
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
Mary Jane Roberts, liturgist

(Image on cover: The Transfiguration in stained glass at Chartres Cathedral, France.)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – "Beautiful Savior" arr. Mark Sedio

CALL to WORSHIP (Inspired by Mark 9)

One: The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

All: We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus.

The voice of God thunders like a might storm.

**Out of the cloud, God speaks:
This is my beloved Son, listen to him!**

**We come to this place of worship
to listen and wait for Living God.**

HYMN – "Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining" #192

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine;

fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze;

set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow;

flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth your word,

Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me.

refrain

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me.

refrain

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**All: God of all glory, beauty, and grace,
we have tried to hide from you –
to hide our faces, to hide our sin –
yet you have never hidden your love for us.**

**We have tried to search for you –
in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops –
yet you have already revealed yourself to us
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**Forgive us, and transform us
so that our lives may shine
with your glory, beauty, and grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Our God comes and does not keep silence;
God speaks to us with grace and love, saying:
You are my beloved child.

**We will trust in the Lord who is our rock,
our salvation, the source of our deliverance.**

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

**Speak to us, O Lord our God,
and let the fire of your Spirit
burn brightly in our hearts.**

**Open our minds to receive
the wisdom of the law,
the hope of the prophets,
and the life of the gospel:
Jesus Christ, your living Word. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE – Mark 9:2-9

Holy wisdom, holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON – "Worthy Questions" Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

HYMN – "You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord" #43

You dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord, "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings, your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield.

refrain

For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest your dash your foot against a stone.

refrain

AFFIRMATION of FAITH – THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM (excerpts)

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own, but belong –
body and soul, in life and in death –
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

Q. What is the kind of prayer that pleases God
and that he listens to?

**A. First, we must pray from the heart
to no other than the one true God,
revealed to us in his Word,
asking for everything God has
commanded us to ask for.
Second,
we must fully recognize our need and misery,
so that we humble ourselves in God's
majestic presence.
Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation:
even though we do not deserve it,
God will surely listen to our prayer
because of Christ our Lord.
That is what God promised us in his Word.**

Q. What did God command us to pray for?

**A. Everything we need, spiritually and physically,
as embraced in the prayer
Christ our Lord himself taught us.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER (sins...sin)

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING

"How Beautiful"
Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson
Kate Trybus, soloist

PRAYER of DEDICATION

HYMN – "Give Thanks, O Christian People" #644

Give thanks, O Christian people, for workers of our day
who heed the call to service and make it their life's way
to go to feed the hungry, to tend to those in need,
to work for equal justice, till all God's folk are freed.

Give thanks, O Christian people, for all who love the Lord,
who live each day believing in God's eternal Word:
to share Christ's love in living, to witness with each deed,
to use the talents given to plant the gospel seed.

Give thanks, O Christian people, for life in fellowship
with all who trust our Savior their serving to equip:
to ease another's burdens, to cope in joy and stress,
to magnify God's message and Christ's great love confess.

BLESSING

May the very face of God shine upon you
with beauty, blessing and peace.
**We go and tell the good news:
Jesus Christ, the Lord of life and light is with us.**

For the last time until Easter morning -
we affirm together:
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*
Setting, Jacob B. Weber

The flowers on the communion table are given by Carol and Cal Klumb for Carol's parents, honoring her father, and remembering her mother for their long and loving marriage.

Congregational Concerns: Betty Barnhart, Jim Baer, Rodger Cromer, John Curry, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Chris Krueger, Ruth Miller, Jan Reinhart, Becky Rudolph, Sarah Soika, John Woodruff.

Email congregational concerns to Judy Fisher,
fisherrh@miamioh.edu, or contact the church office.

MINISTRY NEWS

Fellowship in the Virtual Molyneaux Lounge – Join us following the Congregational Meeting at this [link](#) on Zoom.

Once again, [click here for the link](#).
Meeting ID: 836 5120 3672 | Passcode: 916856

Worldchanging 101 at Youth Group – Youth Group will be meeting via Zoom this evening at 6:30 p.m. Our 6-week book study of "Worldchanging 101" by David LaMotte continues with Chapter 9, "Community." The book is available in both paperback and Kindle form. If you would like for the church to provide you with a physical copy of the book, please [contact Pastor Marc](#).

Confirmation Meets on Monday, February 15 – Our next confirmation class will be meeting this coming Monday, February 15 via Zoom at 7:45 p.m. Pastor Marc will be leading a lesson on how our church is governed "decently and in order" as officers, elders, and deacons. Check your e-mail over the next week for login information. If you would like to be added to the confirmation class e-mail list, please [contact Pastor Marc](#).

Virtual Ash Wednesday Service – Join us [online here](#) for a Virtual Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m. Home kits are available now with all you need for this profound and meaningful time that begins the Season of Lent. Each home kit includes ashes from last years' palms as well as a communion set for each member of your family.

Please contact the [church office](#) if you would like to pick up a home kit or have one delivered to you.

Lenten Devotionals – Lent is a time to reflect, to grow, to pray, and to prepare for Easter. This year's Lenten devotional Again and Again invites us to return to the practices that transform and renew. This wonderful resource for your family includes art, reflections, and poetry that can help deepen your spiritual life as we walk through the season of Lent together.

Please let us know if you would like a Lenten devotional by [contacting](#) the church office and requesting your copy. It can be mailed to you or you can pick it up.

Introducing a Lenten Podcast Series on Creation Care – CE invites you to journey on a new path of Lenten study this year ~ A Lenten podcast series on Creation Care. You can listen to the weekly podcasts as you take a walk or as you sit in the comfort of your home. [Click on this link](#) to access the podcasts.

Media Content Creators Needed! – The communications team at Oxford Presbyterian Church is so thrilled with our new audio-visual upgrades to our sanctuary and our facilities...and now it's time to start dreaming about how to use them! We are looking to put together a new Media Content Team of volunteers to help envision, oversee, and curate the ways that we communicate across all forms of digital, physical, and social media. If this is an area that you might have some interest in, please [contact Gene Krebs](#) or [Pastor Marc](#).

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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

Transfiguration Sunday



Sunday, February 14, 2021



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