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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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**Liturgist: Elsa Friede**

(Image on cover: The Sea of Galilee.)

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

### CHIMES

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** – MEF

Pat Gifford

### PRELUDE

*"The Call"*  
Ralph Vaughn Williams / arr. Michael Burkhardt

### CHORAL INTROIT

*"Come, Let Us Joyfully Sing"*  
Allen Pote

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:  
"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

All: **We come to this place, to this time,  
at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

In the name of Christ,  
**we accept the invitation to discipleship.**

In the name of Christ,  
**as his disciples, we worship and praise God.**

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,  
**we proclaim the God of Compassion.**

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up  
whole lives, whole peoples,  
**we proclaim the Holy Spirit of Hope.**

In the midst of indifference and apathy,  
**we proclaim the Lord of Love.**

**Come, let us worship together  
and share our witness of God's  
living presence in the world!**

**\*HYMN** – "Amazing Grace"

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### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord,  
forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.  
**Through the strength of your Spirit  
we stand in the assurance of your amazing grace.**

Forgive us when we are shackled  
by our narrow understandings of discipleship  
and our clouded sense of private certainty.  
**Through the guidance of your Spirit  
we are drawn into the light  
of your illuminating wisdom.**

Forgive us when we are frightened of the future  
or pull back from the demand of your calling.

Forgive us when we fail to sense  
Your presence in our past,  
to acknowledge your grace in the present moment,  
and to trust you for our future.

**Through your Spirit  
we offer ourselves in discipleship.  
We stand together as your disciples.  
We seek renewed and renewing faith.  
Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord.  
Touch us now with your Spirit. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

O Holy God, like Isaiah, the prophet,  
and Simon Peter, the fisherman,  
we stand in awe of your glory,  
feeling tremendously small and broken by our sin,  
and the sin of our society.

**Even so, you touch us with your refining presence,  
and we are made clean and whole.  
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

**Speak with authority in our lives, Christ.**

**Speak to us, and to what is in us,  
so that we might be whole.**

**Speak to us, with love,  
with hope and with strength,  
so that we might hear you,  
and know, deep inside,  
that we are your people,  
and that you are our God. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE

A reading from Luke 5:1-11

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE** – "The Stories We Live:  
Worthy, Totally Worthy"

Pastor Lawrence

## WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**\*HYMN** – "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" #721

**\*THE NICENE CREED** pg. 34

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

### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "We Are the People of God"  
Joseph M. Martin

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*HYMN** – "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" #182

### \*BLESSING

Friends in faith, you have heard what is good,  
and you know it in your heart.

**So, let us go from this place,  
believing in the power of one disciple of Christ  
to do great things in the world.**

**And let us believe when that amazing grace  
is multiplied in community,  
with God all things are possible.  
Go into the world, to be a blessing!**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE** "A Parting Blessing"  
J. Jerome Williams

**\*POSTLUDE** "Sing Praise to God"  
arr. Paul Laubengayer

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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 our neighbors.**

**Greeters:** Will and Sandi Hazleton

**Acolyte:** Gabriel Jones

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

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

Email prayer request 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 Brent Bader and Bill King on behalf of Stewardship & Finance Committee.

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### MINISTRY NEWS

**Updating our Picture Directory!** If you are new members and aren't in the directory, if you missed having your picture taken last time, if you have had a life change, if you are a student affiliate, or just want a new picture ...we've got you covered. We are updating our picture directory! Lifetouch photographers will be at the Seminary, Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 5:00. You can register for your appointment online now by going to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ykh4g8yx/>. MEF members will also be available to register you after worship TODAY - February 10. Register soon, as we only have one day for photography sessions.

**Please note that those of you currently in the directory do not need to have pictures taken again.**

In addition to new and updated pictures, we will be able to add new information and make corrections to the current directory. If you have changes, please contact Bridgite Dickerson in the Church office at 523-6364. All those in the directory will get a new copy with the additions later this year.

#### **Seminary Cinema – Spirit of Scotland Film Series:**

- **Secret of Kells – TODAY – Sunday, February 10**
- **Greyfriars Bobby – Sunday, February 24**

Join us in the Sanctuary of the Seminary Church for these films for ALL ages. This handicap accessible facility is located at the corner of Church and Poplar at 104 E. Church St. Pre-film discussion begins at 3:30 p.m. Film starts at 4 p.m.

**Church Services at The Knolls:** Recent church services on DVD shown at 10:00 on Tuesday, February 12 and February 26. Join Becky Quay in the Activity Room of the Skilled Nursing area.

**Tuesday Afternoon Circle:** The Tuesday Afternoon Circle will meet on February 19 at 1:30 in the Country Kitchen. Reservations for the optional noon lunch in the café at the Knolls are due by Friday the 15 to Lynn Cronk.

**Altar Flowers:** Altar flowers are needed for March 15th and March 31st. Please sign up on the Flower Calendar next to the Molyneaux Lounge or contact Marge Smith (523-3895). The cost is \$20. It can be put in an offering envelope, labelled with name and purpose.

**Sunday School:** Teachers needed for April and May! If interested, please contact Jenn Walter at (513) 593-4883 or [jenn.walter@miamioh.edu](mailto:jenn.walter@miamioh.edu).

**The Honored Woman Award 2019:** Each year, Oxford Presbyterian Women present the Honored Woman Award to one or two women who have faithfully, willingly, and joyfully given their time and talents to the work of the church. Please consider thoughtfully any woman in our congregation whom you admire for their organizational skills, ability to lead or teach, willingness to participate regardless of task, and dedication to assisting those in need. Then write a letter of nomination detailing her work and send it to Jo Reinhart at [jreinhart16@woh.rr.com](mailto:jreinhart16@woh.rr.com), or mail it to 175 Stone Creek Drive, Oxford OH 45056.

A new letter of nomination is needed each year, even if a woman has been nominated previously. **The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2019.**

**World Day of Prayer:** All are invited to attend the Church Women United World Day of Prayer, March 3, 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Oxford United Methodist Church, 14 N. Poplar.

**Save the Date!** The youth are hosting their annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner fundraiser on March 5, 5:00-7:00 p.m., at the Seminary building. Tickets will be sold after worship service on February 24 and March 3. \$5/person or \$20/family.



**Spirit of Scotland:** The Spirit of Scotland, an eight-day guided tour exploring our sacred heritage, led by Pastor Lawrence Bartel and Rev. Jim Wallace. Ecumenical and welcoming, interested friends and neighboring congregations are invited to join us in May 2020 for this exciting spiritual journey.

A brochure, with the dates, itinerary, costs, booking form, and credit card payment information, is available on the OPC

homepage: <https://oxfordpresbychurch.org>. Click on "Spirit of Scotland" under News, Events, and Calendar.

Next Informational Meeting: Sunday, March 10, immediately after the service in the Molyneaux Lounge.

Inquiries can be addressed to the following:  
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**Choral Concert:** On Tuesday, March 12, the Miami University Chamber Singers, William Bausano, conductor, and the Miami University Collegiate Chorale, Jeremy D. Jones, conductor, will be performing Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*, and other sacred works by Brahms, Duruflé, and Mendelssohn. The performance will take place in Kumler Chapel on Miami's Western Campus at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Miami University H.O.M.E. Office, 513.529.3200, [www.miamioh.edu/boxoffice](http://www.miamioh.edu/boxoffice)

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

**Lawrence H. Bartel, Pastor**  
**Marcel van Bulck, Associate Pastor**

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



**Sunday, February 10, 2019**



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