
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 Bartel, liturgist

(Image on cover: The Santiago de Compostela. Photo by Elliott Jones Boyle.)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Chorale from "Finlandia" Jean Sibelius
arr. Martha Powell Setchell

CALL to WORSHIP

One: God cares for us completely and desires for covenant with us.

All: Christ gave his life that we might live and calls us to give our lives to him.

In Christ we are fully alive to God.

Let us offer our thanks and praise!

HYMN – "Be Thou My Vision" #450

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

PRAYER of CONFESSION

God of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac,
God of Hagar and Ishmael,
who gave us your Son,
Jesus Christ the crucified,

**Send your Holy Spirit to help us confess
and truly repent of our sins.
We turn against one another;
We fail to care for the weak and poor among us.
We pay no heed to the cries of the powerless;
we seek our own advantage.**

Your Son emptied himself
upon a Roman cross
and revealed your eternal, self-giving love.

**Forgive us, merciful God.
Let us find ourselves wholly
in Jesus Christ, our Savior.
It is in his name that we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

God, who loves us, does not abandon or forsake us.
Our Savior hears and answers when we cry out
from the wastelands of sin.
Death cannot bind us,
for the risen Christ sets us free.
Hear the good news:

**in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

O God, you have the power
to make a desert a place of renewal
and a cross a sign of redemption.
Send your Holy Spirit
so that we can hear you
and entrust ourselves completely to you,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE – Genesis 21:8-21

HOMILY – "The Impossible Journey: Catch-22" Pastor Marc

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!**

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

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING

"Be Not Afraid"
setting Marilyn Biery

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PRAYER of DEDICATION

HYMN – "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #39

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God of my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love**

Refrain

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Refrain

BLESSING

The God of all mercy,
who answers the cries of the helpless
and raises you from death,

**May God keep us safe in Christ Jesus,
now and forever. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso
G. F. Handel

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 Monday, June 22nd 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**.

Online Sunday School Through the Summer

Sunday School is taking a break for the summer months, but there are still plenty of online church school resources available for children and families. Check the church website for continued updates and lessons for preschoolers from Rhonda Krehbiel, and feel free to browse our archived lessons from throughout the Spring.

Church school page: <https://oxfordpresbychurch.org/church-school/>. We'll see you all in the fall!

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. **Update: The book is currently out of stock and back ordered, but there are still digital copies and audio versions of the book available.**

If you are interested in participating, 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:
<https://oxfordpresbychurch.org/calendar/>
Lawrence Bartel, Pastor
Marc van Bulck, Associate Pastor
Kent Peterson, Music Director
Lynn Jacobs, Organist

Third Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, June 21, 2020



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