



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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September 25, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

In the Garden
with “Liebestraum” by Liszt

Arr. Mark Hayes

* Call to Worship

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

Living in the Most High’s shelter,
camping in the Almighty’s shade,

**I say to the LORD, “You are my refuge, my stronghold!
You are my God—the one I trust!”**

God will save you from the hunter’s trap
and from deadly sickness.

**God will protect you with his pinions;
you’ll find refuge under his wings.
God’s faithfulness is a protective shield.**

Don’t be afraid of terrors at night,
arrows that fly in daylight,

**or sickness that prowls in the dark,
destruction that ravages at noontime.**

God says, “Because you are devoted to me,
I’ll rescue you.

I’ll protect you because you know my name.

Whenever you cry out to me, I’ll answer.

I’ll be with you in troubling times.

I’ll save you and glorify you.

I’ll fill you full with old age.

I’ll show you my salvation.”

* Hymn #43

On Eagle’s Wings

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* Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* **Gloria Patri**

We Are Forgiven

Hymnal #447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Jeremiah 31:1-3a, 6-15

Luke 16:19-31

Sermon

Michael Isaacs

* **Hymn #772**

Live into Hope

Truro

* **Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

from a Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

We trust in Jesus Christ,

fully human, fully God

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and live holy and joyful lives.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God

in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

Anthem

A Psalm for Life

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 #700** *I'm Going to Live So God Can Use Me* I'm Gonna Live

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* Arr. P. Dickens



Our Life Together...

Leading worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Barb Nein, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Susan Beagle, Pianist; Sanctuary Choir; Jim Harris, 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: 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.

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 9/25. 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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