



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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August 28, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Beautiful Savior

David N. Johnson

*** Call to Worship**

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

I am the LORD your God,

who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

"O that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!

**I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."**

*** Hymn #305**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

*** Prayer of Confession**

How long, O Lord, will you wait for us to return to you in love and gratitude? How long will you offer us bread made from the finest wheat, when we would rather fill our mouths with dust and ash? How long will you be for us living water, when we are so enamored with the cracked cisterns of our own making, and the dry riverbeds of our petty complaints? How long will you stand by us, when we exchange the glory we find in you for vanity and things that do not profit? How long, O Lord, will you wait before we come to our senses?

*** Assurance of Forgiveness**

*** Gloria Patri**

We Are Forgiven

Hymnal #447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon

Michael Isaacs

* **Hymn #366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Hyfrydol

* **Affirmation of Faith (unison)** 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 & Announcements

Duet *Here I Am, Lord* Arr. Lloyd Larson
Tara Downey, soprano and Cyndi Zopff, alto

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 #769** *For Everyone Born* For Everyone Born
Verses 1, 2, 3, 5

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

John Innes



Our Life Together...

Leading worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Tom Zigler, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Tara Downie and Cyndi Zopff, Soloists; Parker Shablak, Sound Technician, Sharon Perkins, Barista.

We warmly welcome returning friend and colleague Cyndi Zopff to our service this morning. We are thankful for her beautiful gifts of music.

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 Fellowship Hour in the Gathering Area before and after today's service. Stop by for fellowship and refreshments.

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 **Linda Dew**, 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.

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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