

***Please rise in body or in spirit** Liturgist: Kathy Hardy

WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME & MOMENTS FOR MISSION – Peacemaking
Rummage Sale
Deacon's Blood Drive

PRELUDE "As We Gather at Your Table"
setting, Lynn L. Petersen

CHORAL INTROIT "For Everyone Born"
Shirley Erena Murray and Brian Mann

***CALL to WORSHIP** (Inspired by Lamentations 3, Psalm 137)

One: Sing to the Lord,
whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!
All: **But how can we sing the Lord's song
when so many are without?**

Sing to the Lord,
whose faithfulness renews us every morning!
**But how can we sing the Lord's song
when so many are gone?**

Sing to the Lord,
who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!
**Let us remember the joy of the Lord,
and sing a new song together!**

***HYMN** – "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #39

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace:
You have called us to one table,
but we have pursued our own course.**

**You have promised us the bread of life itself,
but in our pride, and in our arrogance,
the world goes hungry.**

**You have promised us the waters
of peace and justice,
but in our violence, and in our discord,
the world goes thirsty.**

**And now we are famished, too, Lord.
Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again.**

**Transform us, at this table, and for this table,
and send us from this table
as servants of your righteousness,
by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.
Even when our plates are empty,
Jesus' generosity overflows.
And even when our hearts feel barren,
Christ's love overflows.**

Friends, we have been called and
claimed by the God of all things,
and by the abundance of God's grace,
and by the power of God's love,
our sins have been forgiven.
Alleluia! Amen!

***SHARING THE PEACE**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Sacrament of Baptism – Madelynn Deahl
Daughter of Bob and Amy Deahl, Sister of R.J. and Evelyn

Invitation

Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to
celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

**There is one body and one Spirit.
There is one hope in God's call to us.
There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Creator of us all.**

Presentation Elder Buzz Green

Questions for the Family and Congregation

Congregational Covenant with Madelynn

Do we promise, through prayer and example,
to support and encourage Madelynn
to be a faithful Christian?

**We as a community of faith promise to care for
Madelynn by our acts and by our way of life. With
others we will teach her the joy of God's world. We
will love her and care for her. We will allow her to
claim her own faith in Jesus Christ. We are glad to
share ourselves with her as she grows toward
Christian maturity. We are by this affirmation united
with her as a child of God and a member of the body
of Christ.**

Affirmation of Faith

Let us unite with the church in all times and places in
confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

I believe in God.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of Baptism

Act of Baptism

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Almighty God, give us ears to hear your story in
these words of Scripture; give us eyes to see your
story in the faces of those that surround us;
and give us faith enough, that by your grace,
we might serve you until the end of our days.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

A reading from 2 Timothy 1:1-14

For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON – "Promised and Called" Rev. Marc van Bulck

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN** – "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table" (vs. 1-3) #770

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

On this day around the world, the table has been set,
and at this moment we are one family at one table.

Imagine the world seated with Christ
at a sumptuous feast.

**Today we have a glimpse of that
with World Communion Sunday.
The invitation to this table is for all.
We are all welcome to this, Christ's table.**

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Embracing God...

**...We come together at this table to remember this
sacrament.**

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.

Creator God...

...With all the saints on this World Communion Sunday,
your people cry out:

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!**

The grains have been harvested...

...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,**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*(All are welcome to approach the communion stewards at
the front or back of the sanctuary. Receive the gift of
Bread, then dip it into the Cup. 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.
The crackers on the communion plates are gluten free.)*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Love Your Neighbor" Michael Helman

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** – "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table" (vs. 4-5) #770

***BLESSING**

**We are called to this table.
We are claimed at our baptism.
We are united at this meal.
And we are promised in God's covenant to us**

**Now, we are sent from this place
out into all the world.
Go therefore into the world, with courage.
Set a place for all who hunger.
Fill the cup of all who thirst.**

And as you go,
May the Spirit of power and love attend you,
may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ uphold you,
and may the great faithfulness of our God sustain you,
now and forever.
Alleluia! Amen!

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

***POSTLUDE** "Sing Glory to the Name of God"
arr. Jacob B. Weber

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.**

Greeter: Diane Young

Fellowship hour following worship hosted by the Middle School and High School Youth Groups.

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, John and Jean Woodruff

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

MINISTRY NEWS:

Congregational Meeting: All members are encouraged to stay for the congregational meeting following service. The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee will present Marc van Bulck as their candidate for the position of Associate Pastor for Family Ministry and Campus Ministry.

Rummage Setup: Crew should begin reporting on:
• Monday, October 8 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
• Tuesday, October 9 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
• Wednesday, October 10 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Rummage Sale: Actual show times are:

- Thursday Oct 11 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, Oct 12 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct 13 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Become A Member of Our OPC Family! We welcome all interested people to explore membership at the Oxford Presbyterian Church!! To find out more about the Presbyterian Church and specifically the Oxford congregation, join Pastor Lawrence for a series of Inquirer's Classes on October 14 and 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Associate Pastor's Office.

OPW FALL GATHERING: OPW invited Greg Hughes, Pastor Lawrence, Angela Trubceac Janet Zeigler and Amir Zahoor to share their Mosaic of Peace Conference experiences at the **Oxford Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering/ Fall Gathering** this fall. **On Sunday, October 14 we will start the evening, at 5:30.** We are opening the doors wide and inviting everyone, men and women, youth and elders to join in. Plan on bringing your best potluck chow to share!

Tuesday Afternoon Circle: The Tuesday Afternoon Circle will meet on October 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the Country Kitchen at the Knolls. Reservations for the optional noon lunch in the café are due to Rosemary by Friday the 12 of October.



Oxford Presbyterian Blood Drive
at
McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital
Wednesday, October 17
9:00am – 4:30pm
Appointments Encouraged
DonorTime.com
Sponsor Code #324

The World Around Us: Christian Education is delighted to invite you to our second Mini-Festival on **Wednesday, October 17 in the Seminary (104 E. Church Street)**. Featured Country: Camino de Santiago (Elliott Jones Boyles). Including Blake Collins from the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program. All ages welcome...bring the family!

Rise Against Hunger: OPC's Mission and Outreach along with CE, MEF, Music and Worship and Session are hosting a Rise Against Hunger Event on Oct. 21. Sign up at <http://events.stophungernow.org/OxfordPres2018>. There are several ways that you can support, go to the link above and give money on-line, you can write a check to OPC with Rise Against Hunger in the note-field, or place cash in a pew envelope with Rise Against Hunger on the envelope. **There is an excellent video about Rise Against Hunger at the bottom of the website.**

Save The Date: Heritage Sunday ~ October 28, 2018
Your brothers & sisters in Christ of the Oxford Presbyterian Church request the honor of your presence as we celebrate a special Heritage Sunday on October 28. The celebration will begin with a Worship Service at 10 A.M. in the Memorial building after which we will be led by a bagpiper to the Seminary building where a light lunch & short program of rededication of the Seminary building will proceed. Please mark your calendar to join us.

For a full ministry calendar, please visit:
<https://oxfordpresbychurch.org/calendar/>

World Communion Sunday



Sunday, October 7, 2018

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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