



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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March 24, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Arr. Joel Raney

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Dianne Gerber

* Call to Worship

from Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29

Give thanks to the Lord

God's love endures forever!

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief
cornerstone

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

* **Hymn #197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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* **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

O Lord our God, you are the giver of light. Let your face shine upon us and save us in your steadfast love. For though you call us to have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, we have rebelled rather than obeyed, and closed our ears to your teaching. We shrink from suffering, and when left to ourselves would rather retaliate than turn the other cheek. Forgive us, O God; save us from all sin and selfishness. For if you are our helper, there is none to declare us guilty.

* **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Ps. 118:20-21

Scripture tells us this is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. Thank you O God, that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

Thanks be to God!

* **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 50:4-9a

Scripture Mark 11:1-11

Sermon Justin Miller

*** Hymn #196** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

*** 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; on the third day He rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Hosanna! Sing a Loud Hosanna!* Mark Hayes
Sanctuary Choir

*** 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 #215

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Arr. Jason Krug
Renaissance Ringers

* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Justin Miller, Pastor; Nancy Peterson, Worship Assistant; Brian Shepard, Director/Organist; Janet Scott, Director of Handbells/Pianist; Sanctuary Choir; Renaissance Ringers; 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

Monday Morning Bible Study "If you are interested in diving deeper into God's Word in a different, more casual, setting as compared to Sunday morning, join us for the Monday morning Bible study. It is a time to gather, discuss, and learn from one another how God's Word is speaking to and through each of us. We will be hosting Bible studies at the church, meeting tentatively each Monday at 9:45 a.m. in the Memorial Room. For the next several weeks we will be going through the book of Ruth. If you are interested in receiving weekly email reminders send an email to justin@fpcmiddletown.com and you will get added to the Bible Study list. We look forward to seeing you there!"

Easter Egg Hunt: We will have an Easter Egg Hunt following worship. Please go to the Gathering Area following the service for instructions.

The combined Sanctuary Choir and St. Luke Choir will rehearse Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

We are still collecting items for Hope House. The mission currently serves more than 50,000 meals per year. The two main needs for the mission continue to be shower shoes (rubber flip flops) and reusable water bottles.

There will be an **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** on Sunday, April 14, following the worship service. We will be electing new officers.

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.

Abby & baby	Evelyn Hensler	Thelma Ramsey
Rhonda Anderson	Becky Hillshafer	Richard Sandefur
Briana Boyle	Karen Kruse	Geneva Shea
Mary Brehm	Joyce Leff	Eva Straub
Aunt Deloris	Charlie Mack	Helen Taylor
Mary Sue Edwards	Corrin Maure	Betty Ann Terrell
Beth Hurst Fening	Paul McNulty	Wanda Terrell
and family	Diane Norton	Bill & Lynn Thomas
Lynn Getter	Jim Pearce	Connie Willis
Helen Haass	Roman Pearce	Joyce Zigler
Mike Hamlin	Don Pelfrey and family	Indian Lake
Kathy Harris	Larry Price	Communities

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