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## 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.*

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*\*Please rise in body or in spirit* Liturgist: Billie Maynard

Guest Musician: Doug Hamilton, violin

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### CHIMES

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION – Relay for Life Janet Holmes

#### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Howard Thurman (1900–1981))

**All:** Lord, open unto me  
Open unto me—light for my darkness.  
Open unto me—courage for my fear.  
Open unto me—hope for my despair.  
Open unto me—peace for my turmoil.  
Open unto me—joy for my sorrow.  
Open unto me—strength for my weakness.  
Open unto me—wisdom for my confusion.  
Open unto me—forgiveness for my sins.  
Open unto me—love for my hates.  
Open unto me—thy Self for myself.  
Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

(International Commission on English in the Liturgy, Inc)

God of the ages, you call the church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times. Grant us the wisdom which your Spirit bestows, that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word, and complete the work that you have set before us; through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

\*HYMN – “All Creatures of Our God and King” #15

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

The gift and obligation of unity is given and commanded by God for the Christian church. Together we confess that the one worldwide community of believers is not united:

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world. Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter the church, making it hard to see that we are your community. We act as though we do not need each other. We do not always love one another. We do not know and bear one another's burdens. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. Forgive us and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you grant us.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(Barbara Hedges-Goettl. Used with permission)

One: By Christ's work, we are reconciled and united with God and with one another. Thanks be to God for the Good News:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

#### \*INTRODUCTION TO THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Words by Johanna Van-Wijk Bos)

One: Thanks be to God for this new day!

**All: For the sun, and the moon, and the stars above, for all that is around me.**

One: I will be close to the earth, I will be close to myself, and I will be close to those around me

**All: Thanks be to God for this new day!**

One: The Peace of God be with you

**All: And also, with you**

One: Now greet one another with the peace of Christ.

HYMN – “Great is Thy Faithfulness” #39

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Dick Munson

Children: May God be with you here  
**Congregation: May God be with you there.**

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

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE

A reading from Mark 3:13-35

SERMON - “Called to be Family” Deanna Roberts

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN – “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout” #100

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ.

**All: Through the work of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force.**

One: At the same time, unity must also be earnestly pursued and sought.

**All: We must be continually built up to attain this unity.**

One: Our unity must become visible to the world.

**All: Separation and hatred between people and groups is sin, already conquered by Christ.**

One: Anything threatening our unity has no place in the church.

**All: We commit ourselves to resisting anything that threatens our unity.**

One: The unity of the people of God is active and made manifest.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

#### PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

(Lisa Vander Wal. Used with permission.)

...Across the barriers that divide race from race:

**Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**

Across the barriers that divide rich from poor:

**Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**

Across the barriers that divide people of different cultures:

**Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**

Across the barriers that divide Christians:

**Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**

Across the barriers that divide men and women, young and old:

**Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**

Confront us, O Christ, with the hidden prejudices and fears that deny and betray our prayers.

**Enable us to see the causes of strife, remove from us all senses of superiority.**

Teach us to grow in unity with all God's children.

**To the honor of your name: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

HYMN – “Guide My Feet” #741

#### BENEDICTION

May the grace and peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and minds focused on the reconciling love of Jesus Christ. May this love guide and lead us as we move from this place. **Amen**

POSTLUDE *Allegro assai* from Violin Concerto in A minor J. S. Bach

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:** Cia Beal and Connie Everhart

**The flowers** on the communion table are given in loving memory of Walter N. Suit by his family.

**Mission Partners Prayer List:**

**Presbytery of the Miami Valley:** Covenant Presbyterian Church  
**Sister Churches:** The First Church of Zlatoust, Russia and The Seventh Church of Barranquilla, Colombia

**Congregational Concerns:** Betty Barnhart, John Curry, Steve Dana, 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](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org).

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

**MINISTRY NEWS:**

**Guest Worship Leader:** This Sunday we welcome Deanna Roberts as our worship Leader. Deanna is a May 2018 graduate of Union Theological Seminary NYC and a 2014 graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She grew up in Oxford, graduated from Miami University and now lives in New York City with her 7-year-old rescue dog, Bella. Deanna enjoys cooking, being outside, and making music on her violin or steel drum. Currently, she works as the Circulation and Reserves Assistant at The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary—one of Columbia University's 22 libraries while she finishes up her ordination process. Deanna is grateful for the opportunity to lead worship again at OPC.

**Habitat Update:** The dedication of the Carter Lane house was held Saturday, June 9. The work schedule has been extended until the first of August in order to finish the second house. Please see Prue Dana if you can volunteer.

**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.

**TODAY, June 10, the topic will be the 2nd Amendment.**

Host family: Anne and Rick Bailey, 192 Stone Creek Drive from 3-5 p.m.

**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.

**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. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. For June, that's the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join us, but need a ride, just give Becky a call at 523-5747. **This gathering takes July and August off, so Becky will see you again in September.**

**Tuesday Afternoon Circle:** The Tuesday Afternoon Circle will meet June 19<sup>th</sup> for their last meeting of this year and Prue Dana will lead the final lesson, Lesson 9, "In Community with all the Saints". Karen Shearer will conduct the Least Coin and Becky Quay has Mission Yearbook. Reservations for the optional \$8, 12 o'clock lunch at the Café at the Knolls are due by Friday June 15<sup>th</sup> to Lynn Cronk at 513-524-8574 or [lcronk@woh.rr.com](mailto:lcronk@woh.rr.com). The study begins at 1:30 on the 19<sup>th</sup> in the Country Kitchen. Visitors and guests are always welcome to join this circle.

**Relay for Life:** Our Oxford Presbyterian Church Relay for Life team is starting their fund-raising efforts for this year's campaign. The Relay is an event held in uptown Oxford to raise money for Cancer Research for prevention and to help find a cure. This year's event is on Saturday, June 23. If you have donated in the past, or if you would like to donate this year, please let one of our members know. Members this year include: Jennifer Lake, Janet Holmes, Candace Crist, Paula Foltz, Leanne Staley, Becky Quay, or Debbie Davidson.

**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.

**Vacation Bible School: Oxford Presbyterian Church**  
Friday, July 6th 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (dinner included)  
Saturday, July 7th 9:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (lunch included)  
Sunday, July 8th 9:45 a.m. - Noon (lunch included)

**Register online:** [oxfordpresbychurch.org](http://oxfordpresbychurch.org)

**Child Participant:** <https://goo.gl/forms/OBJZfZy8LIOSMEH2>

**Volunteer:** <https://goo.gl/forms/2eV2qsw977nWGgli2>.

**Please consider helping in a volunteer role.**

**MINISTRY CALENDAR:**

**Sunday, June 10**

**Worship Leader:**

**Deanna Roberts**

9:00 MEF (CE Office)

10:00 Worship

10:20 Sunday School

11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux

**Tuesday, June 12**

10:00 OPC DVD Showing (Knolls)

5:30 Worship and Music (2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor's Office)

6:30 Trustees

**Wednesday, June 13**

6:30 CE (Youth Room)

**Saturday, June 16**

**Youth Mission Trip –**

**Charleston, SC**

10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)

**Sunday, June 17**

**Youth Mission Trip –**

**Charleston, SC**

10:00 Worship

10:20 Sunday School

11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux

**Pastor: Lawrence H. Bartel**

**Clerk of Session: Julia R. Fisher**

# Third Sunday after Pentecost



**Sunday, June 10, 2018**



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