



# First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio

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**August 13, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.**

## **Prelude**

*How Firm a Foundation* Settings by M. Burkhardt  
*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

## **\* 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 #463**

*How Firm a Foundation*

Foundation

## **\* Prayer of Confession**

Psalm 71

God of refuge and strength, cover us with your grace. Uphold us with your strength, and forgive us with your mercy. As we confess our sin, rescue us from despair, that we may never feel separated from you and your boundless love. We confess these things and the hidden burdens of our hearts. Help us feel in our most inward parts, that even as we have already been known, so have we already been loved and forgiven. For this we give you thanks and praise.

## **\* Assurance of Forgiveness**

## **\* Gloria Patri**

Hymnal #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen!

**\* Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

Isaiah 55:1-3

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Matthew 14:13-21

**Sermon**

“Our Deepest Hunger!”

Rev. Brakemeyer

**\* Hymn #803**

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Resignation

**\* 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 and Announcements**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*Shout to the Lord*

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Mick Susco, tenor and Tony Susco, bass

**\* Doxology**

Hymnal #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**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 #366**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hyfrydol

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Albert Travis

\* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



# ***Our Life Together...***

**Leading Worship today:** Rev. Randall Brakemeyer, Pastor; Ken Thomas, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Organist/Pianist; Mick Susco, Tony Susco, Duet/Song Leaders; 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.

**Wiggle bags** are available at each Sanctuary entrance to help children feel included and engaged during the worship service.

**Join us for Fellowship Hour** in the Gathering Area before and after today's service. Stop by for fellowship and refreshments.

## **Announcements**

### **Children's Ministry**

**Masks** are now considered optional in the nursery and Sunday School. As needed, masks and hand sanitizer are available in the hallway of the education wing.

**Nursery Care** is available for infants and children up to 5 years old, 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) will take a break during the summer months.

**Prayer list**

To submit prayer requests, please use the prayer card found in the pew in front of you. These may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed. The submitted requests will be included here next week.

Pete Beach	Eddie Poling	Allan & Fay Smillie
Hildy Brown	Family of Mary & Jim	Carla Smith
Lola Bruner	Porter	Shirley Steel
Helen Haass	Thelma & Julie	Pete Stilianos
Mike Hamlin	Ramsey	Connie Willis
Darla Harrison	Kathy Ressler	Welcome back
Ken & Debbie Jacobs	Janet Routson	Joyce & Tom
John & Nancy Peterson	Craig Rudd	Happy Birthday
	Van Rudd	Lynne Mack

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**CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
<b>Monday</b>	<b>14</b>	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>15</b>	4:00 p.m.	Middletown Teachers
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>16</b>	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17</b>	6:00 p.m.	Session
		6:00 p.m.	Yoga
		7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service