



# First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio  
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March 20, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

**Prelude**

*At the Cross*

Larry Shackley

**\* Call to Worship**

from Psalm 116

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the LORD,**

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

**Precious for the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.**

O LORD, I am your servant; you have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you a thanksgiving and call on your name.**

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

**in the courts of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

Praise the LORD!

**\* Hymn #509**

*All Who Hunger*

Holy Manna

**\* Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command.

**\* 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**

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

**Anthem** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Arr. Sandra Eithun  
Renaissance Ringers

**Scripture** John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**Sermon** Michael Isaacs

\* **Hymn #301** *All Are Welcome* Two Oaks

**Affirmation of Faith (unison)** Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Anthem** *Source of All Healing* Brock/Trotta  
Sanctuary Choir

**Election of New Officers**

**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.

**Review of Annual Report**

**Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Review of Pastoral Terms of Call**

\* Hymn #699

*Fill My Cup*

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Refrain 1: Choir

Refrain 2 & 3: Choir & Congregation

Verses 1 & 2: Solos

## Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Holy Manna*

arr. Joseph Martin



# *Our Life Together...*

**Leading worship today:** Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Kathy Harris, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Janet Scott; Director/Pianist; Phil Thornbery, Keyboardist; Sanctuary Choir; Renaissance Ringers; Dave Jenkins, Sound Technician.

**Renaissance Ringers:** Dianne Gerber, Marti Kelley, Bonnie Saunders, Sandi Templeton, Phil Thornbery, Sarah Thornbery, Lynne Wiley.

## Newly nominated officers:

**Bill Roggenkamp** is a newer member of the church, and has previously served Georgetown Presbyterian Church in Kentucky on session, the personnel committee, and the pastoral nominating committee. He is often working on projects around his house in Madison Township. He is married to Sharon Roggenkamp.

**Allan Smillie** joined the church in 1979, and has served previously as an elder, trustee, and on a pastoral nominating committee. He likes to play golf and is a major organizer of our Kirkin' of the Tartan Service. He is married to Fay Smillie.

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.

# 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.

## **Easter Memorials**

In the past two years it seems that so many of our loved ones have gone to live with the Lord. Even if our loved ones have been gone longer, it gives us joy and peace to remember each in a special way. Or, it is a joy to honor someone who is very special in our lives. The Easter Memorials sponsored by the Music and Worship Ministry Team will give us the opportunity to do that this year. The proceeds from the Easter Memorials will go to ***The Women and Children's Center in Middletown***. Each memorial will cost \$10.00. The name of your loved one and the person who gave will be printed on a special page in the Easter bulletin. *The Music and Worship Ministry Team appreciate your generosity for this very worthy cause.*

Easter Memorial order forms are available in the Narthex and the Gathering Area. You may place them in the offering plate or give them to Beth Susco in the Gathering Area after worship.

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

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

## **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 3/20 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 23 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.)

### **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.

### **Lenten Book Study**

During the season of Lent, we will be reading the book, *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, by Richard Rohr. We'll gather for a brief discussion following each Lenten Luncheon, beginning with chapters 5 and 6 on March 23. Copies are available in the main office with a suggested donation of \$10. The book is also available in 3-reader and audio forms. Contact the office for more information.

### **Sermon Series: Holy Week**

Preaching this Lent will focus on the final week of Jesus's life. Each Sunday will focus on a different day of Holy Week skipping Holy Tuesday.

- March 27 – Good Friday, John 18 - 19
- April 3 – Holy Saturday, John 19:38-42
- April 10 – Palm Sunday
- April 17 – Resurrection of the Lord

### **Maundy Thursday: *Hope in the Shadows***

Join us for worship on Maundy Thursday for a tenebrae service titled "Hope in the Shadows" on April 14, at 7:00 p.m. Our choir will be joining with the St. Luke Presbyterian Church Choir for this service which will include readings from the passion story and choral music.