



ROSE RUN
PRESBYTERIAN



*The Road That Leads
To Life!*

SIXTH • SUNDAY • OF • EASTER
MAY • 17 • 2026

**Rose Run Presbyterian Church welcomes everyone to experience
the love of God and share it with the communities we serve.**



WE ARE GATHERED AT GOD'S INVITATION

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

*Three Chimes & Introit #750 "Goodness is Stronger than Evil"

**Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours; victory is ours; through God who loves us. (repeat 2x)**

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Connor Berry

Liturgist: We gather today on holy ground – in the presence of the One who calls us by name and sets before us the path of life.

All: We come, Lord. Open our eyes to see the way.

Liturgist: Jesus said, "Enter through the narrow gate." Not the easy road, not the well-worn path of least resistance, but the way of love, of faithfulness, of cross-shaped living.

All: Lord, you are the Way. Lead us in your truth and teach us your life.

Liturgist: Today we rejoice – for these young people among us have heard the call, and by the grace of God, they are saying yes.

All: Thanks be to God, who is faithful from generation to generation!

Liturgist: Let us worship the living God together.

All: In Jesus' name – the gate, the road, and the destination. Amen.

*Hymn #321 "The Church's One Foundation" vss. 1, 2 & 5

*Call to Confession

Pastor: Friends, the road that leads to life is not a road we walk perfectly. We lose the way. We take the easier path. But here is the grace of this house: we are not condemned for our wandering – we are called home. With honesty and hope, let us confess our sins together.

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have set before us the way of life, and too often we have chosen the broader road – the path of comfort over sacrifice, of silence when we should have spoken, of clinging when you called us to open hands. We confess that we have not always borne the fruit you planted. We have been anxious about tomorrow and forgetting your faithfulness today. Forgive us, Lord, for the fruit left ungrown, the kindness we withheld, and the ways we have failed to reflect your love to our neighbors near and far. Draw us back to the narrow way with grace. Teach us to abide in you, that we might bear fruit that lasts. Through Jesus Christ, the gate and the shepherd of our souls. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the good news from the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit." (John 15:5, NRSVue) He does not abandon the branches. He prunes and tends and restores. The forgiveness of God is not a thin word – it is a living one, rooted in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Your sins are forgiven. The road ahead is open. Walk in newness of life. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*The Gloria Patri - "More Like You" by Scott Wesley Brown

More Like You, Jesus, More Like You;

Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like You.

More like you, Jesus, More like You;

Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like You.

*Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Please return to your seats during the singing of our Fellowship Verse – #306 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (1st Verse only)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

That fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Anthem - "Gospel Grace" arr. by Joel Ramey

featuring Hector Garcia Santana on piano

Rose Run Presbyterian Handbell Choir - Stephanie Dinsmore, Director

Time for our Children

Rev. Bob Armstrong

First Scripture Lesson - Galatians 5:13 & 22-23

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Lesson - Matthew 7:13-20 (NRSVue)

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon - "The Road That Leads to Life"

Call to Offering

Jesus said we will know a tree by its fruit. Friends, this is fruit. When we give – of our resources, our time, our presence – we are bearing witness that we belong to a different economy, shaped not by scarcity and self-interest, but by the generosity of a God who gave everything. With grateful hearts, let us bring our gifts to the Lord.





***Presentation of the Offering (see Note on Page 6 about Offering)
Hymn #606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, we offer these gifts as acts of trust — trust that your kingdom is real, that your work in the world is worth joining, and that what we release into your hands you will multiply for your glory.

Service of Confirmation

Presenting the Confirmands - Timothy Gonda, Elijah Heilbrunn, Bennett Kale, and Charlotte Kurtz

Questions of Membership

Prayer of Confirmation

(Ordained Elders and Deacons are invited forward for the Laying on of Hands)

Moment for Mission - Financial Update - Mark Koenig

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Sung Response: 471 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

**WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD AS
CHRIST'S PARTNERS**

Sending Hymn #69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

The Charge

Connor Berry

Wherever you go, God is sending you.

Wherever you are, God is there working for good.

Christ who dwells in you has something he wants to do there

With you and those you meet on the way.

Believe this and go in God's grace, and love, and power.

***Benediction**

***Postlude**



First Scripture Lesson - Galatians 5:13, & 22-23

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. ²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

Second Scripture Lesson - Matthew 7:13-20

¹³Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. ¹⁴For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it. ¹⁵Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns or figs from thistles? ¹⁷In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus you will know them by their fruits.

 **ROSE RUN**
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EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE

May Lunch Bunch!

Our next Lunch Bunch is scheduled for
Wednesday, May 20 - 11:30 am, at
El Rey Mexican Restaurant,
5525 New Albany Road, W, New Albany, OH 43054

If you'd like to join Lunch Bunch this coming
Wednesday, reserve your spot by contacting Mike
Stover at 614-973-8623 or email him at
mstover1951@gmail.com

Lunch Bunch is an informal gathering for members and friends of Rose Run Presbyterian Church to share a meal, conversation, and care. This free-form gathering (there is no formal agenda) is open to all. This is a chance to get acquainted with others in a very informal setting. Each person places their own order and pays for themselves.



WELCOME TO ROSE RUN PRESBYTERIAN

After the service, please join us for a time of Fellowship.

Whether you're just visiting or you're a long-time member, you're welcome to participate in any or all of our activities. There are opportunities here to feed your soul, strengthen your faith, and expand your spirit. You never know – you just might be home!

Prayer requests: Our Deacons pray for our members, our friends and our world each week. For prayer requests, contact a deacon or email: deacons@roserunpresbyterian.org.

Offering: We are presenting the offering plate for dedication with envelopes as an expression of the gifts given via many different means. If you'd like to make a gift, there is an Offering Box on the stand by the last pew or you can make a donation online at roserunpresbyterian.org/giving.

Christian Education for Children: If you have school-age children and are interested in learning about our ministries with children, please contact Elizabeth Gonda (gonda.1@napls.us) or introduce yourselves during our Fellowship after worship this morning.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 17 - Receiving the 2026 Confirmation Class

- 10:30 am - Worship and Handbell Choir - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am - Fellowship - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 20

- 11:30 am - Lunch Bunch - El Rey Mexican Restaurant New Albany

Sunday, May 24

- 10:30 am - Worship and Pentecost Sunday - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am - Fellowship - Fellowship Hall
- **Remember to wear red today!**

Tuesday, May 26

- 9:30 am - Women's Bible Studies - Conference Room

Saturday, May 30

- 10:00 am - Mulching and Clean-Up - Meet in the parking lot

Sunday, May 31

- 10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am - Fellowship - Fellowship Hall

Mulching and Clean-Up Day at Rose Run Presbyterian Church!

We need your help with mulching the flower beds and generally cleaning up the church grounds for spring. Please come out and help with this task. Remember, many hands make light work!

We will meet on Saturday, May 30 at 10:00 am. We will gather in the main parking lot. Please be sure to bring your gardening gloves, knee pads and any other gardening equipment you think you might need.

Please see Brett Challacombe with any questions!



Making a difference for those in need!



SUMMER FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE NEW ALBANY FOOD PANTRY

During the month of May, we are collecting the following food items for NAFFP. Please donate and place items in the metal cart by the RRPC Mission table in the Narthex.



- Canned Meat/Fish
- Canned Peas
- Boxed Pasta (NOT Spaghetti)
- Instant Oatmeal Packs (Individual packets)
- Individually Wrapped Breakfast Bars (cereal bars, mini cereal boxes, etc)



LAST DAY TO BRING IN DONATIONS IS SUNDAY, MAY 31st
Thank you for helping those in need in our New Albany Community!

Mission Ministry Members: Megan Campbell, Vicki Clark, Stephanie Dinsmore, Sheila Phillips and Val Robinson



THE SESSION

The Governing Body of the Local Church
Rev Bob Armstrong, Moderator / Carl Levander, Clerk
Class of 2026 - Elizabeth Gonda / John Monaghan
Class of 2027 - Dan Houser / Mark Koenig
Class of 2028 - Ronnie Robinson / Janet Fallon

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2026 - Terry Keller / Sarah Underhill
Class of 2027 - Amy Paulin, Moderator
Class of 2028 - Jennifer Heilbrunn / Julie Novel

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Bob Armstrong - Pastor

Normally in the Office Monday-Thursday, please contact him for an appointment. He can be reached at: pastor@roserunpresbyterian.org or Mobile: (614) 585-2828.

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Debbie Oien - Ministries Coordinator
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Laurie Hill - Newsletter
Mark Koenig - Treasurer



We extend a heartfelt welcome to our guests today. Our worship is richer for your presence. Please join us for a time of fellowship after worship. Rose Run Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), established September 18, 2018, by the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. Rose Run Presbyterian Church welcomes everyone to experience the love of God and share it with the communities we serve.