



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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May 15, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

On Eagle's Wings

Arr. Lani Smith

* Call to Worship

Psalm 148:1-5, 13

Praise the LORD from heaven!

Praise God on the heights!

Praise God, all of you who are his messengers!

Praise God, all of you who comprise his heavenly forces!

Sun and moon, praise God!

All of you bright stars, praise God!

You highest heaven, praise God!

Do the same, you waters that are above the sky!

Let all of these praise the LORD's name

because God gave the command and they were created!

Let all of these praise the LORD's name

because only God's name is high over all.

* **Hymn #81** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* Austrian Hymn

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

* 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!

Invitation to Sunday School & Circle Time

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

John 13:31-35
Revelation 21:1-6

Sermon

Michael Isaacs

* Hymn #372

O For a World

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* 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

Let Your Light Shine
Sanctuary Choir

D. Besig/N. Price

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 #546** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* Sicilian Mariners

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Arr. Joel Raney



Our Life Together...

Leading worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Emily Pheanis, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Brian Shepard, Pianist; Sanctuary Choir; Parker Shablak; 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 for May: Please review these updated COVID-19 provisions and keep them 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.

Join us for Bible Study at 10:00 on Tuesday mornings! In May, we are beginning a three-series titled "Christian Responses to War."

We are eager to welcome **Phil DeGreg Trio** to worship on Pentecost, June 5. Stay after worship for hotdogs and ice cream on the front lawn.

Children's Ministry

Nursery Care is available for infants and children up to 5 years old every Sunday, located next to Room 110. **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). In May, Sunday School will meet on May 15 and May 22. We especially want to include children and youth in special worship celebrations such as Communion, etc.