
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
Amy McGoldrick, liturgist

(Image on cover: A photo of the Camino de Santiago by Elliott Jones Boyle.)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
arr. Jerry Van Der Pol

CALL to WORSHIP (Inspired by Genesis 18:1-15)

One: Strangers visit Abraham and Sarah,
and are welcomed with a feast!

All: **How wonderful!**

Strangers promise Sarah and Abraham
a child in their old age!

May any gift ever be too wonderful!?

Strangers leave Abraham and Sarah
To wait and ponder:

"Is anything to wonderful for God?"

Let us worship our Wonder-full God!

HYMN – *"Morning Has Broken"*

#664

**Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.**

Praise for the singing!

Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

**Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew fall on the first grass.**

**Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

Mine is the sunlight!

Mine is the morning,

born of the one light Eden saw play!

**Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Like Sarah and Abraham, we may be discouraged,
tired of waiting for a future that seems impossible
Is anything too wonderful for God?

O God, you call us to seek you in all times and places,
and work with courage to prepare the way
for your Kin-dom,
but our resolve too often fails
and we give up too soon.
Holy One, Have mercy.

O Spirit, you call us to offer peace to friends
and strangers to prepare the way your Kin-dom,
but we fail to cultivate the spirit of peace in our own lives.
Christ, have mercy.

O God, you call us to be full of joyful confidence
to prepare the way for your Kin-dom,
but anxious doubt often burdens us and
blocks our witness to your good news.
Holy One, have mercy. Amen.

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Sarah laughed at first, doubting God's promise;
Sarah laughed at last, delighting at God's promise fulfilled.
**May we laugh in hope and delight in pondering:
How wonderful!**

In Christ, our sins are forgiven
**Thanks be to 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 – Genesis 16:7-16

HOMILY – "The Impossible Journey: *Hilaritas*" Pastor Lawrence

SCRIPTURE – Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

HOMILY

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

HYMN – *"Come Down, O Love Divine"*

#282

**Come down, O Love Divine;
seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near;
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming.
And let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far out-pass the power of human telling.
For none can guess God's grace,
till Love creates a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.**

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

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING *"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"*
setting, Lynn Arthur Koch

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to give online

PRAYER of DEDICATION

HYMN – *"Together We Serve"*

#767

**Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending your love to the last and the least.**

**We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year,
to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.**

**We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.**

**Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.**

BLESSING

Go forth from this time together
With hearts and minds open
to the surprising, inexhaustible love of God.
**We will greet friends and strangers
with the gifts of Christ.
We will expect the Spirit
to meet us wherever we are,
in struggle and in laughter, in joy and in peace.
For truly, nothing is too wonderful for God!
Alleluia! Amen!**

POSTLUDE

Meditation on *St. Anne*
setting, James W. Kosnik

Congregational Concerns

Betty Barnhart, Jim Baer, Rodger Cromer, 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:

Virtual Vacation Bible School - June 26

Register by Sunday, June 21st for: Online video links and supply box delivery <https://forms.gle/NF8wCJXURiKwByw78>.

Friday, June 26th is our goal to send out an online link for each of the three days of VBS. Each of the three links will be about a 30 min. long video designed to lead families through interactive songs, dramatic stories, lively games, yummy snacks, and creative crafts all led by congregation members from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Oxford United Methodist Church, Oxford Presbyterian Church, and Faith Lutheran Church. In addition, each registered family will receive a supply box of resources to complete the crafts and games presented in our **Journey With God VBS**.

Caring for Creation Email List

Carla Blackmar Rice is joyfully jump-starting work toward the "Caring for Creation" call by assembling a monthly email of the many wonderful (and COVID-safe) creation care opportunities going on in our community.

We hope you will consider subscribing to find out more about these opportunities! Please email cablackmar@yahoo.com to sign-up to receive these email updates.

Summer Book Discussions

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-winning Stamped from the Beginning. The #1 New York Times bestseller is a timely, crucial, and empowering exploration of racism--and antiracism--in America. Join us for a special 3-week discussion for MS/HS youth, parents, and community members through both large and small groups. Wednesday nights at 7:30 P.M. July 8, 15, and 22, 2020 via Zoom. If you are interested in participating (or need a copy of the book for yourself) please RSVP with Pastor Marc at pastormarc@oxfordpresbychurch.org by June 30.

"I'll Push You" This story invites the reader on an extraordinary journey of two ordinary friends along the 500 mile Camino de Santiago. Many declared the journey 'impossible' since a neuromuscular disease confines Justin to a wheelchair. Yet when he shared his dream of traveling the Camino with Patrick, his great friend immediately said "I'll push you." Join us for a fellowship oriented discussion of this story Sundays at 11:30 A.M. on July 12 and August 9 via Zoom. If you are interested in participating (or need a copy of the book for yourself) please RSVP with Pastor Lawrence at pastorlawrence@oxfordpresbychurch.org by June 30.

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:
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Lawrence Bartel, Pastor
Marc van Bulck, Associate Pastor
Kent Peterson, Music Director
Lynn Jacobs, Organist

Second Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, June 14, 2020



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