

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

50 E. Bagley Road † Berea, OH 44017



Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist – Rite II

The Rt. Reverend Anne Jolly, Bishop

Presider: Reverend Jim Kulma

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

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All music can be found in the Red Hymnal in the pews.

PRELUDE: “God's Counting on Me, God's Counting on You”
- Lorre Wyatt and Pete Seeger

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

PRAYER FOR ST. THOMAS

All: Almighty God, look graciously on all of us here at St. Thomas, during this time of transition. Be with us, and lead us, as we seek the next rector for our church. We ask your direction and guidance, for all the individuals that will step up to be part of the search committee here, so that they will choose the right spiritual leader for this parish. We pray we receive an upright and faithful priest, who will care for your people, and equip us for our ministries. Grant us perception, faithfulness and joy, so that we may hear your voice in all our deliberations. Grant us also the desire, and the ability, to truly hear each other, and those who have entrusted us with this process. Give us courage to respond, and act as you lead us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” Hymn 460 *Hyfrodol*
(Verses One, Three, Four and Five)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

Presider: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And Blessed be his Kingdom now and forever. AMEN.

It is customary to make the Sign of the Cross here. Subsequent places where making the Sign of the Cross is appropriate will be marked with a ✝

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Presider says: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify Your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All: AMEN.

GLORIA: **S 280** *(In the front of the Hymnal)*

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the Readings

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Reader: A reading from the book of Acts

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

PSALM 30 *(read responsively)* ***Exaltabo te, Domine***

1 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life
as I was going down to the grave.

**4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his;
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favor for a lifetime.

6 Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.

7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

8 Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

9 I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."

12 You have turned my wailing into dancing;

you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

**13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God,
I will give you thanks for ever.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 5:11-14

Reader: A Reading from Revelations

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Please stand if you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN: "Now the Green Blade Riseth" Hymn 204 *Noel Nouvelet*
(Verses One and Three before the Gospel, and Verse Four after the Gospel)

THE GOSPEL *John 21:1-19*

The Rev. Jim Kulma

Presider: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

SEQUENCE (reprise): "Now the Green Blade Riseth" Hymn 204 (*Verse Four after the Gospel*)

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jim Kulma

Please stand if you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

(At italic words, it is traditional to bow in remembrance that God became truly human at Christ's incarnation)

By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.*

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

✝ We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP Form III)

(The Reader and People pray responsively)

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do Your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially those on our parish list. We raise them up to You, O Lord, and place them in our hearts this week;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

CONCLUDING COLLECT:

Presider: Almighty and Eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your Will; through Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Amen.

GENERAL CONFESSION

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Presider & People: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All: Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Be seated for the Offertory

OFFERTORY: “Revive Us Again”

(LEVAS 157)

MacKay/Seaton

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer D

The people remain standing. The Presider, whether bishop or priest, faces them says:

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks unto our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds:

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

THE SANCTUS

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Then the Presider continues:

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Presider and People:

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Presider continues:

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church, especially Bishop Anne. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Thomas and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

People: AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider:

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM

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COMMUNION HYMN: “Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus” Hymn 336 *Werde munter*
(Verse One sung as a solo, and then, with interludes, join in to sing Verse Two. If home communion is being given out, stop after verse Two and sing Verse Three after the distribution.)

After Communion, the Presider says: Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the World in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EASTER BLESSING

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us His children through the resurrection of His Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of His blessing.

People: AMEN.

Presider: May God, who, through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

People: AMEN.

Presider: May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin, into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemed, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People: AMEN.

Presider: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People: AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN: “Ye Servants of God” Hymn 535 *Paderborn*

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: Postlude on “*Paderborn*”

SERVING ON MAY 4TH:

Presider: *The Rev. Jim Kulma*

Altar: Barb Pertz

Bread Baker: *Lorrie Beatty*

Chalice Bearer: *Peggy Zambounis*

Lay Reader: *Tim Gilles*

Flowers: *Julie Kalbrunner*

Musicians: *Kira Seaton, Sue Griffith and the Choir*

CALENDAR:

SUNDAY 5/4	10:00am HOLY EUCHARIST-RITE II Father Jim Kulma, Presider -Coffee Hour Choir rehearsal before service.
MONDAY 5/5	Alcoholics Anonymous- Harkess Hall, (7-9pm)
TUESDAY 5/6	Alcoholics Anonymous- Harkess Hall, (7-9pm)
THURSDAY 5/8	AA/Bluebook: Harkess Hall, (7-9pm)
SUNDAY 5/11	10:00am HOLY EUCHARIST-RITE II Father Dawson Moorer, Presider Choir rehearsal before and after service.

IN THE NEWS

COFFEE HOUR TODAY AFTER WORSHIP: Let’s gather after Holy Eucharist to say thank you to Father Jim and partake in coffee hour goodies. Your donations of baked or purchased goodies are appreciated! Coffee, tea, and juice provided.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: Please mark your calendars. On the following Sundays of May 18, June 8, and June 22, there will be Parish Meetings that include lunch. ECW will provide the main dish and beverages. There are sign-up sheets on the office window for side dishes and desserts. The Search Committee for our new priest will help host the meetings, with each meeting having a unique topic.



FORMAL COMMISSIONING OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE will take place during worship service on Sunday, May 18, 2025. The first of three Parish Meetings complete with lunch will follow services on those days. The Search Committee includes Chair Mary Canonico, Mary Lee Stowell, Scott Hartman, Linda Kinsey, Caitlyn Walker, and Bruce McLaughlin.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP:

The combined Youth Groups from St. Thomas and St. Paul's will be heading to Pennsylvania in July. Please consider adding an extra donation to the Offertory Collection to help cover the \$325 per youth. Shalyn, Aubrey, Taylor, and Jordan from St. Thomas will going, accompanied by Youth Group leader Roanne Lisi.

ECW PLANNING SURVEY:

The Diocese's Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Board has launched a visioning process to develop a plan for moving forward, especially after all the changes that the COVID-19 pandemic brought to the life of our congregations. To assist in this effort, they have created a survey for women across the Diocese to complete that will help them to understand people's awareness of the **ECW** and **Daughters of the King (DOK)**, as well as their priorities for engaging women in our congregations and beyond. The Board will use that information to set priorities and goals for the next several years. This is an opportunity to share your voice and guide this work: **ECW SURVEY LINK**. **The deadline to submit your survey response is Wednesday, May 7.**

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED in the church office to help maintain presence during the week, maintain sick list, and assist with parish bulletin. Contact Senior Warden Lorrie Beatty by phone **216-215-7111** or email at ltbeatty@gmail.com if you are interested.

THE RED DOOR CAFÉ HAS ONE MORE WEEK BEFORE SUMMER BREAK:

This is St. Thomas' weekly outreach to the Baldwin Wallace campus community. Pour-over coffee, tea, and conversation are served up on Tuesdays from 10 AM to Noon, engaging with BW students and passer-by spreading love, hope, and an invitation to St. Thomas. And as always, taking prayer requests.

THE BREAD BAKERS are looking for bakers to join their team of volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Peggy Zambounis at 440-336-1682.

AS ALWAYS, Senior Warden Lorrie Beatty seeks input, feedback, and ideas to help St Thomas thrive. Communication between congregants, vestry members, and Father Dawson is crucial at this time of growth and change. An open dialog with clear and concise exchange of ideas, thoughtful planning, and a shared vision for the future of St. Thomas are important components of a successful rector search and a fulfilling parish life. Lorrie is available during the day at **216-215-7111** or by email ltbeatty@gmail.com.

LAY READERS NEEDED: If you are interested in joining the lay reader ministry, please contact Carl Scheu at (440) 292-7189 or send an email to thrud62@yahoo.com.

NEW DATE~NEW DATE~NEW DATE

ST. THOMAS' ANNUAL YARD SPRING CLEAN UP:

Come join in the fun! We are having a yard clean-up day on Saturday, May 10th from 10 AM to 2 PM. Lunch and beverages are provided.

A load of mulch will be delivered that morning, so bring your shovels, rakes, garden gloves, and a wheelbarrow (if you've got one!) to use.

Please consider donating to help with the cost of the mulch. Questions? Get in touch with Anita Cooper at 330-365-3752.



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Build Day Saturday, 8-2 pm (all ages)

170 Seminary St., Berea 44017
More info: cantczakeumcb.org

**ALL AGES & SKILLS
WELCOME!**



IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

"Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God". Philippians 4:6-7

Caregivers: George D'Arras, Nancy Braford, and Tom Griffith

Missionary Service: Michelle Wood

Birthdays: Len Rota, Sandy Gardner

Anniversaries: Clint and Marcie Hist

Military Service: David Brabson, Ryan Dawson, Robby Hartman, Annmarie Miller, Eli Modesitt, John Toolis, Blake Schwartz, Jimmy Loder, Caleb Jones, and Maria Estrada.

Sick and Suffering: Marissa, Bill Kerbusch, H. Pat, Heather Flowers, Kevin Flowers, Brenna, Dan Skjei, Phyllis Hall, Tammy Pletcher, Bev Smith, Carole Flowers, Spencer Griffith, Evelyn & Churchill Ward, Alma Stoica, John Willis, Sandy Shoenfelt, Clint Hist, Bill Hacker, Nellie Cooper, Clint Anderson, Alison Griffith, Jay Murillo, Thor Kerbusch, Sue Zimdars, Marilyn Thomas, Reva Telfer, Mary Brown, Father Dawson, and Jim Blanca.

Recovering: John Staub, Dennis Braford, Gerald Gown, Carole Strama, Polly Burns, Shelley Campbell and Carole Pozek.

Pray for those worldwide: who are suffering from disease, devastating fires, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, famine, earthquakes, volcano eruptions, extreme heat or lack of clean water, and pray for the victims of gun violence everywhere.

Pray for peace in the Middle East, and Ukraine: Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSINGS AND PRAYER CARDS:

Every month, a new set of members or friends of our church family will be selected as card recipients; it is amazing how receiving a card in the mail can brighten someone's day! Please let us know if there is someone to whom you would like us to send cards or lift up in prayer.

For May 2025:

Jim Blanca – 5838 Acacia Rose Ct. Richmond, TX 77404 (recent heart by-pass surgery)

Heather Flowers – 13602 St. James Ave. Cleveland, OH 44135 (continuing treatment)