
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, pianist
Lee Fisher, liturgist

(Image on cover: A painting depicting the burning bush by Yoram Raanan)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Sanctus (from "Requiem") Gabriel Fauré
arr. Darwin Wolford

CALL to WORSHIP (*Exodus 3:15; Ps. 105:3, 45b*)

One: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

All: Praise the Lord!

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Let us worship God!

HYMN – "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" #1

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy!
merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!
all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim are falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy!
though the darkness hide thee,
though the eyes of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy!
merciful and mighty!
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PRAYER of CONFESSION (Matthew 16:23-26)

God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS (Matthew 16:24-26)

Jesus took up his cross for our salvation. In return for our old life of sin, he promises a new life of grace.

Beloved, know that we are forgiven, and be at peace.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen!

A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION (Exodus 3:4)

Holy Spirit, who spoke to Moses from the burning bush, speak to us now in the reading and proclaiming of your word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Exodus 3:1-15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON – "I Will Be..." Pastor Marc

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

HYMN – "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #12

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING "My Savior and My God"
Jay Althouse
Aaron Garner, soloist

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to give online

PRAYER of DEDICATION

HYMN – "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" #69

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Who shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if your lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.
I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Who shall I send?

Refrain

BLESSING (*Romans 12:12*)

May Almighty God, who creates all good,
redeems from all evil, and hears all prayer,
be with you and all people in suffering and in hope.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE A Litany of Praise Franklin D. Ashdown
Quoting *Lobe Den Herren*

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.

The flowers on the communion table are given by Cia Beal. God is listening. Believe.

MINISTRY NEWS:

Join us for Virtual Youth Sunday on September 6!

Our middle school and senior high youth will be leading us in worship on Sunday, September 6th for a special Virtual Youth Sunday! You can stream the worship service on our church Facebook page at 9:50 a.m.

Confirmation Class

If you are in 6th, 7th, or 8th Grade and are interested in learning more about confirmation this year, please contact Pastor Marc. This year's teachers will be Pastor Marc, Carla Blackmar Rice, and Carrie Ann Sherritt. An informational meeting with calendar and lesson information will be held in September, so keep your eyes open for that date coming soon. In the meantime, if you are interested in learning more, please contact Pastor Marc to add your name to the list...

MS / Senior High Youth Group: 21-Day Challenge

Following off of our summer book discussion series, *Stamped*, MS and Senior High Youth Group will be participating in a 21-Day Challenge beginning on Sunday evening, September 13th. Each week (beginning with the week leading up to 9/13), each youth will be challenged to choose a short article, podcast or film clip from a list on the topic of race, equity, and equality curated by Presbyterian pastors and social justice advocates. Each Sunday evening for three weeks, we will gather together via Zoom to discuss which item on that list they chose, what they learned, what challenged them, what made them think, and what did they find themselves learning (or unlearning)?

Our 21-Day Challenge is a commitment to continue our own growth, development, and transformation as people and as disciples of Christ. OPC will be offering small group options for adult groups as well.

Nominating Committee

The gospel reading for last Sunday - Matthew 16:13-20 - told the story of the moment when Jesus asked his disciples, *Who do you say that I am?*

Simon replied, *You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.*

Jesus answered saying - ... *you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church*

What a moment – Jesus not only welcomed a working class fisherman to be part of his ministry of good news – Jesus changed Simon’s name to Peter and put him in charge of the whole MOVEMENT!

Our ministry is looking for the next generation of leaders to build the movement and ministry of our congregation in the midst of the global pandemic. We are seeking leaders for this body of Christ with energy, intelligence, imagination and love. We invite you to take a few moments right now and consider people you will nominate for the following roles:

Deacon - This is a role rooted in compassion and connection for those in our community who need intentional care - seniors, those experiencing transitions, grief or illness, and many more. Consider people who have an active prayer life, naturally reach out to others during tough times and are gifted at following up with people.

Elder - The elders, in partnership with the staff, are responsible for nurturing the faith and life of the congregation. This is first a role of spiritual leadership and second of program leadership. Consider people who are already invested in OPC with their time and talents, those with enthusiasm for the furthering of the Gospel and those with vision.

Board of Trustees - The trustees are responsible for the church facilities and areas of specific financial resources that enliven our ministry. Consider people who are committed to OPC and have skills in facility maintenance, accounting, insurance, etc.

Prayerfully consider who you will nominate today. To nominate Deacons, Elders and Trustees - please email office@oxfordpresbychurch.org. If you have any questions please reach out to the co-chairs of the Nominating Committee, Buzz Green or Ginny Layton.

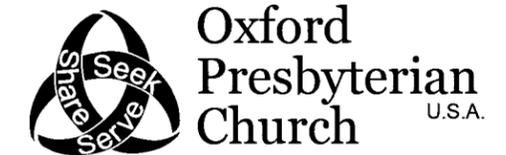
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Lawrence Bartel, Pastor
Marc van Bulck, Associate Pastor
Kent Peterson, Music Director
Lynn Jacobs, Organist

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, August 30, 2020



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