

Welcome, we're glad you're here!

We welcome you to join us on a transformative journey.

Seeking God, we strive to know God and love God.

Serving others, we follow our Servant Savior to help bring fullness of life to others.

Sharing Christ's love with all, we proclaim the unconditional love of Christ filled with joy and hope.

If you are a Miami student, we invite you to make this your church home away from home during your time at Miami.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Soloist: Luke Wielgos, baritone **Liturgist:** Nicholas Payne

(Image on cover: The Sea of Galilee)

WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION – Summer Food Drive Matt Lykins

PRELUDE *"Lord of All Hopefulness"*
arr. Robert Lau

***CALL to WORSHIP** (Inspired by Psalm 133)

One: It's awesome when all of the people live together in unity!

**All: When waters are rough,
We hold each other tightly.**

**When the sea begins to swallow us,
We hold each other tightly and call on God.**

But we also need the Lord and each other when there are no looming waves.

**We can splash and play in the shallow end
And venture into deeper waters with trusted friends.
in refreshing currents of community
And savoring each burst of laughter,
Let's invite others to join in the fun!**

*** HYMN** – *"Sing a New Song to the Lord"* #2045

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Inspired by 1 Samuel 17)

**O God, sometimes we are like David,
and sometimes Goliath:
forgive us for our two-sided nature.**

**We face the powerful with righteous anger,
but cling to any sense of power that we attain.**

**We are grateful when grace is extended to us,
yet remain absent-minded of this when others
have wronged us.**

**We treat our own as family,
yet ignore sisters and brothers
whom we see only from a distance.**

**As people of paradox,
we long for oneness with ourselves and others,
with Christ and creation,
so that justice and love may flow freely.
Amen.**

(a time of silence is held for personal prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**God's grace washes upon the turbulent
shores of our lives;
and we are forgiven to begin again
to live at peace with ourselves and others,
with Christ and creation,
allowing justice and love to flow freely
through our lives.
Alleluia! Amen!**

*SHARING THE PEACE

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Children in Preschool through Grade 5 are dismissed to class following the children's message.)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Shine upon us, God of glory,
And by your Holy Spirit reveal to us
The grace and truth of Jesus Christ,
Your Word made flesh. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Mark 4:35-41

This is the good news.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "When the Seeds of Faith
Survive the Storms of Life" Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN** – *"Be Still, My Soul"* #819

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (sins...sin)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"Let It Be Consecrated"* Mark Hayes
Luke Wielgos, soloist

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** – *"How Firm a Foundation"* #463

*BLESSING

**We are the waters in which God swims!
Through the currents, crashing waves,
and depths of the unknown,
the Lord's holy presence abides.**

**May God continue charting new courses
of ministry among us.
May God always reveal new ways
of being in the world that unites
creation in a collective call of
"Peace! Be still!"**

***POSTLUDE** *Trumpet Recessional*
Francesco Manfredini
arr. Michael Burkhardt

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Large-print bulletins and hearing assistance units are available from the ushers. **Please sign the friendship pads found at the end of the pew and pass them to your neighbors.**

Greeters: Bill and Katya Fisher

The flowers on the communion table are given by Cia Beal with thanks for all the good things the Lord has given us.

Mission Partners Prayer List:
Presbytery of the Miami Valley: Covington Presbyterian
Sister Churches: The First Church of Zlatoust, Russia
and The Seventh Church of Barranquilla, Colombia

Congregational Concerns: Betty Barnhart, John Curry, Tracy DeGood, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Breanna Kinneman, Jan Reinhart, Becky Rudolph, Charles Skipper, Sarah Soika, Joan Teckman, Dave Wilson, Stacey Winn, Jean Woodruff

Email prayer requests call Pat Roberts, 513-255-0549 or email the church office, office@oxfordpresbychurch.org.

Fellowship hour hosted by Diane Young on behalf of the Membership, Evangelism and Fellowship Committee.

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Members of the Stewardship and Finance Committee urge all church members to keep their pledge giving up to date. Church offering income tends to lag during the summer vacation period, yet our bills continue at a normal pace. Thank you all.

MINISTRY NEWS:



Blessing of the Animals: Join us on Saturday, June 30 at 10:00 a.m. in the courtyard of the Memorial Facility as we Bless the Animals. Bring your dogs and cats... bring your gerbils and birds... bring your rabbits and fish...bring your friends and grandchildren with their beloved pets. All animals are welcome and must be securely restrained.

Ripped from the Headlines: Have you ever wondered what Jesus would say about current events in our country and world? What do other Presbyterian Christians think? Would you welcome an opportunity to discuss topics in a supportive environment where all views can be heard and respected? We tend to avoid difficult subjects, but maybe we should talk more, not less!

Adults (including YOUTH) are encouraged to attend **and/or lead** summer gatherings called Ripped from the Headlines for discussion of current events through a Presbyterian lens. There will be a different topic each week, chosen by **that week's leader**. Topics and locations change each week. You do not need to have attended previous gatherings to come. Gatherings are on Sunday afternoons, 3-5.

Deacons Children's Food Drive: Many children depend on school lunches and need extra food at home during the summer.

The Deacons respectfully request donations this summer between June 17-July 29th. Food and Monetary donations may be dropped off at church services or any other time during the summer. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make a check out to the Oxford Presbyterian Church with "Children's Food Drive" in the note field and place it in the donation plate during offering. The money will be used to purchase food for the Oxford Choice Food Pantry. According to the Oxford Choice Food Pantry, there is a real need for canned fruit right now. Other needs include: cereal, spaghetti sauce, canned meals (such as Chef Boyardee or Kroger meals) and peanut butter.

Toilet paper, child personal care items like body wash, deodorant, shampoo and hair conditioner are also appreciated.

Church Services at the Knolls: If you are unable to attend some of our church services on Sunday mornings, we have another option for you. Becky Quay shows recent church services on DVD in the Country Kitchen at 10:00 A.M. Join us Tuesday, June 26th. If you need a ride, please give Becky a call at 523-5747. **This gathering takes July and August off, see you again in September.**

Sunday School Volunteers!! We are in need of volunteers to serve as a second adult in the preschool classroom this summer. A background check must be completed and on file at OPC prior to serving. If you are interested, please contact Jenn Walter at (513) 593-4883.

Habitat for Humanity Finishing up! We will be working on Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through July. Please see Prue Dana if you can help.

VBS Summer 2018 Theme: Praise the Lord-Psalm 150

Location: Oxford Presbyterian Church (Meals will take place at Oxford United Methodist Church)

Time: Fri July 6th 5-8 PM, dinner served
Sat July 7th 9:45 AM-1 PM, lunch served
Sun July 8th 9:45-11:15 AM, lunch served with congregation invited

Registration: Please fill out a paper form (available in the Molyneaux Lounge) for your children (grades entering PreK through leaving 5th grade) and for volunteers (student helpers/volunteers 6th grade and up, adults). **Online registration is also available via the OPC website:** oxfordpresbychurch.org/vbs

It takes many, many people to get this going. We are in need of volunteers to help with:

- registration
- Sunday luncheon / (set up, serving, clean up) All congregation members are invited to join us after service for a luncheon and fellowship at the Oxford United Methodist Church. We ask each person to bring a dish to share. (entrée, salad, dessert)
- Questions? — Please contact Emily Lykins.
- photographer
- craft co-leader/helpers
- team crew leaders and co-leader/helpers
- setup on July 5th & 6th
- tear down/clean up July 8th during and after luncheon

Set up: Thursday July 5th 4:30-8:30 PM and Friday 9 AM - 2 PM. Any youth in the OPC Youth Group available are asked to join us in helping with the set up. Dinner/lunch will be provided. If any student is in need of documentation for needed service hours, please let Mary Shinn know and she will get that to you. Adult volunteers also welcome!

Supplies/donations: We are collecting paper towel and toilet paper tubing, oatmeal/cornmeal canisters with lids and other cylindrical containers with lids, assorted brightly colored tissue paper and streamers, multi-colored ribbons of assorted colors and lengths

Mandatory training for all volunteers held at OPC (only one session needs to be attended):
Sunday July 1st, 1-2 PM or Thursday July 5th 6:30-7:30 PM
Questions? — Please contact Prue Dana

Sunday, June 24

10:00 Worship
10:20 Sunday School
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux

Junior High Youth – Camp

Monday, June 25 Junior High Youth – Camp

**Tuesday, June 26
Junior High Youth – Camp**
10:00 OPC DVD Showing (Knolls)

Wednesday, June 27 Junior High Youth – Camp

Thursday, June 28

Junior High Youth – Camp

Friday, June 29 Junior High Youth – Camp

**Saturday, June 30
Junior High Youth – Camp**
10:00 Blessing of the Animals (Courtyard)
10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)

Sunday, July 1

10:00 Worship
10:20 Sunday School
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux

Pastor: Lawrence Bartel

Clerk of Session: Julia Fisher

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, June 24, 2018



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