY (5/6):**

7 p.m.

10 a.m.

7 p.m.

**SUNDAY (5/9):**

10:30 a.m.

Pastor's Sabbath

Session

Prayer Fellowship via

Conference Call

*Having a Mary Spirit* book/video study  
 via Zoom

Worship in the sanctuary

