

First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio www.fpcmiddletown.com

August 21, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Skies arr. Molly Ijames

* Call to Worship

Psalm 71:1-6

I've taken refuge in you, LORD.

Don't let me ever be put to shame!

Deliver me and rescue me by your righteousness! Bend your ear toward me and save me!

Be my rock of refuge where I can always escape, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked; rescue me from the grip of the wrongdoer and oppressor.

For you, O LORD, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

I've depended on you from birth—you cut the cord when I came from my mother's womb.

My praise is always about you.

* Hymn #32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

* Prayer of Confession

Psalm 71

God of refuge and strength, cover us with your grace. Uphold us with your strength, and forgive us with your mercy. As we confess our sin, rescue us from despair, that we may never feel separated from you and your boundless love. We confess these things and the hidden burdens of our hearts. Help us feel in our most inward parts, that even as we have already been known, so have we already been loved and forgiven. For this we give you thanks and praise.

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Gloria Patri

We Are Forgiven

Hymnal #447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Michael Isaacs

* **Hymn** #465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus Converse

* **Affirmation of Faith (unison)** From a Brief Statement of Faith In life and in death we belong to God.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and live holy and joyful lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

Duet Teach Me, O Lord P. Williams/D. Nolan Vivien Fields and Lara Moon

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 #167** I Danced in the Morning Lord of the Dance

Charge and Benediction

Postlude Hymns of Majesty arr. Phillip Keveren



Leading worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Jessie Jenkins, Worship Assistant; Brian Shepard, Organist/Pianist; Davis Dorrough, Pianist; Lara Moon and Vivien Fields, Soloists; Jim Harris, Sound Technician.

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.

Join us for an Ice Social on the front lawn, if it rains we will meet in the Gathering Area.

Announcements

COVID-19 update: Please review these updated COVID-19 provisions and keep in mind as we gather for our worship and ministry:

- Masks are optional in the Sanctuary and Gathering Area, masks are still required in the Nursery and Sunday School spaces.
- Social distancing is enforced in the sanctuary by the use of alternating pews.
- Worship does not include the passing of any materials.

Children's Ministry

Nursery Care is available for infants and children up to 5 years old every Sunday, located next to Room 110. Two Childcare Workers, Monique Watkins and Ingrid Cuadra, provide exceptional care for which we are grateful. Sunday School (children ages 6-12) will resume in September.

Music Ministry

We look forward each Sunday this summer to music from our wonderful soloists. Next Sunday we will have music presented by **Tara Downie**, soprano and **Cyndi Zopff**, soprano.

Calling all singers and ringers! The *Sanctuary Choir* will have its first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 7, at 7:30 p.m.

The *Renaissance Ringers* will have their first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 14, at 6:00 p.m. If you are not already a member of our wonderful musical family, please consider joining us this fall.

We would love to add another sound tech or two to our roster. Please call Joyce Zigler (513-422-6365) if you are interested or have questions about being a sound tech.

<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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