



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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August 8, 2022

Prelude *Sweet Hour of Prayer with As the Deer* Arr. S. Caudill

Call to Worship (responsive) Psalm 33:1-5, 22

All you who are righteous, shout joyfully to the LORD!

It's right for those who do right to praise God.

Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre!

Sing praises to him with the ten-stringed harp!

Sing to God a new song!

Play your best with joyful shouts!

**Because the LORD's word is right,
and every act is done in good faith.**

God loves righteousness and justice;
the LORD's faithful love fills the whole earth.

**LORD, let your faithful love surround us
because we wait for you.**

* **Hymn #634** *To God Be the Glory* To God Be the Glory

* **Prayer of Confession**

God of unfailing love, you ask us to share our wealth with those in need, yet we hoard our possessions and guard our wealth. You call us to rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, and plead for the widow, yet our pursuits are often self-serving, ignoring those in need of our care. Forgive us and cleanse us, O God. Move us to be a people of justice and propel us on the path of love.

* **Assurance of Pardon**

* **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.

* **Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Luke 12:32-40

Sermon

Michael Isaacs

Hymn #770 *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table* Welcome Table
(Verses 1-4)

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

Solo

In This Very Room
Tina Newlin, soprano

Arr. Bryce Inman

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.

Hymn #649

Amazing Grace

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

How Great Thou Art

Arr. Janet Linker



Our Life Together...

Leading worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Linda Bursk, 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.

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.

Forever Grateful! August 21, we look forward to hosting an extra special after-worship event on the front lawn. We'll enjoy an Ice Cream Sundae Bar and Christian Education will host a variety of play-filled activities including a special opportunity to express gratitude for the staff at Atrium Medical Center for the many ways they provide care for our community. In this important work, their

dedicated team experiences hard cases, long shifts, extra shifts, and the effects of staffing shortages during the ongoing pandemic. Consider writing a note of thanks or drawing a cheer-filled picture that we can give to the staff Respite Room where team members are able to take a break and rest. Bring your note or drawing to the church office anytime during the month of August, or use the supplies provided following worship on August 21.

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 **Andrea Ridilla**, oboist and **Diana McVay**, song leader.

Prayer list

Please submit any prayer requests for today's service to Michael before the worship service begins, the submitted requests will be