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## 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.

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**Greg Hughes, liturgist**

(Image on cover: A road marker on the Camino de Santiago.  
Photo by Elliott Jones Boyle.)

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "Aria" A. Scarlatti  
"Fanfare" F. Couperin  
Kyle Hoefker & Shr-Hua Moore, violinists

#### CALL to WORSHIP (Inspired by Ps. 119:132, 133)

One: Blessed be God whose word gives hope  
and shapes our dreams,

**All: Whose love has conquered death.**

Blessed be God who orders our way  
and guides our steps,  
**And who leads us into life!**

**HYMN** – "O God, in a Mysterious Way" #30

**O God, in a mysterious way  
great wonders you perform.  
You plant your footsteps in the sea  
and ride upon the storm.**

**Deep in unfathomable minds  
of never failing skill,  
you treasure up your bright designs  
and work your sovereign will.**

**O fearful saints, fresh courage take.  
The clouds you so much dread  
are big with mercy and shall break  
in blessings on your head.**

**Our unbelief is sure to err  
and scan your work in vain.  
You are your own interpreter,  
and you will make it plain.**

**PRAYER of CONFESSION** (1 Kgs. 3:6; Ps. 119:132, 133)

**We confess that we have turned away from you  
and have not lived with upright hearts.  
Forgive us for failing to follow you.**

**Guide our feet to walk in your ways  
and serve your world  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS** (Romans 8:28)

Our sins are forgiven!  
Be at peace, for all things work together for good  
For those who love God.

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

**A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES**

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION** (Ps. 119:130)

Enlightening God,  
the unfolding of your Word gives light  
and provides wisdom to all who seek your truth.  
Open our minds and hearts  
by the presence of your Holy Spirit,  
that the mystery of your heavenly realm is  
made evident here on earth. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE

A reading from Genesis 29:15-28

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "The Impossible Journey: All the Stolen Voices..."  
Pastor Marc

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**HYMN** – "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #275

**A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing.  
Our helper he, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.  
His craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him.  
His rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure.  
One little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.  
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.  
His Kingdom is forever.**

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

**MUSIC for OUR OFFERING** "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"  
J.S. Bach

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to give online

#### PRAYER of DEDICATION

**HYMN** – "O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)" #625

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

#### *Refrain*

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
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How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:  
*Refrain***

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin:  
*Refrain***

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim,  
"My God, how great thou art!"  
*Refrain***

**BLESSING**

May the God of creation, liberation, and illumination  
bless you this day and always.

**We give thanks to the Lord our God! Alleluia!  
Amen!**

**POSTLUDE** "Toccata" C. Seixas  
"Prelude" J. Walther

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**The flowers** on the communion table are given by Debbie Davidson in memory of Logan Keebler, missed by so many.

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**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](mailto:fisherrh@miamioh.edu), or email the church office, [office@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org).

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**MINISTRY NEWS:**

**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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**Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Benefit**

Oxford Farmers Market Uptown has a wonderful program going on this summer for low income seniors (65+). Seniors can shop "for free" with our local produce vendors, and get healthy fruits and vegetables. Farmers are then paid by the USDA!

Please consider sharing this information, or applying yourself. For more information contact the church office, 523-6364.

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**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](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org)) to sign up or track down a missing edition.

**Summer Small Group Book Discussion**

**"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 Sunday, August 9 at 11:30 a.m. 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](mailto:Pastor Lawrence) for more details.

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**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](mailto: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**

**Eighth Sunday  
after Pentecost**



**Sunday, July 26, 2020**



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