



**Sunday, May 5, 2019**  
**3rd Sunday of the Resurrection Season**  
***Celebration of The Lord's Supper***  
 Service of Confirmation

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Adult Bible Groups @ 9:15 AM  
 Updates in the Life & Work of the Church @ 10:30 AM  
 Worship Service @ 10:30 AM  
 Sunday School: Children Dismissed from Worship



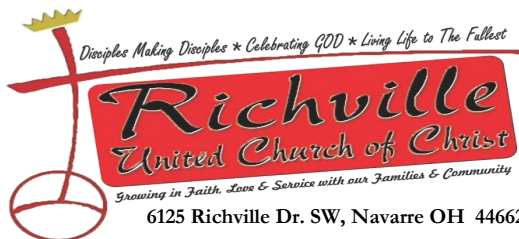
Our accessible/family friendly restroom (equipped with changing table) is located at the back of the Fellowship Hall to the right of the kitchen.

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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

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**Something to Think and Pray About:**

"The world does not consist of 100 percent Christians and 100 percent non-Christians. There are people (a great many of them) who are slowly ceasing to be Christians but who still call themselves by that name: some of them are clergymen. There are other people who are slowly becoming Christians though they do not yet call themselves so." **—C.S. Lewis**

"Conversion for me was not a Damascus Road experience. I slowly moved into an intellectual acceptance of what my intuition had always known." **—Madeleine L'Engle**

"The God Who can change a sinner into a Christian by giving him His life can equally transform the fleshly Christian into a spiritual one by giving him His life more abundantly." **—Watchman Nee**

"Great thoughts by great people transform the World." **—Lailah Gifty Akita**

**GATHERING OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY**

+ **Designates all who are able please stand.**

10:30 am - Updates in the Life and Work of the Church

10:30 am - Ringing of the Church Bell

Prelude

**WELCOME**

+ Opening Hymn #259 [vs. 1,2,4,5] **"Worship Christ, the Risen King"**

+ **Call To Worship** (with Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon) *(responsive)*

[Inspired by the events of Acts 9:1-20]

**Leader:** Transforming LORD,

We come before YOU as those who have both gone against The Way of Jesus, and have longed to be more faithful disciples.

**PEOPLE:** We have mistreated YOUR Children, but still YOU have appeared to us even as we have gone our own way.

**Leader:** Shock us once more, we pray, with YOUR Divine Light. Take us from our high horses and help us to hear YOUR Son speaking to us.

**PEOPLE:** Redirect us away from persecution of others. Teach us anew who YOU truly are.

**Leader:** Even when others are unable to see what YOU are trying to show us, help us all to hear YOUR Voice more fully.

**PEOPLE:** And when we are blinded by YOUR Radiance, or our sin limits our sight -grant us, we humbly ask, compatriots who will guide us back to YOU and YOUR People.

**Leader:** Then, just like Christ before us, we can die and rise again.

**PEOPLE:** Then, whether we have been attacked or have been the ones to inflict injury against others, YOUR Spirit can reconcile us to one another and YOU.

**Leader:** Then we will be able to perceive YOUR Hand at work in the lives of those we may have previously rejected.

**PEOPLE:** Then we will recognize how each of us is to be an instrument of proclaiming YOUR Kingdom to all nations and classes of people.

**Leader:** Then our hands will be empowered by YOU to share YOUR Healing and Restoring Touch.

**ALL:** *Then our hearts will be cleansed and our vision restored, so that we might call one another 'sister' and 'brother'; and all together, we will proclaim the truth that Jesus is, indeed, The Son of GOD; AMEN!*

+ Sung Response #2 [vs. 2] **“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee!  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

## **FEASTING ON THE LIVING WORD OF GOD**

### **The Christian Scriptures** (New Testament)

The Gospel According to John 21:1-19

#### Children's Message

*(Children up to grade 6 are dismissed for Sunday School. Confirmation age children and above are to stay in worship, unless they are requested to help in Sunday school.)*

### **Service of Commitment and Welcome** (The Rite of Confirmation) [insert]

Communion Meditation/Charge to Confirmands:  
**“Change(d) Agents”**

+ Hymn of Response & Preparation #593 [vs. 1,2] **“Come and Dine”**

#### **Gathering at The Lord's Table**

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Invitation and Distribution of The Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

*(using “sins” and “those who sin against us”)*

## **Sharing and Responding to Our Stories-Of and Needs-for Resurrection**

Prayers of The People (Joys and Concerns)

Prayer Response #461 [vs. 3] **“Open My Eyes, That I May See”**

## **Bringing our Gifts and Thanksgiving Before The LORD**

Call to Offering

Offertory

+ Offertory Response #41 **“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”**

*We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord;*

*We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.*

*And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving;*

*And we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy.*

+ **Prayer of Dedication** [based on Revelation 5:11-14] (responsive)

**Leader:** In the spirit of the angels and heavenly creatures which surround YOUR Throne, we bring these offerings, O LORD.

**PEOPLE:** Allow our living and giving to “sing” as the multitudes in Eternity will -proclaiming to all the world that The Lamb Who Was Slain is worthy to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

**Leader:** May our stewardship of these resources draw every creature (in heaven and on earth) into shared praise, saying, “To The One seated on The Throne, and to The Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

**ALL:** *Then all together, we will bow down and worship YOU; AMEN!*

## **Experiencing and Proclaiming The Hope of Resurrection to the World**

+ Charge and Benediction (Challenge & Blessing)

+ Sending Hymn #237 **“Lift High the Cross”**

+ Carillon Postlude on Hymns of the Day Michael Calabris

### **WELCOME GUESTS:**

If you are visiting us today, our prayer is that you would see and experience the whole-life transformation offered us in Jesus.

Large print bulletins are at the entry doors of the sanctuary.

**Please visit our Welcome Center.** Most any information you would want to know about our ministry and/or all sign up sheets are centrally located there.

Also make sure to pick up your welcome gift!

### **FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN:**

Please remember to visit our Children's Area located to the right of the sanctuary doors. There you may sign your kids in, grab a children's bulletin and a busy box. Also be sure to fill out a Sunday School attendance raffle form.

Our education wing is located downstairs in the lower level. We have education classes for children (during worship) and also have a nursery.

### **COMING NEXT WEEK:**

4th Sunday of The Resurrection Season

Mother's Day

Teacher Appreciation Sunday

**Message:**

**“Unstoppable Life** (We Don't Know The Power We Have)”  
[with John 10:22-30]

**Focus Text:**

Acts 9:36-43  
(with Psalm 23 & Revelation 7:9-17)

**Please join us for our hospitality social after worship in our Fellowship Hall directly behind our sanctuary.**