



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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September 18, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Marilyn Thompson

*** Call to Worship**

from Psalm 36

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

**Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.**

*** 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.
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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Luke 16:1-13

Sermon

Michael Isaacs

* Hymn #697

Take My Life
Verses 1-4

Hendon

* **Affirmation of Faith (unison)** from the United Church of Canada

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

Anthem

You Alone Are God
Sanctuary Choir

Mary McDonald

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 #175

Seek Ye First

Lafferty

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

How Majestic Is Your Name

Arr. Fred Bock



Our Life Together...

Leading worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Emily Pheanis, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Brian Shepherd, Pianist; Sanctuary Choir; Dave Jenkins, 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: 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.

Join us for our **Monday Walk & Talk** at 10:00 a.m. at the Gathering Area Doors.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will focus on Exodus 3 & 4 this week at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room.

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

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

Children's Ministry

Nursery Care is available for infants and children up to 5 years old every Sunday, located next to Room 110. Two Childcare Workers, Monique Watkins and Ingrid Cuadra, provide exceptional care for which we are grateful.

Sunday School (children ages 6-12) is offered most Sundays* in the Godly Play Room following the Circle Time for Young Disciples portion of worship at which time 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 September, Sunday School will meet on 9/11, 9/18 and 9/25. We especially want to include children and youth in special worship celebrations such as Communion, Kirkin of the Tartans, 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.

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