



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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July 11, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Gaspard/Mayes

Call to Worship

Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

**for God has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Let us praise God!

Hymn #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you are the King of glory! Should we not throw open the doors and welcome you? Yet we stand in this holy place with unclean hands and impure hearts. We have lifted up our souls to the false idols of our culture: to greed and power, to fame and wealth. We have been deceitful in our words and deeds. Yet, with all the world, we are yours. Forgive us, O God. Fling open the doors of our hearts and come in! You are the King of Glory, and we will sing your praises!

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

Mark 6:14-29
Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon

Michael Isaacs

Anthem

Assurance
Davis Dorrough, Baritone

Beck/Courtney

Affirmation of Faith (responsive)

from the Iona Community

With the whole church:

**We affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit;**

With people everywhere:

**We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong;**

With all creation:

**We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,
the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and in the world. Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Raney



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Davis Dorrrough, soloist, pianist, organist; Brian Shepard, song leader, pianist, organist; Nancy Peterson, Worship Assistant; Jim Harris, Sound Technician; Sharon Perkins, Barista.

The deacons have placed two white carnations on the chancel rail in loving memory of **Dr. Stephan Seifert**, who died on June 9. Dr. Seifert is Peter Seifert's brother. The second carnation is for **Miriam Jenkins**, who died on July 4.

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 nurse attendant to provide continent 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.

Compassion Camp: Changing the World with Lovingkindness

Join us each week in July as we explore what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves, and the world. Activities for all ages will be available online each Sunday and we'll connect online via Zoom each **Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.**

Sign up for Compassion Camp, so we can send you more detailed information about receiving weekly content and participating in online gatherings. Contact Lisa Kaufer for more information (lisa@fpcmiddletown.com).

July Discussion Group on Poetry and Theology on Job

On Mondays in July at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room join a reading discussion group on Diane Glancy's collection of poetry titled *Island of the Innocent: A Consideration on the Book of Job*. The poetry is from the perspective of Job's wife and the Native American experience.

Contribute from your device

Use this QR code for the online giving portal. You do not need to create an account for a one-time contribution.

