
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: Carla Blackmar

(Image on cover: A banner depicting the Ascension of Jesus from St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Moscow.)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION of GRADUATING SENIORS and SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

PRELUDE – A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing arr. Kevin Uppercue

CALL to WORSHIP - Psalm 47

One: Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,
All: **for God reigns over all the earth!**

God has gone up with a shout!
Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!

Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN – "Crown Him with Many Crowns" #268

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.**

**His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.**

PRAYER of CONFESSION – Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

**Living God, we confess that our faith is
sometimes weak, our love for others can be faint,
our prayers are often timid, and our gratitude
is frequently unconvincing. When we stand
looking toward heaven, yet feel far from you,
you draw near in mercy to forgive us,
and fill us with your power, through the
grace of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS – Acts 1:8; Eph. 1:19; Luke 24:47-48

Sisters and brothers, as Christ is our witness,
God's power to pardon is immeasurable.
Therefore, proclaim this good news
to the ends of the earth:
through the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Christ is risen!
**Christ is risen indeed!
Alleluia! Amen!**

A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION – Eph. 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

**Come Holy Spirit, open our minds to see the power
of Scripture to give life; enlighten our hearts
that we might see Christ in all whom we meet;
in the name of the one, holy, and living God,
to whom we give all glory. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Luke 24:44–53
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON – "Ascending" Pastor Marc

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

HYMN – "Hail Thee, Festival Day!" (vs. 1, 2, & 5) #277

(refrain)

**Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day to be hallowed forever;
day when our Lord was raised,
breaking the Kingdom of death.**

**He who was nailed to the cross,
is ruler and Lord of all people.
All things created on earth sing to the glory of God:**
(refrain)

**Daily the loveliness grows,
adorned with the glory of blossom;
heaven its gates now unbars,
flinging its increase of light:**
(refrain)

**Spirit of life and of power,
now flow in us, fount of our being,
light that enlightens us all, life that in all may abide:**
(refrain)

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

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
with "Amazing Grace"
J. S. Bach / arr. by Gene Roberson

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PRAYER of DEDICATION

HYMN – "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" #260

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter; his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left with sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore?"**

**Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer,
hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless sweep
across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your foot-stool,
heaven your throne.
As with-in the veil you entered, robed in flesh,
our great high priest;
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharist feast.**

BLESSING

May the glory of God fill us with praise,
the beauty of Christ strengthen us in service,
and the power of the Holy Spirit fill us with peace.

**Thanks be to God!
Alleluia! Amen!**

***POSTLUDE**

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"
arr. Brenda Portman

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.

Phased Opening of OPC

At our May meeting this Tuesday, the Session approved a Phased Opening of the Ministry of Oxford Presbyterian Church to worship, learning and mission. Developed over several weeks with the input of Ruling Elders and Trustees, church staff, health officials and the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, the phased plan is designed to deepen trust and build love. Through this pandemic we wish to deepen trust in a time of uncertainty and become ever more the Beloved Community Christ calls us to be.

In the coming weeks, you'll receive information on each of these phases. You will also be asked to share your feedback that will assist our Session and Trustees in creating the safest and most gracious opportunities for us to gather as the body of Christ once again.

End-of-the-Year Youth Group!

Join us for our last youth group of the Spring Semester! This Sunday night over Zoom at 6:30 P.M. Check your e-mail for login details. Bring a friend, and we hope to see you there!

Daily Morning Prayer

Pentecost is a celebration of the always unfolding work of God in this world. As we approach Pentecost on Sunday, May 31, give yourself the gift of pausing at the beginning of the day to become more fully aware of our Risen Savior's work in this time of significant change.

Join us for a moment of daily prayer at 8:30 a.m. from Monday, May 25 through Saturday, May 30. Each day Pastor Lawrence and Pastor Marc will take turns leading a time of guided prayer as we prepare for Pentecost Sunday. Join the livestream of Daily Morning Prayer on the [Oxford Presbyterian Church Facebook page](#).

In Observance of Memorial Day, OPC remote Offices will be closed Monday, May 25. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, May 26 at 8:30 a.m. Stay safe and healthy!

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. 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.

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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

Seventh Sunday of Easter



Sunday, May 24, 2020



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