
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.

Mary Alice Mawer, guest pianist
Elena Albarran, liturgist

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Jones Boyle.)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"This Is My Father's World"
arr. Penny Rodriguez

CALL to WORSHIP (Inspired by Genesis 1 & John 1)

One: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**All: In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.**

In the beginning the Spirit of God
swept over the face of the waters.

**In the beginning God said,
"Let us make humankind in our image."**

And so we came into being,
created by God who exists in community.

**We are here as God's community
to worship the Source of our life and salvation.**

HYMN – *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

#14

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over
and around us lies:**

(refrain)

Lord of all,

to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light:**

(refrain)

**For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:**

(refrain)

**For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth,
and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:**
(refrain)

**For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven:**
(refrain)

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Holy God, We were created in your image,
an image of mutuality and respect for one another;
an image of a dance ever moving,
ever in tune one with others;
an image of community
with shared blessing and mission.
You have given us stewardship
over the work of your hands.**

**Forgive us Lord; we have denied our purpose.
We have abused the earth's resources
for our own selfish gain
and the consequences wreak havoc
upon the fish of the sea, the birds of the air
and every living thing
that moves upon the earth.**

**Forgive us Lord; we have defiled your image.
We have regarded some of your children as "other"
and therefore beyond the reach
of your love and care.
We have looked at the color of one another's skin
and assigned beauty and worth based on its hue.
We have fallen short of serving as each other's
keeper and creating your Beloved Community.**

Forgive us Lord; for we have sinned. Amen.

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Our Triune God desires to see
broken relationships restored
and has heard our prayer.

**So we will not be silent
We will sing praises to the Lord our God.
Alleluia! Amen!**

A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

**Shine upon us, God of glory,
And by your Holy Spirit reveal to us
The grace and truth of Jesus Christ,
Your Word made flesh. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Genesis 12:1-9

Holy wisdom, holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON – *"The Impossible Journey: Numbers"* Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

HYMN – *"The God of Abraham Praise"*

#49

**The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.**

**Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.
In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.**

**Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.**

**You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:
the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

You, Spirit of Pentecost ...

**We gather here in the sure and certain hope
that you hear the cries of all,
and your reach is great enough
that no one is ever beyond
your knowing and loving.**

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.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy One, you speak to us in silence,
yet all languages interpret you.
Since you call us to be in community of disciples,
we are able to become gift to one another.

We bless you, O God, for Jesus, who through his life, crucifixion, death and resurrection fully lived the promise of redemptive wholeness available for all who would be obedient to your creating will.

Come to us in this sacred meal.
As we break bread,
may we be reconnected to the Christ.

As we drink from this cup,
may we be strengthened
to go forth in Christ's name,
offering forgiveness and wholeness
to all people as we sing with the eternal choir.

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 bread of our being loved, the wine of our joy,
stand as reminders that miracles in faith and risk
continue to happen.

In thanksgiving and remembrance we ask you to
bless this bread and this wine so that, in sharing them
together, we shall be your church.

So we lift up the joys and concerns upon our hearts
(prayer requests shared here) ...

And now as your daughters and sons whom you have
reconciled to yourself, we pray:
Our Father ...

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"
arr. Edwin T. Childs

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to give online

DOXOLOGY – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

HYMN – "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #65

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

BLESSING

The Triune God sends us to engage the world
with the gospel in our words and actions.
For this we were created and commissioned.
Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE

"God of Grace and God of Glory"
arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

[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.

MINISTRY NEWS:

Walk in the Woods: Our budding Caring for Creation team
invites you to join us in an outdoor walking meditation on June
13, 10:00 a.m. at [Indian Creek Metropark](#), 6500 Springfield Road
at the trailhead for the Indian Mound Nature Trail. We will take a
"staggered start" walk on the park's short trail loop, allowing both
safe physical distance from each other, and room for observation
and contemplation. Please sign-up [at this link](#) so we can ensure
that we have planned adequately for physical distancing. June 20
10:00 a.m. is our planned "rain date" for this event.

**Virtual Vacation Bible School - June 26: Register by
Sunday, June 21st for: Online video links and supply box
delivery <https://forms.gle/NF8wCJXURiKwByw78>.**

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for a full ministry calendar, please visit:
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Lawrence Bartel, Pastor
Marc van Bulck, Associate Pastor
Kent Peterson, Music Director
Lynn Jacobs, Organist

Trinity Sunday



Sunday, June 7, 2020



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