



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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May 22, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Blessed Assurance

Larry Shackley

* Call to Worship

from Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and may God's face shine upon us,

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

* Hymn #375

Shall We Gather at the River

Hanson Place

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

* 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.

Invitation to Sunday School

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Acts 16:9-15
Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5

Sermon

Michael Isaacs

*** Hymn #307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM Rhonnda

*** Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

from the Belhar Confession

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

Welcome & Announcements

Anthem

We Behold His Glory
Sanctuary Choir

Pepper Choplin

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 #295**

Go to the World!

Sine Nomine

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Arr. Fred Bock



Our Life Together...

Leading worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Paul Nisbet, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Brian Shepard, Pianist; Jim Harris, Sound Technician, Lynne Wiley, Barista.

The deacons have placed two white carnations on the chancel rail in loving memory of **Reva Dempster**, who died on May 14 and for **Vonnie Root**, who died on May 16.

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 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.

This Tuesday is our last Bible Study before summer. Join us for a one-week session on one of the most influential sermons of the twentieth century. "Shall the Fundamentalists Win?" was preached 100 years ago by Harry Emerson Fosdick at First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York. Come and discuss its continued relevance for today. Join us at 10:00 a.m.

We are eager to welcome the **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). We will meet today. This will be the last Sunday School class until fall. We especially want to include children and youth in special worship celebrations such as Communion, etc.

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.

Family of Reva Dempster	Mildred Miller	Chuck Vack
Terry Evick	Thelma Ramsey	Scott & Jenny
Mike Hamlin	Marilyn Raymond	Walker
Becky Hillshafer	Family of Reagan	Matthew Ward
Frances Huntzinger	Scacchetti	Ruthie Wells
Marti Kelley	Janet Scott	Buffalo, NY
Jane & Dale Kiker	Christina Steele	Peace in Ukraine

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