



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio

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June 5, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

This is My Father's World F. Sheppard/arr. P. DeGreg
Phil DeGreg Jazz Trio

Call to Worship

Holy Spirit, Creator...without you life turns to dust.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Counselor...to be bearers of your Word.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Power...before the rulers of this world.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier...with sighs too deep for words.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Giver of Life...whole creation be transformed.

Come, Holy Spirit!

* Hymn #408

There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit Sweet, Sweet Spirit

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Assurance of Forgiveness

*** Gloria Patri**

We Are Forgiven

Hymnal #447

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.

Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

Anthem

Spirit Song

J. Wimber/arr. P. DeGreg

Scripture

Romans 8:22-27

Sermon

“The God Who Sighs”

Allan Smillie

Prepared by Michael Isaacs

Hymn #288

Spirit of the Living God
Sing twice

Living God

*** Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

Reformed church of Australia

We believe in God,
who made the world and reaches out to it
with a love that is fierce and passionate,
tender and kind.

We believe in Jesus the Christ;
God revealed in a human life.
Jesus touched the untouchable
and pardoned the unforgivable.
Raised by God,
Jesus is parting the sea of evil and despair
and leading us across into the land of freedom
and promise.

We believe in the Holy Spirit;
whose breathing gives life;
whose fire purges and renews;
whose wisdom awakens courage and hope.

Gathered by the Spirit,
we have been baptized into a common life:
overflowing with love and mercy,
richer than mind can measure,
but appearing foolish to the world.
And we trust that the foolishness of God
will prove wiser than the wisdom of the world,
and that the suffering of God will heal the earth
and fulfill our hopes of justice and peace.

Welcome & Announcements

Anthem

Spirit's Comin' H. Frombach/J. Raney
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 #66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Pentecost

* Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Jesus Loves Me A. Warner/arr. P. DeGreg
Phil DeGreg Jazz Trio

* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



Our Life Together...

Leading worship today: Allan Smillie, Guest Speaker; Nancy Peterson, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Sanctuary Choir; Phil DeGreg Trio; Jim Harris; Sound Technician.

Communion has been rescheduled for next week, June 12.

We are happy to welcome back the **Phil DeGreg Jazz Trio**. **Phil DeGreg** is an internationally known jazz pianist and educator, as well as Professor Emeritus of Jazz Studies at CCM. **John Taylor**, drums, is Professor of Music at CCM, a free-lance musician who is a member of *Puzzle of Light*, *The Phil DeGreg Trio*, and the *Brian Cashwell Trio Brasilia*. **Chris Berg**, bassist and composer, is professor of music at the University of Dayton, a freelance musician who is a member of *Dave Greer's Jazz Stompers*, *The Brian Cashwell Trio*, and has played many years with Columbus Jazz Orchestra. *We are excited to have this wonderful group of musicians join us for worship!*

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 hotdogs and ice cream on the front lawn after worship. Games and activities will be available for all ages.

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.

Sanctuary Choir will rehearse this 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, June 14**, the meeting will be at Wildwood Golf 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. 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

Next Sunday is Choir Recognition when we will celebrate the wonderful contributions of music that the Sanctuary Choir, Renaissance Ringers, Sanctuary Youth, and soloists have given each Sunday. The Sanctuary Choir invites you to fellowship with us after worship and enjoy a yummy cup cake. Perhaps you would like to share a favorite anthem or handbell piece with one of the singers or ringers. *We would love to hear from you.*

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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