

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Niles, OH 44446

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Rev. Christopher Stark, Minister

10:45 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

APRIL 15, 2018

WE BEGIN OUR TIME TOGETHER

NEWS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign and pass the attendance pad across in your row, recognizing and greeting members and guests. Include children/family elsewhere in the building.)

WE MEET OUR LORD TOGETHER AND OFFER OUR PRAISE

* CENTERING (Responsively)

Leader: You are the salt of the earth;

People: We make the world full of flavor!

Leader: You are the light of the world;

People: We will shine our light for all to see!

Leader: For Christ has come to fulfill the law,

People: And we follow Jesus Christ, whose light shines in us.

Leader: Come, worship God, follow Jesus,

People: And may the Spirit guide us in our daily lives. Amen. (rev-o-lution.org)

*PRAISE SONG 'Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain' CH p. 215

OPENING PRAYER

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your spirit that we may celebrate your glory and truly worship you; in our walk of faith, in our actions toward each other, and in our resurrection to life anew. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WE PRAY TOGETHER

PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHOIR SELECTION 'I Surrender, Lord'

(Grades Kindergarten through Grade 4 to go to Junior Worship. Please gather at the back of the sanctuary.)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5: 13-26 NT pgs. 4-5

MESSAGE '**RAISED UP: THE ROLE OF RULES**'

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND Cup 'A Hymn of Joy We Sing' CH p. 404

Elders Serving: Monica Lott and Tina Havaich

COMING TO THE TABLE

(Please come forward from the center aisle and dip the bread into the cup. Those unable to come forward please stay seated and a deacon will bring the bread and cup to you.)

OFFERTORY MOMENT

OFFERING OUR GIFTS (Deacons will pass trays)

DOXOLOGY CH p. 47

PRAYER FOR THE GIFTS

WE DEPART TO SERVE

THE INVITATION

(All who will accept Christ as Lord of their lives and those who desire to transfer membership are invited to come forward at this time.)

HYMN OF INVITATION 'Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us' CH p. 231

LITANY OF BLESSING

Leader: God's steadfast love is always present.

People: God's peace is always near.

Leader: Trust, and know that God is with you.

People: Turn back, and find healing, hope, repentance, and restoration.

Leader: Find resurrection in Christ, for God loves you madly.

People: May we go with the love of Jesus Christ, and share that love with the world. Amen.

CLOSING SONG 'He Is Lord' CH p. 117

* Please stand if able

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are in honor of Rick and Joyce Mahan's 44th Wedding Anniversary.

CHILD CARE for ages 2 to 4 is now available for the entire worship service. They will be brought forward for the Children's Moment. Please be sure to sign your child in and out.

DEACONS CAMP CHRISTIAN CABIN FUNDRAISER – cabin boxes **due today** to Lynn Gombos.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING following worship today in the library for those interested in helping out with this year's '**Rolling River Rampage**' VBS tentatively scheduled for August 5 through 9.

LYDIA CIRCLE FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON today following worship, free will offering. Proceeds will go towards new flooring in the parlor. Menu includes sausage sandwiches, snacks, cookies and beverages. Carry-outs will be available.

CYF MISSION TRIP PARENTS MEETING 1 p.m. this afternoon, Stacy Gaugler's home

SCOOPS FOR S.C.O.O.P. (Special Concerns Ohio Outreach Project) Ice Cream Social will be held **next Sunday, April 22** following worship in fellowship hall, sponsored by our CYF youth group. Come enjoy ice cream sundaes! Come enjoy a treat and donate to S.C.O.O.P.!

MISSIONS will be collecting socks and underwear for boys at the Cleveland Christian Home (sizes middle school through high school). We are also collecting laundry baskets for the boys. Bring in your donations April 22 and April 29.

CAMP APPLICATION and \$240 fee (if attendance requirement met) due to church office by **Mon., April 23.**

JUNE 23 CLEVELAND INDIANS GAME – CYF is attending the game and is extending an invitation to everyone to join them. Cost is \$23/person. Let Stacy Gaugler know ASAP (330.979.6655) if you wish to attend. Money is due by April 29.

BUDGET RECEIPTS LAST WEEK WERE:	\$4,708.00
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CALENDAR

Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Lydia Circle fundraiser luncheon – fellowship hall
		Vacation Bible School Meeting – library
	1:00 p.m.	Parents CYF Mission Trip Meeting – Stacy Gaugler's home
Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study - parlor
Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	CYF Scoops for S.C.O.O.P. – fellowship hall