



# First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio  
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**June 19, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Prelude**      *O Love that Will Not Let Me Go*      Arr. Caudill/Nelson  
with “Blessed Assurance”

## \* Call to Worship

On this day, which is holy, we gather,  
not alone, but as Christ’s Body;

**as ones who would suffer together, we gather.**

On this day of wonder and hope, we gather,  
not in isolation, but in community;

**as those who would care for one another, we gather.**

On this day of prayer and praise, of silence and song, we gather,  
not with empty hands, but with full hearts;

**as those baptized in grace’s tears, we gather.**

\* **Hymn #435**      *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*      In Babilone

## \* Prayer of Confession

Rock of our salvation, we know the faults and sorrows we try to  
hide from you and those around us. We have not cared for people  
in the same way. We would much rather celebrate with someone,  
than to bear the suffering of another. Redeemer of all people,  
including us, grant us your mercy. Anoint us with the power of  
your Spirit, so that our eyes might be opened to see how others  
truly live. Enlarge our hearts with the gentleness of your touch,  
so we might embrace the opportunities we will have to serve.  
Open our ears so we can listen to what Jesus Christ, our Lord and  
Savior, teaches us about Your love and grace for our lives.

## \* 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**

2 Chronicles 36:13-20  
Ezra 1:5-11; 3:10-13

**Sermon**

“Grief & Praise”

Lisa Kaufer

**\* Hymn #288**

*Spirit of the Living God*

Living God

**\* Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

Montreat Youth Conference, 2022

We believe that God is present even when we fail to recognize that presence.

We believe that God is present even when we fail to name that presence.

We believe that we are created in the image of God, and that nothing that was and is and ever shall be can separate us from that love.

We believe that we are at our best when we rely on God.

We believe that God can make a way even through a seemingly impossible situation.

We believe that we are called to work for a just world.

We believe the Spirit is still moving.

We believe in the power of community.

We believe that, with God and with one another, there is more than enough: hope, love, joy, peace, and grace for every single one of God’s children.

Thanks be to God.

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Anthem**

*Amazing Grace*  
*(My Chains Are Gone)*  
Summer Choir

Arr. Tom Fettke

**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 #327**

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies* Lasst Un Erfreun

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Arr. Molly Ijames



# *Our Life Together...*

**Leading worship today:** Lisa Kaufer, Speaker; Lea Thoman, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Janet Scott, Pianist; Dave Jenkins, Sound Technician; Debbie Cover, Barista.

Portions of the liturgy have been contributed by **Rev. Thom Shuman**.

**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 for June:** 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.

## **Music Ministry**

There is a quote from a song that says "All God's children got a voice in the choir". Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sing in the choir? Summer Choir is a great way to discover the joys of singing with this wonderful musical family. On Sunday, June 26, the choir will rehearse at 9:00 a.m. and then sing for worship. Come, try us out. We would love to add your voice to our choir!

## **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.

## **Prayer list**

Please submit any prayer requests for today's service to Lisa before the worship service begins. The submitted requests will be included here next week.

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