

First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio www.fpcmiddletown.com

July 24, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

arr. Mark Hayes

* Call to Worship

from Psalm 145

The LORD is great and so worthy of praise! God's greatness can't be grasped.

One generation will praise your works to the next one, proclaiming your mighty acts.

They will talk all about the glorious splendor of your majesty; I will contemplate your wondrous works.

They will rave in celebration of your abundant goodness; they will shout joyfully about your righteousness:

"The LORD is merciful and compassionate, very patient, and full of faithful love.

The LORD is good to everyone and everything; God's compassion extends to all his handiwork!"

All that you have made gives thanks to you, LORD; all your faithful ones bless you!

* Hymn #611

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

Hymnal #447

* Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Gloria Patri

We Are Forgiven
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

Scripture Job 7:1-3

Romans 8:18-28

Sermon "Sorrowful Yet Rejoicing" Rev. Edward McNulty

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

* 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 People Need the Lord arr. K. Lee/B. Wolaver

Sarah Thornbery, soprano

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.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

To God Be the Glory

arr. Mark Haves



🛕 Our Life Together...

Leading worship today: Rev. Edward McNulty, Guest Pastor; Nancy Peterson, Worship Assistant; Phil Thornbery, Organist/Pianist; Sarah Thornbery, Soloist; Dave Jenkins, Sound Technician, Debbie Cover, 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.

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 **Brian Shepard**, tenor and **Davis Dorrough**, tenor.

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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