

First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio

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October 3, 2021



Prelude

Variations on "Simple Gifts"

James Pethel

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 100

Shout triumphantly to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with celebration!

Come before him with shouts of joy!

Know that the LORD is God—

God made us; we belong to God

We are God's people,

the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanks;

enter the courtyards with praise!

Thank God! Bless God's name!

Because the LORD is good,

God's loyal love lasts forever;

God's faithfulness lasts generation after generation.

Hymn #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love.

Assurance of Pardon

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!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Sermon

Michael Isaacs

Solo

Come, Thou Fount
Tina Newlin, soprano

Arr. Amy Williams

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Apostles' Creed

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 #525**

Let Us Break Bread Together Let Us Break Bread

Invitation to the Lord's Supper**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup**Charge and Benediction****Postlude**

The Whole World in His Hands

Joe Utterback



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Kathy Harris, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Tina Newlin, Soloist, Parker Shablak, Sound Technician; Mary Brehm, Barista.

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

Announcements

COVID-19 Update form September 28

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.

The Kirkin' of the Tartans Service is coming soon with all the exciting sights and sound that it brings. There will be beautiful mums gracing the sanctuary. Anyone who wishes to take one home after the service is welcome to do so. There is no charge for the mums this year, but donations to help defray the cost of the mums would be greatly appreciated.

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.

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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