



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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February 27, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Amazing Grace

Tedd Smith

*** Call to Worship**

from Psalm 92

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

**It is good to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,**

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

**The righteous flourish in the courts of our God.
and remain evergreen and full of sap,**

This shows that the LORD is upright;
the LORD is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Let us worship God!

*** Hymn #463**

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

*** Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

*** 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 Psalm 46

Scripture Luke 6:39-49

Sermon Michael Isaacs

* **Hymn #353** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* Solid Rock

* **Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

Jesus has taught us to speak of hope
as the coming of God's Kingdom.
We believe that God is at work in our world
turning hopeless and evil situations into good.
We believe that goodness and justice and love
will triumph in the end,
and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever.
One day 'all tears will be wiped away'
and 'the lamb will lie down with the lion.'
True peace and true reconciliation
are not only desirable,
they are assured and guaranteed.
This is our faith, and our hope. Amen

Welcome & Announcements

Anthem *Acclamation of Assurance* Joseph Martin
Sanctuary Choir

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 #838** *Standing on the Promises* Promises

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Praise Him! Praise Him!* Arr. Larry Shackley



Our Life Together...

Leading worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Brian Shepard; Director/Pianist; Marty Hensler, Worship Assistant; Davis Dorrrough, Organist/Pianist; Sanctuary Choir; Jim Harris, Sound Technician.

The deacons have placed a red rosebud on the chancel rail in celebration of the birth of **Micah Lee Brown**, born on February 18, to David and Amanda Brown. The proud grandmother is Mary Brehm.

The deacons have placed a white carnation on the chancel rail in memory of **Pat Urban**, who died on February 3.

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

- Masks are optional.
- Social distancing is enforced in the sanctuary by the use of alternating pews.
- Worship does not include the passing of any materials. (This will be reviewed again at our April Meeting.)

Following worship today, we will hold a short worship experience in the courtyard next to the entrance to the Gathering Area. Last year's palms from Palm Sunday will be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. All are welcome to join.

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.

Ash Wednesday Afternoon Prayer Service: On Wednesday March 2 at 1:00 p.m., join us in the Memorial Room for Intercessory Prayer and the Imposition of Ashes. This service is hosted by the Prayer Group that meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Ash Wednesday Evening Prayer Service: Join us Wednesday, March 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the front lawn as we enter the season of Lent together and prepare for the great mystery of Easter. Limited seating will be available. We will share a brief time of prayer followed by an invitation for the imposition of ashes. We will also have glass jars and flower bulbs available to assemble and take home as a visible reminder of this shared journey in life and faith together. This service is hosted by the Christian Education Committee.

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

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

Men's Monthly Meeting is an opportunity for the men of the church to get together and socialize over dinner. On **Tuesday, March 8**, the meeting will be at a new location, Wildwood Country Club, 601 Aberdeen Dr. at **5:30 p.m.** Hope to see you there!

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 today. We especially want to include children and youth in special worship celebrations such as Communion, etc.

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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