



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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July 31, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

It Is Well with My Soul arr. David Schwoebel

* Call to Worship

Only in God do I find rest;
my salvation comes from God.

**Only God is my rock and my salvation—
my stronghold!—I won't be shaken anymore.**

Oh, I must find rest in God only,
because my hope comes from God!

**Only God is my rock and my salvation—
my stronghold!—I will not be shaken.**

Don't trust in violence;
don't set false hopes in robbery.

**When wealth bears fruit,
don't set your heart on it.**

God has spoken one thing—
make it two things—
that I myself have heard:

**Strength belongs to God,
and faithful love comes from you, my Lord.**

* Hymn #610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Azmon

* Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we
forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our
offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you
our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

* 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 Hosea 11:1-11

Solo *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Jack Schrader
Davis Dorrough, soloist

Scripture Luke 12:13-21

Sermon Michael Isaacs

* **Hymn #716** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* Beach Spring

* **Affirmation of Faith (unison)** from a Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

We trust in Jesus Christ,

fully human, fully God

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and live holy and joyful lives.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God

in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

Solo *A Song of Joy* Allen Pote
Brian Shepard, soloist

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 #700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* I'm Gonna Live

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. H. Helvey



Our Life Together...

Leading worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Lynne Mack, Worship Assistant; Brian Shepard, Organist/Pianist; Davis Dorrrough, Organist/Pianist; Jim Harris, Sound Technician, Sharon Perkins, 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.

Save the date! 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 mission-oriented activities inviting all ages to participate.

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 **Tina Newlin**, soprano.

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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