



# FOURTH AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## Pursuing Jesus...Sharing Jesus

May 3, 2026

Prelude

Announcements & Prayer Requests

Pastor Ken

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.  
I Thes. 5:16-18

### Rejoice in the Lord Always

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say, "Rejoice!" (2x)

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say, "Rejoice!" (2x)

### Whisper a Prayer in the Morning

Vs. 1: Whisper a prayer in the morning; whisper a prayer at noon; whisper a prayer in the evening to keep your heart in tune.

Vs. 2: God answers prayer in the morning; God answers prayer at noon; God answers prayer in the evening so keep your heart in tune.

### Opening Prayer

### Give Thanks

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### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Ken

**The Lord's Prayer:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive those indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, both now and forever. Amen.

### Scripture: I Thessalonians 1:1-3

Elder

"Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."  
I Thessalonians 1:1-3

### My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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"We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your labor of love...in our Lord Jesus Christ."

I Thessalonians 1:1-3

### They'll Know We Are Christians

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"We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

I Thessalonians 1:1-3

### My Life is in You, Lord

My life is in You, Lord; my strength is in You, Lord; my hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You. (2x)

I will praise You with all of my life. I will praise You with all of my strength. With all of my life, with all of my strength, all of my hope is in You.

### Message: Work of Faith, Labor of Love, Steadfastness of Hope

"For this we declare..., that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever."

I Thessalonians 1:1-3

### Steppin' on Clouds

**Chorus:** Steppin' on clouds, we'll see Jesus, rise to meet him in the air. Steppin' on the clouds, he will greet us. Oh, the joy together we'll share!

I'm a-gonna leave this world behind me, going where the devil cannot find me. I'm a-going higher, higher, higher...steppin' on the clouds.

NOTE: If you want to publicly confess your faith or transfer your membership to this church, please come forward during this hymn.

**Communion Prayer & Service**

**Elder**

*All believers are invited to partake of the emblems as they are passed.*

**Offering Meditation/Collection**

**Elder**

To make your offering by mail, send your check to:

Fourth Avenue Christian Church, 296 W. 4th Ave., Columbus, OH 43201

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<https://donorbox.org/fourth-avenue-christian-church>

**Doxology**

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**Offering Prayer**

**Elder**

**Benediction**

**Pastor Ken**

**I Extol You**

**Closing Chorus**

Prince of Peace, Counselor, merciful Son of God, Lord of Hosts, Conqueror,  
Coming King and ever living God, I extol You; Lord, I extol You. You are  
high above the earth; all creation shouts Your worth! I extol You; Lord, I  
extol You. My Jehovah, I extol You.

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**You are welcome here...this is your Father's house.**

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*Sophia (Bonnie's granddaughter)\* Joyce Wolfe \*Kim (COVID) \* Cliff Labyk \*Rob J. (son of friend of Michael's) \* Roger Wicks (back surgery) \* Betty \* Marie Whitehead \* Erin's Family \* Jerry Duke (Cancer) \* Briley Freeman (Bone Cancer) \* \*Gibson Bickel (Cancer)\* Marina Goldshteyn (friend: Linda M. ) \* Terrell \* Trent Hoffman \* Terry (Mars Sister) \* Hadey and family of Carrie LaVorgna \*Debbie Zipf \* Oscar Koon and family \* Loretta Richards (Cancer) \* Kevin Nichols (Terminal disease) \* Kenneth (friend of Michael) \* Greg \* Bobbi @ Harrison on 5<sup>th</sup> (Post surgery recovery) Erni Orso \* Denise and Dennis Childs...(Cancer treatments) \* Cindy Clark \* Roman (Ukrainian Army) \* Ukraine \* Israel/Palestinian Conflict Resolution \* Mars' brother-in-law, Dale Cottrell \* Our country and it's leaders \* All those adversely affected by current Immigration and Customs Enforcement tactics – please pray those that enforce them and protest them would be compelled to use wisdom, kindness compassion and empathy \* Mars (restore strength) \* Ruby Hatcher (Vision) \* Pat Hale (lungs)\* Erick Cooper*

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