



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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August 1, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Raney

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 51:8, 10-12

Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Hymn #81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Psalm 51:1-4

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

Hymnal #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen!

Prayer for Illumination**Scripture**

John 6:24-35
Ephesians 4:1-12

Sermon

Michael Isaacs

Anthem

One, Bread, One Body
Brian Shepard, Tenor

arr. Larson

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements**Hymn #515**

I Come With Joy
Verses 1-3

Dove of Peace

The Lord' Supper**The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Charge and Benediction**Postlude**

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Hayes/Gasparid



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Kathy Harris, Worship Assistant; Davis Dorrough, Organist; Pianist; Brian Shepard, Soloist, Pianist; Parker Shablak, Sound Technician; Mary Brehm, Barista.

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available for use during the worship services. Please contact an usher for assistance.

Announcements

COVID-19 Updates from June 22 Session Meeting

Session continues to work diligently to be safe, responsible, and faithful to God and neighbor. After discussion, reflection, and prayer, here are the recent updates for our COVID-19 response.

- The physical office will fully re-open on August 2, including for those who wish to volunteer throughout the week. If you'd like to help out during the week, call the office and let us know.
- The nursery and Sunday school will resume in September. We will be hiring a second nursery attendant to provide consistent staffing and diligence about safety protocols.
- The Welcome Team will be resuming their ministry of greeting on Sunday mornings. Would you like to participate in this way? If so, let Sandy know in the office.
- Fellowship Hour will remain outside, but will move inside in the event of rain.
- Masks remain encouraged and social distancing remains in place in the sanctuary.
- Session also discussed a helpful reflection from a church leader in another setting about the pace of ministry at this time; it is titled *Hitting the Ground Running?* Read it here: <https://mministry.org/hitting-the-ground-running>

Session appreciates everyone's diligence and patience.

The Phil DeGreg Jazz Trio will join us for worship on August 29.

Support Highview Sixth Grade Center! It is estimated that over the last 30 years, 2,300 elementary students have been the recipients of First Presbyterian Church's Backpack mission. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated as we provide needed supplies for Highview 6th Grade Center. **A donation of \$30 is suggested but any amount is welcome.** (You can give by check or online fpcmiddletown.com. - click on 'Online Giving' and make a contribution in the 'special gifts' field, then type in Highview in the 'notes' field.) **You can also recycle your old cardboard boxes by bringing them to church where they will be flattened and delivered to the school!**

Men's Monthly Meeting is an opportunity for the men of the church to get together and socialize over dinner. On **Tuesday, August 9**, the meeting will be at The Clubhouse Sports Grille, 250 N. Main St., Monroe, at **5:30 p.m.** Hope to see you there!

Prayer list

Please submit any prayer requests for today's service to Michael before the worship service begins. The submitted requests will be included here next week.

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