
Welcome, we're glad you joined us!

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.

Liturgist: Megan Murray

(Image on the cover – The bloom of a Flowering Dogwood Tree by
Kim Logsdon)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

HONORED WOMEN AWARD – Oxford Presbyterian Women

PRELUDE – “Prelude” J.S. Bach \ Kathryn Mawer, harpist

CALL to WORSHIP

**All: Come, Loving God,
You mother and father us all our days.**

**Even before we acknowledged you
you loved us;
you labored to bring us to birth, to a new birth.**

**Come, mothering God:
come as an enfolding, nurturing presence,
come as steadfast love
to hold us.**

**Come, fathering God:
come as an enabling, strengthening force,
come as fierce love
to let us go.**

**Loving God,
strong and tender,
tried and true,
guiding us as our way, our truth, our life.
We worship you today.**

HYMN – *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* #1

**Holy, holy, holy
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy!
merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity**

**Holy, holy, holy!
all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim are falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy!
though the darkness hide thee,
though the eyes of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity**

**Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy!
merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Loving God, forgive us, how we got you wrong!

**Lazily we settled for pictures of you in our minds
which tell a terrible tale.
we painted you as the stern, eternal judge
with no mercy, no compassion.
We summoned you onto our side
in battle, in the boardroom, or the classroom –
giving you a uniform to wear of our own making.**

**Forgive us and lead us into the truth of your
full nature as shown in the resurrected Christ.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

**No matter how often we turn away
from the love of God through Jesus Christ,
God will never turn away from us.**

**Our mothering God weeps with us, laughs with us,
rejoices in our joys and is anguished with our pain.**

**Our fathering God stretches out arms to embrace us
when we find our way home and to cradle us
when we breathe our last.**

**Forgiven and freed,
truly, each one is Christ's beloved.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

**Resurrecting Lord, you conquered death
and opened the gates of life everlasting.
In the power of the Holy Spirit,
raise us with Christ,
open our ears and loosen our tongues
that we, too, may proclaim your love,
healing, and peace to the nations. Amen**

SCRIPTURE

A reading from 1 Peter 2:2-10

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON – “Love Seeks. Love Listens.
Love Builds.” Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

HYMN – *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us* #44

**Like a mother who has borne us,
held us close in her delight,
fed us freely from her body,
God has called us into life.**

**Like a father who has taught us,
grasped our hand and been our guide,
lifted us and healed our sorrows,
God has walked with us in life.**

**Though as children we have wandered,
placed our trust in power and might,
left behind our brothers, sisters,
God still calls us into life.**

**When we offer food and comfort,
grasp our neighbor's hand in love,
tread the path of peace and justice,
God still walks with us in life.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER (sins...sin)

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING – “Planxty Alan” Shawna Sellin

PRAYER of DEDICATION

HYMN – *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord
(On Eagle's Wings)* #43

**You dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord, “My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!”
(refrain)**

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings, your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield.
(refrain)**

**You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.**
(refrain)

**For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest your dash your foot against a stone.**
(refrain)

BLESSING

Lord of life, you walk this journey with us and through us;
Lead us Lord, Lead on!

Mothering God, journeying within
and wrestling with the world:
Lead us Lord, Lead on!

Fathering God, leading us to risk,
to grow and walk the way you opened for us;
Lead us Lord, Lead on!

Lord of life in all its abundance,
we rejoice that every place is your place
Lead us Lord, Lead on!
Alleluia, Amen!

***POSTLUDE** – " Pie Jesu" Andrew Lloyd Webber

Congregational Concerns: Betty Barnhart, Jim Baer, John Curry, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Ruth Miller, Jan Reinhart, Becky Rudolph, Sarah Soika, Joan Teckman, Stacey Winn, John & Jean Woodruff.

Email request to Judy Fisher, fisherrh@miamioh.edu, or email the church office, office@oxfordpresbychurch.org.

Urban Youth Mission Trip to Chicago – Cancelled: After prayerful discernment, Urban Youth Mission and Fourth Presbyterian Church have decided to cancel the summer youth mission trip to Chicago this summer in lieu of continued safety concerns regarding COVID-19.

Please check this space over the Spring and Summer months for virtual opportunities to connect to our church's mission in the community and beyond.

Youth Group Meets Over Zoom This Sunday! Elliott Boyle will be leading our middle school and senior high youth in an evening of journaling over Zoom this Sunday. The Zoom call begins at 6:30 P.M. Bring a friend, and we hope to connect with you!

2020 Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women: The Birthday Offering is one of Presbyterian Women's offerings received in the spring each year. It gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. The Birthday Offering funds up to five projects each year, in amounts of \$75,000 to \$150,000 each.

Since 1922, the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering has helped fund mission projects that improve lives. In 2015 the Birthday offering provided a \$100,000 grant to the Seventh Presbyterian Church, Barranquilla, Colombia, in partnership with Oxford Presbyterian Church, to improve the facilities and services of the Bethesda Christian Community Center, Barranquilla. This year's Birthday Offering will support a Center for Social Assistance to the Disabled, Family, & Children Assisted Living Facility, in Davydova, Russia, and GAP Ministries in Augusta, GA. We encourage you to mail your Birthday Offering to the church office, 101 N. Main St., Oxford. Make checks payable to Oxford Presbyterian Women. Your generosity is appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP IN THIS SEASON



With the evolution of our ministry, your stewardship remains as vital to ever as we increase mission support of our community partners, gather for worship via livestream, offer creative and original Christian education content, and faithfully care for our church staff. Your gifts matter and make an impact as we respond together to the impact of COVID-19.

Please mail your pledge/tithe to the church office or give through one of these digital avenues. To give *online* both conveniently and securely, you may access our online giving opportunity from your computer at <https://onrealm.org/oxfordpresbychurch/Give>.

To give via *QR code*, scan the code above with your phone and follow the brief prompt.

To give via *text message*, text opc1825 and your designated amount to 73256. For example, text "opc1825 25" to 73256 for an offering of \$25 and follow the prompt. Questions? Contact office - office@oxfordpresbychurch.org.

**Oxford Presbyterian Church
for a full ministry calendar, please visit:
<https://oxfordpresbychurch.org/calendar/>
Lawrence Bartel, Pastor ~ Marc van Bulck, Associate Pastor
Kent Peterson, Music Director ~ Lynn Jacobs, Organist**

Fifth Sunday of Easter



**Mother's Day
Sunday, May 10, 2020**



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