
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 **Liturgist: Matt Benzing**

(Image on cover: Iron Sculpture at Alto Del Perdon on the Camino de Santiago. Photo by Elliott Jones Boyle.)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"*
arr. Penny Rodriguez

CALL to WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 45 & Matthew 11)

One: In the stillness of the morning,
in the calm of the night,
in the pulse of all that surrounds us,
we call on you, O God.

**All: We call on you knowing that
you have already met us here.
We call on you believing that
you will carry us, we who carry so much.**

And so we take this moment to pause and to praise you;
leaning back into your open arms,
inclining our ears to hear your voice
as it moves amongst us,
opening our eyes to behold your grace.

**Gazing through the mist of time,
we look and seek the Lord's face.
For Jesus calls us here to meet him,
through song, word and prayer.**

HYMN – *"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"* #338

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea!**

**O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!**

**O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America! May God thy soul re-fine,
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!**

PRAYER of CONFESSION (Inspired by Matthew 11)

Friends in Christ:
I invite you to summon your image of Jesus.
Can you see him?
**The humble teacher who healed?
The one who gave everything so freely?
The one who noticed and cared?
The one who defended the accused?**

Children of the Living God,
we, you and I,
were created by
and in that very same image.
**We were created to follow that example:
to be humble, to offer healing,
to give abundantly,
to care, to notice,
to pay attention to the need that surrounds us.**

**Lord, in the stillness of this hour,
summon us to consider the ways in which we do
– and do not – follow your example.**

**Slow us down to the speed of life
so that we can more closely follow your lead,
cleaning out everything within us that would
lead us away from your abundant life. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, there is Good News for us all to hear –
**The God made known to us in Jesus Christ,
the Lord to whom the Psalmist sings,
the Spirit whom generations praise
sees it all, and loves us anyway.
The Triune God knows it all, and forgives us anyway.
Thanks be to God for this amazing grace.
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

A reading from Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Holy wisdom, holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"The Impossible Journey: Will You Go?"*
Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

HYMN – *"This Is My Song"* #340

**This is my song, O God of all nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.**

**This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come; on earth, thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

One: Loving God,
you who always provide for us our daily bread...
...And so, as Pentecost people,
we gather at this table
to have our spirits renewed,
our hearts strengthened,
our longings fed.

One: (Singing) The Lord be with you.

All: (Singing) And Also with you
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, wondrous Lord,
for the mystery of creation, for the miracle of life,
and for seeds of renewal you plant deep
within all living things.

...Holy Living God, with our lives we give you glory,
and with our whole hearts we praise you
in the song of your unending greatness:

All: (Singing)
**Holy, Holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with life, healing, renewing and making us whole.

And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

So we lift up the prayers upon our hearts... (Joys and Concerns will be offered up at this time.) And now as your daughters and sons whom you have reconciled to yourself, we pray: **Our Father...**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING

"Beautiful Savior"
arr. Michael Burkhardt

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DOXOLOGY – *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* #607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

HYMN – *"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"* #337

**My country 'tis of thee,
sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring.**

**My native country, thee,
land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
thy wood and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills like that above.**

**Let music swell the breeze,
and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song.
Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.**

**Our fathers' God, to thee,
author of liberty, to thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.**

BLESSING

**May the Bread of Life be sustenance for the journey,
calm for troubled minds,
grace-filled movement for aching limbs,
and joyful activity for all souls,
as we become the body of Christ.
Alleluia! Amen!**

POSTLUDE – *"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"* arr. Carolyn Hamlin

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 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 via Zoom. If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Marc at pastormarc@oxfordpresbychurch.org.
- **"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, please contact Pastor Lawrence at pastorlawrence@oxfordpresbychurch.org

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

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, July 5, 2020



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