

Communion Service of Word and Song

Εκκλησία Παρακλήτε

Ekklesia Paraklete



1st UMC of Greensburg

April 29, 2017

3RD WEEKEND OF EASTER

Gathering Music

Welcome and Tidings

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Word of God

Luke 24:13-35

Meditation in Song

Homily

“On the Road”

Music for Reflection

Eucharist Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Music of Response

Benediction

Postlude

Fellowship & Refreshments



**Please join us in the hallway
beside the sanctuary for
a time of table fellowship.**



The Nursery and Crib Rooms are open and available for parents of children filled with the spirit of self-expression.



Kneeling at the altar rail at any time throughout the worship service is celebrated and encouraged.

Εκκλησία Schedule of Musicians	
May 6	Patricia Fitzpatrick <i>Piano</i>
May 13	Linda Rose <i>Piano</i>
May 20	Sue Garton <i>Handbells</i>
May 27	Forrest Moore <i>Piano</i>

* The word ‘church’ in the *New Testament* is translated from the Greek word ‘**ekklesia**’ which comes from two words ‘ek’ meaning ‘out’ and ‘kaleo’ meaning to ‘call.’ An *ekklesia* or ‘calling out’ was not just an assembly. In Greek there are many words that can mean assembly. The word *ekklesia* was a political term, not a religious term. Jesus was the King and the Bible used the term *ekklesia* for a good reason. In classical Greek ‘*ekklesia*’ meant ‘an assembly of citizens summoned by the crier, the legislative assembly.’

In the Greek New Testament the word **paraklete** is most prominent in John’s writings and may be translated as ‘counselor’, ‘helper’, encourager, advocate, or ‘comforter’. So, for our use, this is our worship helper.

LEADING IN TONIGHT’S EKKLESIA: In addition to the Holy Spirit	
Pastor	Rev. W. Stephen Morse
Associate Pastor	Rev. Jill Croushore
Musician:	Rev. Tom Shirer <i>Piano</i>