



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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October 17, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Ellen Coman

Call to Worship

Psalm 104:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

O LORD my God, you are very great.

**You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.**

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,

you make the clouds your chariot,

you ride on the wings of the wind,

you make the winds your messengers,

fire and flame your ministers.

**You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.**

Hymn #15

All Creatures of Our God and King

Laast Uns Erfreuen

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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!

Invitation to Sunday School

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Mark 10:35-45
Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Sermon Michael Isaacs

Anthem *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Jason Krug
Renaissance Ringers

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 Safe Haven House

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.

Hymn #32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Ellacombe

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* Flor Peeters



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Emily Pheanis, Worship Assistant; Janet Scott, Director/Pianist/Organist; Phil Thornbery and Sarah Thornbery, Cantors; Renaissance Ringers; Parker Shablak, Sound Technician; Debbie Cover, Barista.

Renaissance Ringers: Marti Kelley, Bonnie Saunders, Sandi Templeton, Phil Thornbery, Sarah Thornbery, Lynne Wiley.

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

Sensory toys are available outside of the nursery for children who may wish to use them during worship.

Announcements

COVID-19 Reminders:

At our September 28 meeting, Session decided to start easing back into congregational singing on October 24, unless there are unforeseen developments regarding the pandemic. All other COVID provisions will remain in place. As a general reminder, these provisions include:

- Masks are encouraged for the inclusion of the immunocompromised and children in worship.
- Social distancing is enforced in the sanctuary by the use of alternating pews.
- The length of the worship services be forty-five minutes and not include the passing of any materials.

Sanctuary Youth will rehearse from 6:45 – 7:30 p.m.

The Sanctuary Choir will rehearse this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will meet on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. We are studying the Wisdom Literature of the Hebrew Bible.

Highview Mission: There is a lot of math involved in designing a roller coaster and the students at Highview will be meeting this challenge in the next term. We can be a part of the project by donating cardboard boxes and the center cardboard roll from Paper towels. Donations can be brought to the Gathering Area. STEAM teacher, Matt Kirwen, has expressed his thanks and has promised some pictures of the finished products!

Children's Ministry

Nursery Care is available for infants and children up to 5 years old every Sunday, located next to Room 110. **Sunday School** (children ages 6-12) is offered most Sundays in the Godly Play Room following the Gloria Patri, at which time leaders will escort children to Sunday School. (See PresbyNews for Sunday School schedule.) When worship concludes, parents/guardians will need to come to the Godly Play Room to pick up their child(ren).

Note: Due to the circulating and highly contagious Delta variant, we are following the CDC's recommendation by requiring universal indoor masking in these classrooms by all individuals (age 2 and older), regardless of vaccination status.

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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