



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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March 13, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Vocalise

Rachmaninoff

*** Call to Worship**

Psalm 70:4-6

Let all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you.

**Let those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"**

But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!

**You are my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay!**

*** Hymn #415**

Come Ye Sinners

Restoration

*** Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*** 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

Isaiah 50:4-9a
John 13:21-32

Sermon

Michael Isaacs

* **Hymn #215** *What Wondrous Love Is This?* Wondrous Love

* **Affirmation of Faith (unison)** from Iona Abbey Worship Book

Out of death came life, and God defeated evil:

an empty cross and an empty tomb,

a nail mark shown and a presence known.

Out of sorrow came joy, and God sent the Spirit:

coming like fire to all people and ages,

coming to birth in the water of life.

Out of difference came unity, and God's people were called:

called to receive Christ in bread and wine,

called to be free in the power of love.

For when the Holy Spirit comes upon us,

we will be filled with power,

and be witnesses for Christ to the ends of the earth.

Welcome & Announcements

Anthem

Give Me Jesus

Arr. Robert Sterling

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 #775** *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* Walk With Me

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Arr. Hayes/Gaspard



Our Life Together...

Leading worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Lynne Mack, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Brian Shepard; Director/Pianist; Davis Durrough, Pianist; Sanctuary Choir; Dave Jenkins, Sound Technician; Sharon Perkins, Barista.

The deacons have placed three white carnations on the chancel rail in loving memory of **David Blaine**, who died on March 4, **Jim Flowers**, who died on March 6, and **Eleanor Davidson McCabe**, who died recently.

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 after the worship service for refreshments in the Gathering Area.

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.)

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.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 20, will be to review program reports and elect new officers.

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

Renaissance Ringers will rehearse Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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

Easter Egg Hunt!

Save the date for April 10 for an Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn following worship. Donations of individually wrapped candy to fill the eggs would be appreciated. The candy may be dropped off at the church office by April 3.

Children's Ministry

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). (*Note: In March, Sunday School will meet on 3/13, 3/20, and 3/27. We especially want to include children and youth in special worship celebrations such as Communion, etc.)

Lenten Luncheon will be on Wednesday, March 16 at noon. The question for our speakers this year is this: "If the childhood version of yourself met you today, what part of your faith today would that child be 'taken aback' by?" We are trying to delve deeper into how our faith changes and matures as we grow. Food will not be provided at these luncheons this year. Instead, we ask everyone to bring their own brown-bag lunch. (If there is someone who would like to attend and cannot afford lunch, please let us know, and we can provide one.)

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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