



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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August 8, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

How Great Thou Art

arr. Pam Gervais

Call to Worship

From Psalm 34

I will bless the LORD at all times;
God's praise shall be ever in my mouth.

**Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear and be glad.**

Glorify the LORD with me,
Let us together extol his name.

**I sought the LORD, and he answered me
And delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy.
And your faces may not blush with shame.

**Taste and see how goodness of God;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in God.**

Hymn #757

Today We Are Called to Be Disciples

Kingsfold

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you call us to imitate our Lord, your Son. You call us to speak truth to one another, but we are afraid and silent. You call us to be angry when we see injustice, but we are angry with those we love. You call us to encourage one another with our words, but we speak ill of our brothers and sisters. You call us to forgive one another as Christ has forgiven us, but we are bitter and resentful, not wanting to forgive. How we must grieve your Holy Spirit, O God. Forgive us, yet again. Point us toward Christ. Empower us through your Spirit to follow him more nearly.

Assurance of Forgiveness

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!

Circle Time

Lisa Kaufer

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

John 6:35, 41-51
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Sermon

Michael Isaacs

Anthem

How Beautiful
Tara Downie and Cyndi Zopff

Paris/Larson

Affirmation of Faith

From the *French Confession of 1559*

We believe and confess only one God
who can do all things,
is all-wise, all-good,
all just, and all-merciful.

We believe that everything required for our salvation
has been offered and communicated to us in Jesus Christ,
the wisdom of God and God's eternal Son.

Jesus Christ clothed himself in our flesh:
God and human in one person.

We believe that we are illuminated in faith
by the unfathomable grace of the Holy Spirit.
God imparts this gracious gift.

By faith we receive grace
to live holy lives in awe and reverence for God,
for we receive what the gospel promises
when God gives us the Holy Spirit.

Faith does not cool our desire for good and holy living,
but rather engenders and excites it in us.

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers of the People & 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

I Am the Bread of Life

arr. Jeffrey Honore



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Janet Scott, organist; Marty Hensler, Worship Assistant; Jim Harris, Sound Technician; Debbie Cover, 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.** Highview has all the cardboard they need for now!!! Many thanks to all who donated.

Men's Monthly Meeting is an opportunity for the men of the church to get together and socialize over dinner. On **Tuesday, August 10**, the meeting will be at The Clubhouse Sports Grille, 250 N. Main St., Monroe, at **5:30 p.m.** Hope to see you there!

Pre-K Readiness: We still have openings for our Pre-K program this fall! Help us fill them by spreading the word. Learn more at <https://www.fpcmiddletown.com/prek>.

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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