



# First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio  
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**May 8, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.**

## **Prelude**

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Arr. Lloyd Larson

## **\* Call to Worship**

Revelation 7:9-12

There was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice:

**"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"**

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing:

**"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."**

## **\* Hymn #267**

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Madrid

## **\* Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

## **\* 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** John 10:22-30

**Sermon** Michael Isaacs

\* **Hymn #182** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* Kingsfold

\* **Affirmation of Faith (unison)** Psalm 23 (CEB)

The Lord is my shepherd.

I lack nothing.

He lets me rest in grassy meadows;

he leads me to restful waters;

he keeps me alive.

He guides me in proper paths

for the sake of his good name.

Even when I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no danger because you are with me.

Your rod and your staff—

they protect me.

You set a table for me

right in front of my enemies.

You bathe my head in oil;

my cup is so full it spills over!

Yes, goodness and faithful love

will pursue me all the days of my life,

and I will live in the Lord's house as long as I live.

## Welcome & Announcements

**Anthem** *Sing Them Over Again to Me* Arr. Joseph Martin  
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 #741** *Guide My Feet* Guide My Feet  
Verses 1-4

## Charge and Benediction

**Postlude** *All Hail the Power* Arr. Joel Raney



# *Our Life Together...*

**Leading worship today:** Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Paul Nisbet, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Brian Shepard, Pianist; Sanctuary Choir; Parker Shablak; Sound Technician, Debbie Cover, 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 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."

**Men's Monthly Meeting** is an opportunity for the men of the church to get together and socialize over dinner. On **Tuesday, May 9**, the meeting will be at Wildwood Golf Club, 601 Aberdeen Dr. at **5:30 p.m.** Hope to see you there!

**Graduates:** Are you graduating? Or is someone in your household graduating? We'd like to lift up graduates in a time of prayer during worship on Sunday, May 15, and offer a small gift. Please call the church office or email [sandy@fpcmiddletown.com](mailto:sandy@fpcmiddletown.com) with any names to include.

## **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 April, Sunday School will meet on May 8, May 15, and May 22. 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.