



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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September 12, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Here I Am, Lord

Arr. Janet Linker

Call to Worship

Psalm 19:1-4, 14

Heaven is declaring God's glory;
the sky is proclaiming his handiwork.

**One day gushes the news to the next,
and one night informs another what needs to be known.**

Of course, there's no speech, no words—
their voices can't be heard—

**but their sound extends throughout the world;
their words reach the ends of the earth.**

Let the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart

**be pleasing to you,
LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

Hymn #610

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we
forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our
offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you
our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

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 78:27-38
James 3:1-12

Sermon Michael Isaacs

Anthem *O Come and Worship the Lord* Williams/Drennan
Sanctuary Choir

Affirmation of Faith from Iona Abbey Worship Book

Out of death came life,
and God defeated evil:
an empty cross and an empty tomb,
a nail mark shown and a presence known.
Out of sorrow came joy,
and God sent the Spirit:
coming like fire to all people and ages,
coming to birth in the water of life.
Out of difference came unity,
and God's people were called:
called to receive Christ in bread and wine,
called to be free in the power of love.
For when the Holy Spirit comes upon us,
we will be filled with power,
and be witnesses for Christ to the ends of the earth.

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 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Arr. Smith/Hustad



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Brian Shepard, Director/Pianist; Ken Thomas, Worship Assistant; Jim Harris, Sound Technician; Lynne Wiley, Barista.

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

Announcements

COVID-19 Reminder

Session continues to work diligently to be safe, responsible, and faithful to God and neighbor. After discussion, reflection, and prayer, here are reminders for our COVID-19 response.

- Masks remain encouraged and social distancing remains in place in the sanctuary.
- Congregational singing will be reviewed at the October Session meeting.
- Fellowship Hall will continue to meet outside, but will move inside for inclement weather.

Session appreciates everyone's diligence and patience.

Resuming In-Person Nursery Care and Sunday School today, we look forward to sharing a warm welcome for children and families as they are ready to return in-person to the Nursery and Sunday School. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Lisa Kaufer.

The Renaissance Ringers will rehearse this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume on **September 14** at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. We will begin with a study of James.

Men's Monthly Meeting is an opportunity for the men of the church to get together and socialize over dinner. On **Tuesday, September 14**, the meeting will be at The Clubhouse Sports Grille, 250 N. Main St., Monroe, at **5:30 p.m.** Hope to see you there!

If you would like to serve on the Mission Committee, please contact the church office.

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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