

# First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio  
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June 20, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.



**Prelude**

*Gaelic Morning*

arr. Dan Forrest

**Call to Worship**

Adapted from Psalm 91

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord:

**“My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust.”**

For God will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence;

**God will protect you with his pinions;  
you’ll find refuge under his wings.**

You will not fear the terror of the night,  
or the arrow that flies by day,

**or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
or the destruction that ravages at noontime.**

“Those who love me, I will deliver,” God says,

“I will protect those who know my name.

**When they call to me, I will answer them;  
and show them**

**Hymn #761**

*Called as Partners in Christ’s Service*

Beecher

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide,  
and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us  
a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we  
cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and  
image.

## 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

Revelation 3:14-22

### Sermon

“Who Cares?”

Rev. Sandy McConnel

“Brothers and sisters, do not weary in doing what is right.”

II Thessalonians 3:13

### Solo

*Morning Hymn*

Amedee Mereaux

Tom Sobieski, violin

### Affirmation of Faith

from the United Church of Canada

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us. We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

## 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**

*Danza Pastorale*

from Vivaldi's Spring



# ***Our Life Together...***

**Leading Worship today:** Sandy McConnel, Guest Pastor; Janet Scott, Organist; Tom Sobieski, Violin Soloist; Lara Moon, Song Leader; Nancy Peterson, Worship Assistant; Parker Shablak, Sound Technician; Sharon Perkins, 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 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.

## **Compassion Camp: Changing the World with Lovingkindness**

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](mailto:lisa@fpcmiddletown.com)).

## **Upcoming Worship**

Next week (June 27) we will welcome trumpeter Audrey Schmid.

## **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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