

Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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THE LORD'S DAY

March 15, 2026

You saw no form
of any kind
the day the Lord
spoke to you
out of the fire
at Horeb. So
watch yourselves
very carefully...
(Deuteronomy 4:15)

PRELUDE
WORSHIP MUSIC
PRAYER
CHOIR NUMBER
KIDS KORNER
HYMN (25)
BIBLE MESSAGE
HYMN (105)
BENEDICTION

Hear about the Pepsi employee who was fired? He tested positive for coke! Well, we are here today because... in a world filled with doubt, we test positive for faith. In a fearful world, we test positive for hope. In a skeptical world, we test positive for certainty. Many folks are cynical about worship of God and "church." We are positive and joyfully so! WELCOME!

TODAY - Worship and preaching (8:30 and 10:45)

- Sunday School classes for children, youth, adults (9:50)

WEDNESDAY - Bible time, prayer, fellowship (6:30)

- Adult choir (7:40)

OPPORTUNITIES OF WORSHIP

- March 29 - 1st service shortened, Fellowship in the gym (9:30 - 10:00)
- March 29 - (6:30) G-A community Palm Sunday service (Grace U.C.C.)
- April 2 - (6:30) - OUB Maundy Thursday... Communion at the Tables
- April 5 - (6:30 a.m.) - Sunrise Easter service at Tayamenasachta
- April 5 - (9:30 a.m.) - OUB combined Easter WORSHIP (no S.S.)

The GOD QUESTION. What difference does it make?

Idols. Religions. Philosophies. Pilgrimages.

Skepticism. Fanaticism. Agnosticism.

There are 8 billion people out there! And mankind has never reached a consensus yet! Does it matter? Can we know?

March 15... OTHER GODS

March 22... NO GOD

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	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
1st Nursery	Eric Bowman Family	Morgan Brouse & Lori Clopper
2nd Nursery	Kristin Marconi	The Clopper Family
Acolyte	Austin Anderson 1st Grace Myers 2nd	Ben Bowman 1st Carter Wagaman 2nd
Prelude	Ryan Eberly	David Rawley
Greeters	Albert & Latasha Johnson	Dale Hostetter & Larry Wingert

Last Week...	3/8/26
Attendance	214
General	\$ 8,203.19
Missions	\$5,712.50
Building Fund	\$39,470.50
Sunday School	\$ 339.00



The Altar Flowers are in remembrance of Harold & Betty South's son, Kevin



Our prayers for comfort and peace to John Alleman at the death of his wife, Sandy, whose service of Christian celebration was held this past Wednesday. Sandy loved this church family and was very active in its life prior to failure of her health.



THANK YOU to the many folks who attended and contributed to our 49th Missions Conference last week. For 2025, our FAITH PROMISE goal was \$149,000 and our year-end total was \$150,365. Yeah! The new goal was set at \$150,000. Pledge cards are available in a basket in the upper lobby. This year we are asking you to take a card home, pick an amount, sign it as a pledge of faith to the Lord, and put it in a spot where you will be reminded of that pledge. And look for God's provision to be given to you!

Our Otterbein Book Club is currently reading Dawn's Prelude by Tracie Peterson for the month of March. The book club meets once a month to discuss the book. The next group meeting is on Tuesday, March 31st, at 2:30 p.m. We meet in the Sunday School room at the top of the stairs. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Baer, Holly Ressler or Shawn Daley.



2026 Easter Plant sign-up sheets are on the table with the bulletins. Cost is \$10.00 per plant for Daffodils, Hyacinths, or Tulips. Cost is \$14.00 for Lilies. Please PRINT the name of who is donating the plant under the type of flower you'd like and please PRINT your dedication or "in memory of" on the sign-up sheet as well. Payment can be given to Angie Rayarao (Church Mailbox A-8) or Lynne Wilkinson (Church Mailbox F-24). You may pick up your flower at the end of service on Easter Sunday. Thank you!

NO OTHER GODS

Deuteronomy 5:7

Idols - objects made (by man) or discovered (in nature) to which people attribute supernatural _____ or _____ that must be appeased, pleased, or appealed to.

* Nothing could be more patently FALSE. No human foolishness is greater than idolatry.

"An idol is nothing at all in this world." (1 Cor. 8:4)

Icons (relics, saints) - objects or people (dead) believed to be a source of miracles/healings. _____ . _____ . _____ . (and sometimes fought over!). Icons may provide _____ or _____ to worship, but they provide no _____ with God.

"Blessed is [Mary]!" No, rather blessed is anyone who hears God's Word and obeys."

(Luke 11:27)

Ideas (philosophies, moral codes) Human beings may _____ God, thereby earning his love, _____ God by reaching a state of moral perfection, or _____ God by simply not admitting need or feeling suffering. *These ideas are human _____ not revealed to us in the Bible.

"God did this so that men would seek him, reach out for him and find him"

(Acts 17:27)

The fact that the Lord stressed "no other gods" recognizes the potential of having "other" gods i.e. worshiping "other" or allowing/creating "other" to _____ for the _____ living God. This is _____ because

Isaiah 8:19-22

Objects - Scripture reflects only ridicule (Is. 44:9-20), and scorn (Rom. 1:21-25) toward idolatry.

Leverage - Scripture nowhere says that any departed human can intercede for the living. This role belongs to the Spirit (Rom. 8:26-27) and the Son (Rom 8:34, Heb. 7:25)

Notions - God expects divine revelation to trump "rational" thinking. Anything else is only a "guess." (Jn. 8:14-16)

***Many religions are nothing more than one (or more) of these realities dressed up in tradition and culture.**

Uniquely, Christ (historical person) was heaven sent and virgin born, enabling him to be GOD (powerful) and HUMAN (perfect). His mission was to bring _____ rather than _____, _____ rather than _____.

* Many people who would never worship idols worship ACTIVITIES, MOVEMENTS, or HUMAN CAUSES... motivated by both altruism and selfishness. This is a form of idol worship.