

First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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February 13, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.



Prelude

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. Molly Ijames

* Call to Worship

Luke 6:20-23

Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

Let us worship God!

* Hymn #826

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

* 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 Jeremiah 17:5-10

Scripture Luke 6:12-26

Sermon Michael Isaacs

Anthem *God of Heaven* Heather Sorenson
Sanctuary Choir

Affirmation of Faith (unison) 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 & 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.

* **Hymn #175** *Seek Ye First* Lafferty

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Hayes/Gasparid



Our Life Together...

Leading worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Janet Scott, Director/Pianist; Paul Nisbet, Worship Assistant; Sanctuary Choir; 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.

Announcements

COVID-19 Reminders: As a general reminder, our COVID provisions include:

- Masks are temporarily required in worship.
- Social distancing is enforced in the sanctuary by the use of alternating pews.
- The length of the worship services will be forty-five minutes and not include the passing of any materials.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will meet on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. This week we are continuing our study of the Gospel According to Luke.

Sanctuary Youth will rehearse Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Renaissance Ringers will rehearse Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir will rehearse Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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. Leaders will escort children to Sunday School. When worship concludes, parents/guardians will need to come to the Godly Play Room to pick up their child(ren). In February, Sunday School will meet on 2/13, 2/20, and 2/27. We especially want to include children and youth in special worship celebrations such as Communion, etc.

The memorial Christmas ornaments are now located in the main office. If you have not done so, you may pick up your ornament in the main office during regular office hours.

Prayer Group: Did you know we have a Prayer Group? You're invited to join this informal gathering each 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the Memorial Room. We share prayer requests, read scripture, and pray together.

Kirkmont Summer Camps: Kirkmont's goal is to provide participants with a renewing camp, outdoor education, or retreat experience. For many years, our church has supported Kirkmont in a variety of ways, including scholarships that enable campers to participate. Scholarship applications are available in the church office, due by April 1. Visit <https://www.kirkmontcenter.org> or contact Lisa Kaufer for more information.

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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