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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: Katie Curry

(Image on cover: Communion at the Church of the Sermon on the Mount in T'billin, Galilee)

## WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

### CHIMES

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** – September Meeting      Pam Deahl  
of Presbytery

**PRELUDE**      *"I Come with Joy"*  
Setting, David P. Dahl

**CHORAL INTROIT**      *"The Feast Is Ready"*  
Graham Kendrick

**\*CALL to WORSHIP** (Inspired by Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15)

One: God of grace and abundance,  
you call your people to prayer and praise in many ways.  
This day, bring us together just as you called the people  
of Israel to gather manna in the wilderness  
to eat and sustain life.

All: **Lord of love and life,  
give us this day our daily bread.**

Offer us the nutrients we need to remain  
connected to you.

Created in your image,  
we desire to receive food that endures—  
faith, hope, and love.

**Lord of love and life,  
give us this day our daily bread.**

All life is created and nourished by you!  
May we grow into a community of faith,  
reflecting the ways in which we have  
been touched by your holy manna.

**Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.**

**\*HYMN** – *"Here in This Place"*      #401

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Inspired by Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15)

**Holy One, we confess that we often spoon-feed  
ourselves items and ideas that do not provide us  
the energy we need to do your work.  
We say we will live to serve others,  
but end up meeting only our needs.**

**We claim to live in a way that honors Christ,  
but we do not take Jesus to work, school, home.**

**Forgive us, Presence of Peace.  
Instead of grumblers,  
may we be ambassadors of grace.  
Instead of complaining,  
may we carry compassion to the hurting.  
Instead of whiners,  
may we be workers with Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and Savior,  
to reach out and bring the kingdom of God  
to everyone we meet.  
Amen.**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

This is the good news:  
there is no ranking in God's kingdom.  
**Jesus Christ graces everyone with the same gifts:  
mercy, restoration, new life.**

The Lord has kept the covenant.  
We have been forgiven,  
we have been made new people.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen!**

### **\*SHARING THE PEACE**

### **A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

(Children in Preschool through Grade 8  
are dismissed to class following the children's message.)

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### **UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Jesus, in the Spirit of Pentecost,  
you always come to us.  
Whatever point we may find ourselves,  
you are always waiting for us.  
Open our hearts to what you want us to hear  
in your Word today. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE**

A reading from Exodus 16:1-15

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** – *"Crossing the Thresholds"*      Pastor Lawrence

## WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**CHORAL ANTHEM**      *"Jesus Took the Cup"*  
arr. Hal H. Hopson

### **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

This is the table of our Lord, and you are invited.  
**Here God bends down and feeds us,  
Christ renews us and refreshes our spirits.**

Come, trusting in God's goodness,  
Thankful for Jesus' forgiveness,  
**Remembering God's love for us made  
manifest in the person of Jesus Christ.  
Our savior invites all those who trust  
him to share the feast which he has prepared.**

One: (Singing) The Lord be with you.

All: (Singing) And also with you.

**Lift up your hearts.**

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

It is truly right and our greatest joy  
to give you thanks and praise,  
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe,  
you framed us in your image  
and breathed into us the breath of life.

**You set us in this world to love and serve you,  
and to live in peace with all that you have made.  
Therefore, we praise you,  
joining our voices with the celestial choirs  
and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:**

All: (Singing)

**Holy, Holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Pour out your Spirit upon us and these your gifts that the  
bread we break and the cup we bless would become a true  
communion with you and with our neighbor. Give us the  
strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of  
resurrection, when, with the redeemed of all the ages we  
will feast with you in glory.

So, we lift up the prayers upon our hearts...  
(Joys and Concerns will be offered up at this time.)  
And now as your daughters and sons whom you have  
reconciled to yourself, we pray: **Our Father in heaven,**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE SHARING OF THE CUP**

(All are welcome to approach the communion stewards  
at the front or back of the sanctuary. Receive the gift of  
Bread, hearing the words, "the Bread of Life," and then dip  
it into the Cup, hearing the words, "The Cup of Salvation."  
The crackers on the communion plates are gluten free.  
Please return to your seat by the outer aisles.

If it's not comfortable for you to walk, a steward will  
joyfully offer you communion in your seat.)

**OFFERING**      *"Strengthen for Service, Lord"*  
arr. Edwin T. Childs

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**HYMN** – *"Together We Serve"*      #767

**\*BLESSING**

God's generous love is overwhelming!  
As we have been fed this day,  
let us go and offer this abundance to others.

**May the Bread of Life give us joy for the journey  
as we go to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ  
with our whole lives.  
Alleluia! Amen!**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

*"Go Now in Love and Peace"*  
Patrick M. Liebergen

**\*POSTLUDE**

*"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*  
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:** Jim and Billie Maynard

**Mission Partners Prayer List:**

**Presbytery of the Miami Valley:** Corinth 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, Ruth Miller, Jan Reinhart, Becky Rudolph, Charles Skipper, Sarah Soika, Joan Teckman, Dave Wilson, Stacey Winn, Jean Woodruff

Email prayer requests to Janet Holmes, [holmest2@frontier.com](mailto:holmest2@frontier.com), call Pat Roberts, 513-255-0549 or email the church office, [office@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org).

**Fellowship hour following worship hosted by the Trustees.**

**MINISTRY NEWS:**

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Tear this portion of your bulletin and place in the Administrative Assistant mailbox.

**Community Meal Sponsored by OPC: Wednesday, August 29.**  
Please call or email Bill Fisher at 524-4504 or [fisherwf@miamioh.edu](mailto:fisherwf@miamioh.edu) if you can help.

Any dry goods for the dry goods pantry are also accepted.

**Volunteers needed to:**

Help setup at 4:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ Help serve 5:30-6:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Help clean up 6:30-7:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

**I can bring:**

Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Buns \_\_\_\_\_ Chips \_\_\_\_\_ Dessert \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Ripped from the Headlines:** The next meeting will be held TODAY. We plan to discuss Global Warming. The meeting will be led by and held at Jenn and Bella Walter's home, 6479 Contreras Rd., from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Adults (including YOUTH) are encouraged to attend.

Next week on August 12, the topic will be "Holding the Tension: Walking Faithfully through Israel and Palestine as a Disciple of Christ in the 21st Century". The meeting will be led by Pastor Lawrence and held at the Pavilion on 4719 Bonham Road from 4:00-6:00 p.m. (Note the time change!) Dinner will follow for those who can stay.

All are welcome whether or not you have attended any meetings in the past. Please consider joining the discussions in a supportive atmosphere where all views are encouraged and accepted.

**Summer 2018 Joint Worship Service:** Sunday, August 12 we join our brothers and sisters of Oxford United Methodist Church (OUMC). Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary of OUMC at the corner of Church and Poplar Streets. Come and celebrate our unity as the body of Christ!

**Bed and Breakfast.....for a Cause**

\*Who? You, we hope!

\*Why? Hospitality for Miami students' families and support 4 local OPW Benevolences.

\*What? Do you have a bedroom and bathroom to offer?

\*When? Any of the following:

- Miami's Family Week-ends: beginning Fri./ Sat., Sept. 28-29, 2018; May Graduation Weekends; future Homecoming Week-ends; Future Move-in/ Move-out Week-ends.

\*Where do I sign up? Contact Paula Foltz 513-523-9873. Signup sheets available outside the church office and in the Molyneaux.

\*\*We need 8 host homes by August 15, 2018, in order to publicize this project to students.

Sponsored by MEF (Mission, Evangelism, and Fellowship in partnership with OPW (Oxford Presbyterian Women).

**MINISTRY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, August 5**

- 9:00am Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00am Worship
- 10:20am Sunday School
- 11:10am Fellowship in the Molyneaux
- 3-5:00pm Ripped from the Headlines  
Hostess: Jenn & Bella Walter  
(6479 Contreras Rd.)

**Wednesday, August 8**

- 7:00pm Deacons (Molyneaux)

**Thursday, August 9**

- 5:30pm Mission and Outreach (2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor's Office)

**Saturday, August 11**

- 10:00am A.A. (Molyneaux)

**Sunday, August 12**

- 9:00am MEF (Christian Ed. Office)
- 10:00am Joint Worship at OUMC (NO Sunday School)**

**Pastor: Lawrence Bartel**

**Clerk of Session: Julia Fisher**

# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



**Sunday, August 5, 2018**



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