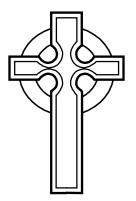
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July 4, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.



Prelude	Meditation and Variations on America	arr. J. Linker
Call to Worship (responsive)from Psalm 133		from Psalm 138
In God's realm, weakness becomes strength.		
Emptiness is fulfilled to overflowing.		
Fear grows into courage.		
The foolish learn wisdom.		
The wise learn God's foolishness.		
The great are humbled, and the humble lifted up.		
In God's steadfast love, all things are made whole.		
Hymn #8	Eternal Father, Strong to Save	Melita
Prayer of Confession (unison)		
God of grace and God of glory,		
we forget that we depend on you for everything		
for the very air we breathe;		
for your strength that holds us together;		
for life in the community you create in Christ;		
for the forgiveness that makes new life possible.		
In your mercy, bind us together and send us out to proclaim the		

good news of your kingdom.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Gloria Patri** 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

Sermon

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Michael Isaacs

Mark 6:1-13

**Apostles'** Creed

Anthem O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go Beck/Courtney

#### Affirmation of Faith (unison)

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 #519You Are My All in All

Jernigan

# 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

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

arr. Joel Raney



# Our Life Together...

**Leading Worship today:** Michael Isaacs, Pastor Paul Nisbet, Worship Assistant; Janet Scott, Organist; Brian Shepard, Song Leader; Parker Shablak, Sound Technician; Mary Brehm, Barista.

The deacons have placed a white carnation on the chancel rail in loving memory of **Lee Landis**, who died on June 19.

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

# <u>Announcements</u>

# COVID-19 Updates from May 25 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.

- Masks are encouraged for the full participation of children and people who are immunocompromised in worship.
- Physical distancing measures will continue in the sanctuary.
- We will resume responsive and unison readings and prayers.
- Worship may include vocal ensembles of up to eight singers. While we are eager to sing together again, we will wait to resume congregational singing.

Session appreciates everyone's diligence and patience.

# Summer Theology Study: Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

On Mondays in July at 6:00 p.m. 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. On July 5, we will begin with the poems a "Treatise on the Suffering of Uz" and "Now You are More Yourself" from Part One and all of Part two. We will meet in the Youth Room.

### **Compassion Camp: Changing the World with Loving Kindness**

Beginning July 7, 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).

**Men's Monthly Meeting** is an opportunity for the men of the church to get together and socialize over dinner. On **Tuesday, July 13**, the meeting will be at The Clubhouse Sports Grille, 250 N. Main St., Monroe, at **5:30 p.m.** Hope to see you there!

# <u>Prayer list</u>

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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