



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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October 29, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River

Joel Raney

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Larry Anderson

*** Call to Worship**

From Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should
change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

Leader: though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult...

**People: Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

Leader: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

People: Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations;

I am exalted in the earth."

**ALL: The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

*** Hymn #263**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Coronation

Prayer of Confession

Adapted from prayers of Martin Luther

Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God; make them ever watchful to serve your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work. Trouble us with your great love for sinners and our own slowness to make you our greatest love. Trouble us with the brevity of our lives and time, talent, and treasure not invested in eternity. Comfort us by drawing us to yourself with the cords of your unfailing mercy. Comfort us, O Lord, with the assurance of our salvation and unending glory with you when we suffer and are afflicted. Rekindle in us a renewed desire for the coming of your glorious kingdom when all wrongs will be made right and when everything that is broken will be made whole.

*** 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

Psalm 145:1-7

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2 Timothy 4:6-22

Sermon

“Winter’s Coming”

Rev. Ken Howard

*** Hymn #697**

Take My Life

Hendon

Verses 1, 2, 3, 5

*** Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

From the Heidelberg Catechism

That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

We Believe
Sanctuary Choir

D. Besig/N. Price

*** 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 #187** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* Bradbury

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Toccata on "And Can It Be?"* John Innes

* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Rev. Ken Howard, Guest Preacher; Lynne Mack, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist/Pianist; Susan Beagle, Pianist; Sanctuary Choir; Dave Jenkins, 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.

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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets in the Youth Room at 10:00 a.m. We are exploring the book "Sabbath as Resistance" (Saying NO to the Culture of Now). Books are available in the church office or pick one up at Bible Study. If you have any questions, call the church office or contact Barb Nein at barbara.nein@yahoo.com.

The *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, 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 Passing of the Peace 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: This month, Sunday School will meet on 10/29. We especially want to include children and youth in special worship celebrations such as Communion, etc.)

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.

Carl & Jennifer Batliner	Ken & Debbie Jacobs Matt & Kara Miller	Van Rudd Geneva Shea
Brian	Family of John Peterson	Family of Allan
Lola Bruner	Phyllis	Smillie
Paul Frey	Danny Raleigh	Sandi Templeton
Helen Haass	Thelma & Julie Ramsey	Wanda Terrell
Mike Hamlin	Fred & Lynne Rentschler	

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