

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Fourth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day)

May 11, 2025

10:30 a.m.

"But the Lord said to her, 'My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.'"

[Luke 10:41-42, NIV]



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In addition to the Twelve apostles and other male disciples, Jesus was blessed to have many female disciples.

P: Lord, as contemporary disciples, let us emulate these women who helped to support the ministry of Jesus.

L: Martha graciously opened her home to Jesus and His disciples and was hospitable to them.

P: Lord, as we serve in the name of Jesus, help us to avoid distractions by choosing what is most important.

L: At Philippi, the Lord opened the heart of Lydia to respond to Apostle Paul's message.

P: Lord, as we worship you today, let our hearts be opened to the message you have for us.

*ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

156

"I Love to Tell the Story"

*A Modern Affirmation

885

*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:36-43

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

#453

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

Jackie Howard, piano

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:1-3

MESSAGE

Pastor 'Debo

The Female Disciples of Jesus

*CLOSING HYMN

98

"To God Be the Glory"

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

9:15 a.m. SPPRC Meeting (Parlor)

10:00 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Parlor)

11:00 a.m. Administrative Council Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Chapel)

12:00 p.m. Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, May 17, 2025

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

Sunday, May 18, 2025

9:30 a.m. Adult Discipleship/Sunday School (Chapel)

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

CELEBRATIONS IN MAY 2025

Birthdays

14 Alan Fick

14 Karen Trogus

16 Abby Tener

Anniversaries

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: Gregg Witham

Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo



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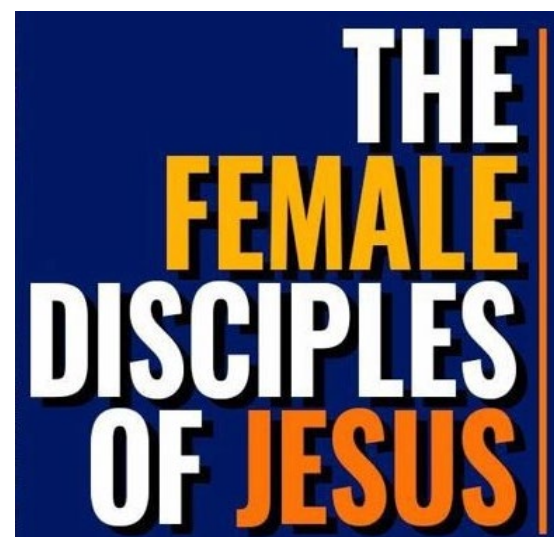
Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

1004 West Sixth Avenue

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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Magnolia Terrace: Jane Patterson, 56

Edgewood Manor (Lucasville): Alan Fick, C3

LanFair: Mary Chilcote, 313

Luxe: Jim Funkhouser, Eckert Wing, 207A

Primrose: Bill & Doris Shauger, 121

The Ridge: Fred Beougher, 140

Continued Prayers are requested for:

Sharon Byerly, Phyllis Flowers, Ed Gurile, Clara Herrick,
Lloyd & Diann Helber, Eleanor & Bob Kane, Carl & Sharon
Mathias, Carla (Mathias), Vicki Oatney, Michael Parrish, Beth Patton,
Rod Shouldis, Kathy Starner, Don Taylor.

If you have a prayer concern or praise to share, please fill out a green prayer card found in the pew and give it to an usher before the worship service begins. Thank you for allowing us to pray for and with you!

*Please note: Names will be removed from the bulletin prayer list after three Sundays and will only be added if a new request is made.

Weekly Online Prayer Gathering: Please join our weekly online prayer gathering on Saturday mornings from 7:00-7:30am to pray together for our church, local community, our nation, worldwide and personal concerns. Simply dial the Free Conference Call # 425-436-6200 from your phone and when prompted, enter the access code 603577 followed by the # key and you will be able to participate. The gathering is open to members and friends of Mt. Zion GMC and Sixth Avenue GMC and members of the public. Text prayer requests to Pastor 'Debo at 614-296-1081 ahead of the prayer time.

Preaching Plan During Eastertide – Trinity Sunday: As was shared last Sunday, during the Season of Eastertide which is the 50 days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday when we will celebrate the birthday of the Church, we will be exploring some of the Scripture passages found in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). The RCL provides a three-year cycle of scriptural passages for use on Sundays and other major days of the Christian Year. The Lectionary follows the pattern of the Christian Year with each cycle beginning with Advent (the four Sundays before Christmas when we prepare for the coming of Christ) and ends with the last Sunday after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time or Kingdomtide (this period may include as few as 23 or as many as 28 Sundays). This Season begins with Trinity Sunday, June 15, 2025 (the first Sunday after Pentecost) and continues through the day before the first Sunday of Advent. The Sundays of this Season are designated as Sundays after Pentecost. In 2025, Cycle C, focusing on the Gospel of Luke will be used until the First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025, on which day Cycle A, focusing on the Gospel of Matthew begins. The next cycle (Year B) focuses on the Gospel of Mark. The Gospel of John is used in all three cycles during the major seasons of the Christian year. The following is a summary of the weekly Messages up to Trinity Sunday (June 15, 2025):

- May 11, 2025 (Fourth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day) – The Female Disciples of Jesus (Acts 9:36-43 & Luke 8:1-3)
- May 18, 2025 (Fifth Sunday of Easter) – A New Command (Acts 11:1-18 & John 13:31-35)
- May 25, 2025 (Sixth Sunday of Easter) – The Promise (Joel 2:28-32 & John 14:23-29)
- June 1, 2025 (Ascension Sunday) – Lift Off (Acts 1:1-11 & Luke 24:44-53)
- June 8, 2025 (Pentecost Sunday) – Promise Fulfilled (Acts 2:1-21 & John 20:21-23)
- June 15, 2025 (Trinity Sunday) – Life in The Trinity – Our Biblical Model (Romans 5:1-5 & John 16:12-15)

Please keep the Pastor and the Worship Planning Team in your prayers as they lead us in this Season.

A Global Call To Prayer by GMC Assembly of Bishops: Because of our belief in the power of prayer to overcome whatever challenges we may face, we invite all members to please plan to join the special Global Call To Prayer by the GMC Assembly of Bishops which started on Wednesday April 30 and will take us through Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025. This is a time to intercede—especially for our brothers and sisters on the continent of Africa due to the observed violent clashes between Methodist factions in Nigeria and the broader unrest sweeping across the continent from Ethiopia to the Democratic Republic of Congo, from Mozambique and Nigeria to South Sudan, Sudan, Liberia, Zimbabwe, Niger, and Rwanda—conflict, political instability, demonstrations, terrorist activity, and civil wars persist in these countries. Please pick up a copy of the special announcement by the Assembly of Bishops at the information desk and plan to participate. We are also going to be inviting us to engage in special prayers for our community of faith as we discern practical next steps under the leading of the Holy Spirit in view of some of the challenges we are facing. Thanks!

Pastor's Weekly Bible Study: We will continue this week with our study of the Book of Jeremiah with focus on **Chapters 14-17**. Please mark your calendar for our weekly time of study and growing deeper on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. This Bible Study remains open to all members of the community and we also pray for personal and general requests. Please invite a neighbor/friend to join us. Thanks!

Invite a Friend Sunday (June 1, 2025): As part of our plan to be more intentional in reaching out to others who are not yet part of the Church and in obedience to the commandment of Jesus to "GO" and make disciples of others, we would like to encourage all members to please prayerfully discern who they would like to invite to our next Invite a Friend Sunday on Ascension Sunday, June 1, 2025. Please pick up an invite card at the Narthex to record the name (s) of those you would like to invite. We will be praying for God's Spirit to move us all to obedience in this evangelism/outreach initiative. If you have any questions, please contact Lee Ann Whitmer, Sue Griffin or any other member of the Evangelism/Outreach Team. Thanks!

Evangelism Team News/Information: The Evangelism Team now has enough empty containers and milk jugs and appreciates all those who helped in this drive. Please pick up a flyer at the Narthex for details on how to support their programs and reach out to Lee Ann with any questions. Thanks!

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (May 11, 2025 – May 17, 2025):

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

Sunday May 11 (Fourth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:15-25; Reflection Verses: Genesis 2:21-22

“So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why did God decide to give the man a female companion?

Monday May 12

Scripture Reading: Judges 4:1-24; Reflection Verse: Judges 4:9

“Certainly I will go with you,” said Deborah. “But because of the course you are taking, the honor will not be yours, for the Lord will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman.” So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How did God use Deborah to lead the Israelites during a challenging season? How can God use you to serve others in the name of Jesus?

Tuesday May 13

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31; Reflection Verses: Proverbs 31:30-31

“Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What does it mean to fear the Lord? Do you fear the Lord?

Wednesday May 14

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:45-56; Reflection Verse: Matthew 27:55

“Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why did these women follow Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem? How committed were these devoted women to Jesus? How can you emulate them as you follow Jesus?

Thursday May 15

Scripture Reading: Luke 8:1-3; Reflection Verses: Luke 8:2-3

“...and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: ... These women were helping to support them out of their own means.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How did these female disciples of Jesus demonstrate their commitment?

Friday May 16

Scripture Reading: John 20:11-18; Reflection Verse: John 20:18

“Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How can you emulate the example of Mary in witnessing to the resurrection of Jesus?

Saturday May 17

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:32-43; Reflection Verse: Acts 9:36

“In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How would others describe you? What legacy would you like to leave for others?

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

Luke 8:1-3

The Parable of the Sower

8 After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, ² and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; ³ Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

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A Modern Affirmation

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Leader:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Leader & People:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, as the divine presence in our lives, whereby

we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love, as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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