



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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July 2, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

How Great Thou Art

Dan Forrest

* Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 105

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**People: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**People: seek the Lord and his strength,
seek his presence continually.**

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,

**People: O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

* Hymn #49

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

You have called us to faithfulness, but fear or worldly concerns have often overwhelmed our faith and we have failed you. We confess that our faith, compared to that of our spiritual ancestor Abraham, is small and undeveloped. Strengthen our weak faith and enable us to contribute to the needs of the world. By your Holy Spirit, drive out anything from our hearts and minds that gets in the way of doing your will. So fill us with your love that this world will be a better place because we have lived in it. In the name of the One who has transformed the lives of countless millions we pray, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

* 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 Genesis 22:1-14

Scripture Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon "A Father's Unwavering Faith" Rev. McNulty

Hymn *Faith of our Fathers* St. Catherine
(See the insert)

Affirmation of Faith (unison) Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Come Thou Fount* Heather Sorenson
Julie Ramsey, soprano

*** 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.

Hymn #526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* Linstead
Verses 1 & 2

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 #526** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* Linstead
Verse 3

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* David McIntyre

* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Rev. Edward McNulty, Guest Pastor; Marty Hensler, Worship Assistant; Janet Scott, Organist/Pianist; Julie Ramsey, Soloist/Song Leader; Dave Jenkins, Sound Technician; Mary Brehm, 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

Men's Ensemble will rehearse Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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.

Men's (plus others) Monthly Meeting: It has been decided to extend an open invitation to any guest (male or female) to join us for all future meetings. If you would like to join us for dinner and fellowship, please feel free to attend. Fellowship begins approximately at 5:00 and we usually order dinner around 5:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be on **July 11** at Central Connections (3907 Central Avenue). We hope to see you there.

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.

Bill Baker
Lola Bruner
Helen Haass
Steve Jenkins
Lena & Tamela

Ted & Marcia Miller
John & Nancy Peterson
Craig Rudd
Van Rudd

Richard Sandefur
Allan & Fay Smillie
Carla Smith
Joyce Zigler

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