
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
Matt Benzing, liturgist

(Image on cover: El Peregrino in Leon on the Camino de Santiago.
Photo by Elliott Jones Boyle.)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "When Peace Like a River" arr. Jerry Van Der Pol

CALL to WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 65:9-13)

One: God visits the earth and waters it,
All: Greatly enriching the earth.

The Lord waters the earth, softening it with showers,
And blessing the earth.

Along with the hills, the meadows, and the valleys,
Let us shout and sing together for joy!

HYMN – "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" #32

**I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.**

**I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord
who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
wher-e'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.**

**There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.**

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Life is so complex and uncertain, O God.
Moments of togetherness can quickly turn
into feelings of loss, fear, or estrangement.
In the short space of one day, all can be
turned on its head and we are left longing for
familiarity, crying out for wholeness and hope.**
(brief pause)

**We confess in such seasons of life –
our grief, hurt, and anxiety can
distance us from you and others;
a sense of brokenness becoming
a barrier to needed healing,
and an excuse for prolonged
anger and bitterness.** (brief pause)

**And so we turn again to you seeking an
embrace of love and mercy to help ease the pain
– to give courage and grace for the living.
Secure in your enfolding arms,
may we dare to trust and let go,
re-finding our rest and hope for the journey. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

We are changed in the hands of a loving God.
We have much to give, beginning with the simplest gifts.
Praise Christ who is transforming us.

**We are known; we are loved;
we are forgiven. Alleluia, Amen**

A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

**Risen 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 Genesis 25:19-34

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Impossible Journey: The Bond"
Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

HYMN – "Light Dawns on a Weary World"

#79

**Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.**

Refrain:

**The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes *shalom*.**

**Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes.**

Refrain

**Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes.**

Refrain

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

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING

"Adagio on a Welsh Air"
Franklin D. Ashdown

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PRAYER of DEDICATION

HYMN – "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

#645

**Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!**

**What God almighty's power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye never sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might, lo!
All is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!**

The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

BLESSING

God's spirit is always with you.
Wherever we go, the Lord is there!
If you ascend to heaven,
The Lord is there.
If you settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
The Lord is there.
In all places, God holds you fast.

POSTLUDE "Jubilate" Darwin Wolford

The flowers on the communion table are given by Jan Reinhart to the Glory of God and to the special memory of one of her dearest friends, Judy Herold.

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:

Summer Small Group Book Discussions

- **"Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-winning Stamped from the Beginning."** Join us for a special discussion for MS/HS youth, parents, and community members through both large and small groups. Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. July 15, and 22 via Zoom.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Marc.

- **"I'll Push You"** is an inspirational exploration of the true meaning of friendship and generosity. It is the story of Justin and Patrick, two friends who embark on an 'Impossible Journey' when Patrick agrees to push his lifelong best friend Justin in a wheelchair across the 500-mile pilgrimage of the Camino de Santiago in northern Spain.

Join us for a fellowship-oriented discussion on the book this Sunday at 11:30 A.M. and August 9 via Zoom. With extra copies of the book available and a thematic approach in which you may share your reflections on as much or little of the reading as you wish, it's not too late to let us know of your interest in participating. Simply contact Pastor Lawrence for more details.

August Newsletter

Please share for the August newsletter, deadline July 20, fun things you have been able to do during the pandemic. Did you hike in the woods, read a good book, have a picnic at social distance, wear out the dog walking, make a permanent dent in your lay-z-boy, invent something cool? Send your stories to Nancy Moeckel (moeckenj@miamioh.edu).

The Voice

Are you receiving "The Voice from Church and Main" every Friday? This e-newsletter is great way to connect and stay up-to-date on the latest ministry information throughout the pandemic. Contact the church office (office@oxfordpresbychurch.org) to sign up or track down a missing edition.

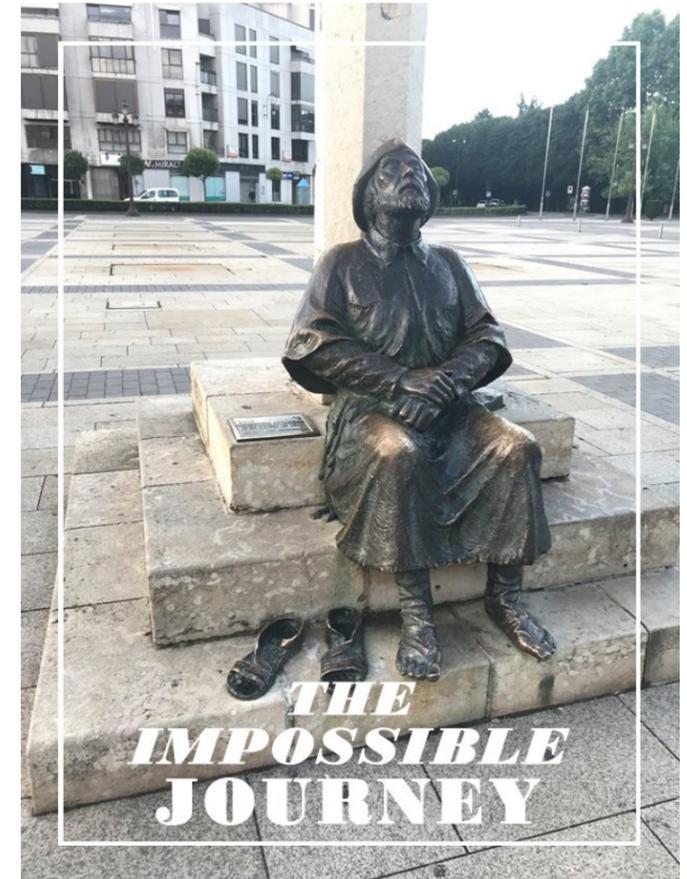
School Bags

Church World Service School Bags may be picked up at the church. Contact Prue Dana (513-462-3404) if you would like to fill a bag that gives children in impoverished schools, refugee camps, or other difficult settings some of the basic tools for learning.

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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

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, July 12, 2020



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