



ROSE RUN
PRESBYTERIAN



Leave the Weeds Be!

SECOND • SUNDAY • OF • PENTECOST
MAY • 31 • 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

Sarah Underhill

*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

Lee Anne Perrea

Liturgist: Come, people of God, and worship the Lord.

All: God is patient with us.

Liturgist: When the world feels divided and uncertain,

All: God is patient with us.

Liturgist: When we struggle with judgment, fear, or frustration,

All: God is patient with us.

Liturgist: When we cannot yet see what God is growing,

All: God is patient with us.

Liturgist: So come with humility, hope, and trust.

All: Let us worship the God of grace and mercy.

*Hymn #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*Call to Confession

Liturgist: Jesus teaches us that God is patient with the world. Yet we are often impatient – with others, with ourselves, even with God. Trusting in the mercy of Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we are often too eager to sort the world into "good" and "bad," worthy and unworthy, neighbor and enemy. We judge quickly. We love shallowly. We lose patience with people who are different from us, and sometimes even with ourselves.

Forgive us for the harm we cause through pride, anger, fear, and resentment. Forgive us when we fail to trust your wisdom and your timing. Plant your grace more deeply within us. Remove what keeps us from love. Teach us to live with humility, compassion, and hope. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.



*Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dumford: Hear the good news: God is patient, not wanting anyone to perish, but all to come to repentance. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and still being transformed. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*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: Since God has shown us mercy and patience, let us share Christ's peace with one another. 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

Time for our Children

Sally Watson

First Scripture Lesson - Isaiah 55:10-11

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Lesson - Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43, NLT

Rev. Dumford: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem - "The Heart of Worship" by Matt Redman

Sung by Joseph Olson, Guitar - Seth Olson, Piano - Hector Garcia Santana

The congregation is encouraged to sing along if they are able!

The Sermon - "Leave the Weeds Be" Rev. Nancy Dumford

Call to Offering

Liturgist: God causes the grain to grow and provides seed for the sower and bread for the hungry. In gratitude for God's abundance and patience with us, let us bring our gifts before the Lord.



***Presentation of the Offering (see pg. 6 note about offering)
Hymn #606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, receive these gifts and use them for the growth of your kingdom. Where the world is divided, let us sow peace. Where hearts are weary, let us sow hope. Where people hunger for love, let us offer grace. Together, may we continue the good work you have begun; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Sarah Underhill

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 #36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

The Charge

Lee Anne Perrea

**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**

In Our Pulpit Today - Rev. Nancy Dumford comes to us from Westerville, where she grew up and recently completed a transitional role with Westerville First Presbyterian. She is now working with the Presbytery of Scioto Valley to explore and encourage the development of new worshipping communities and congregations. She is grateful to worship with the people of Rose Run today.



First Scripture Lesson - Isaiah 55:10-11

¹⁰“The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. ¹¹It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.”

Second Scripture Lesson - Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43, NLT

²⁴Here is another story Jesus told: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. ²⁵But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. ²⁶When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew. ²⁷“The farmer’s workers went to him and said, ‘Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?’ ²⁸“An enemy has done this!’ the farmer exclaimed. “‘Should we pull out the weeds?’ they asked. ²⁹“No,’ he replied, ‘you’ll uproot the wheat if you do. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, . . . and to put the wheat in the barn.’” . . .

³⁶Then, leaving the crowds outside, Jesus went into the house. His disciples said, “Please explain to us the story of the weeds in the field.” ³⁷Jesus replied, “The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom. The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one. ³⁹The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are sorted out and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴²And the angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father’s Kingdom. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!



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@napl.us) or introduce yourselves during our Fellowship after worship this morning.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 31

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

Tuesday, June 2

- 5:30 pm - Celebrating Partnership With Healthy New Albany (*RSVP required - please scan the QR Code to the right to RSVP*)



Sunday, June 7

- 10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
- 12 Noon - Blessing of the Land Ceremony - Outside (Near the garage - wear comfortable shoes for walking outside)
- Fellowship on Basketball Court/Tabor House immediately following Blessing of the Land Ceremony

Sunday, June 14

- 10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am - Fellowship - Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 pm - Garland Snyder Concert - Sanctuary

Sunday, June 21

- 10:30 am - Worship and Celebrate Father's Day - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am - Fellowship - Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Concert

FEATURING
GARLAND SNYDER

JUNE 14th at 3 PM
Rose Run Presbyterian Church
5220 Johnstown Road in New Albany
Come hear him sing a collection of songs!

Stonewall Columbus Pride Festival and March

... will welcome over 700,000 visitors to Columbus. Join us and be a part of Rose Run Presbyterian Church's witness as an affirming and inclusive congregation. Other churches in our Presbytery of Scioto Valley will be part of the Saturday, June 20th downtown march. We will gather 9-10 AM for the 10:30 AM parade. We may wait quite awhile before our section starts walking. 18,000 marched last year from the Capitol building to Goodale Park (about a mile). Cars are available for those who prefer to ride.

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley will sponsor a booth at the Pride Festival and Resource Fair at Goodale Park. Would you like to volunteer Friday 4-10 PM or Saturday 11 AM - 8 PM?

If you have more questions or would like to participate this year, please contact **Sue Carlisle, 740-502-5542**, or email her at **jonsue71@yahoo.com**



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 NAFF. 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
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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.