

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Second Sunday of Easter)

April 27, 2025

10:30 a.m.

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

[2 Timothy 3:14-17, NIV]

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Prelude

WELCOME/GREETING

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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***ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***OPENING HYMN**

304

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

***The Apostles Creed**

881

***Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 1:1-11

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"Victory In Jesus"

370

OUR TIME OF PRAYER

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

~Joys and Concerns

~General Prayers & Intercession

~The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

895

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***Doxology** *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"* # 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept our tithes and offerings, O Lord, together with our lives, to be used by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, for the expansion of your kingdom, in our local Community, and around the face of the earth, that many shall come to know your Son, Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Trust and Obey"
Jackie Howard, piano

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:16-20

MESSAGE

Pastor 'Debo

Week # 5: It Is Written - Teach Others To Obey

***CLOSING HYMN**

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"Pass It On"

***SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Chapel)
12:00 p.m. Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 p.m. Evangelism meeting

Saturday, May 3, 2025

7:00 a.m. Weekly Prayer Huddle (see details in announcements)

Third Sunday of Easter, May 4, 2025

9:30 a.m. Adult Discipleship/Sunday School (Chapel)
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)

CELEBRATIONS IN APRIL/MAY 2025

Birthdays

27 Marcella Green
30 Jerry Raymond

Anniversaries

28 Jan & Connie Cox

MINISTRY TEAM/STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation
Media Team: Jessica Thomas, Daniel Onabanjo & Paul Jassogne
Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer
Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer
Custodian: Jeff Byerly
Pianist: Jackie Howard
Liturgist: Greg Howard
Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo

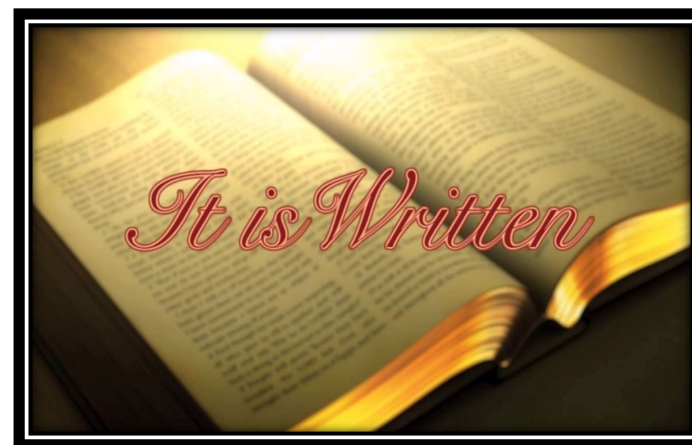


GLOBAL
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Allegheny West

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Lancaster, OH 43130

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Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.
Children's Church (ages 5-13) starts at 10:45 a.m.
Church Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

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(Scripture passages are from the New International Version (NIV) Bible unless otherwise indicated)

Sunday April 27 (Second Sunday of Easter)

Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:1-9; Reflection Verses: Joshua 1:7-8

“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How much time do you spend in God’s Word daily/weekly? What are you learning?

Monday April 28

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 15:1-12; Reflection Verses: 1 Samuel 15:10-11

“Then the word of the Lord came to Samuel: “I regret that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions.” Samuel was angry, and he cried out to the Lord all that night.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: In what way (s) did Saul fail to carry out God’s instructions given through Samuel?

Tuesday April 29

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 15:13-23; Reflection Verse: 1 Samuel 15:22

“But Samuel replied: “Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What can we learn from the failure of king Saul? Why is obedience better than sacrifice?

Wednesday April 30

Scripture Reading: Malachi 3:6-12; Reflection Verse: Malachi 3:10

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Are you faithful in the area of financial stewardship? What small step can you take today?

Thursday May 1

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:1-15; Reflection Verses: Matthew 6:14-15

“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Who needs to experience your forgiveness today? Why is it important to forgive others?

Friday May 2

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:13-27; Reflection Verse: Matthew 7:23

“Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Who are those who will be rejected by Jesus? How can we prevent rejection by Jesus?

Saturday May 3

Scripture Reading: John 14:15-24; Reflection Verse: John 14:23

“Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How can we demonstrate genuine love for Jesus? Why is this so difficult to do?

Joshua 1:1-11

Joshua Installed as Leader

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: **2** "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. **3** I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. **4** Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. **5** No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. **6** Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

7 "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. **8** Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. **9** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

10 So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: **11** "Go through the camp and tell the people, 'Get your provisions ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you for your own.'"



Matthew 28:16-20

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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***The Apostles' Creed**

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

Amazing God, we pray that through the Holy Spirit your preferred future for Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church will be made known to us. We ask that you use us to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our friends, family, and community. Give us the courage to follow the leading of your Holy Spirit wherever that may take us. Open our eyes so that we may see the new things you are already doing among us. AMEN