
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.

Dave Kraushar, liturgist

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"
arr. Charles Callahan

CALL to WORSHIP

One: Again and again,

All: **We come to this time.**

Again and again,

We gather as a beloved community.

Again and again,

We move closer to the Living Lord.

And again and again,

God is here.

We are met.

We are heard.

We are shown the way.

So again and again,

Let us worship holy God.

HYMN – "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

#839

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain

*This is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

refrain

PRAYER of CONFESSION

God of salvation and justice,
We are guilty of building tables.

**We have built tables that welcome the insiders,
Around which the powerful and privileged dine.**

Jesus of Nazareth,

We are guilty of forgetting where we are,

**Of turning faith into a litmus test
and negotiation tool.**

We are guilty of ignoring the point;

For you taught that the temple was for worship

And your message was for all.

God of our hearts,

Be in our decision making.

Draw near to our choices.

Forgive our mistakes.

And as you do,

Flip every table, habit, belief,

or point of view that needs adjusting.

With hope, we pray for a better day. Amen.

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Family of faith,

The good news is that God took on flesh

And walked this earth to show us the way.

In Emmanuel,

God took on flesh to teach us another way.

In Jesus,

God took on flesh to offer the way of salvation.

In Christ,

**God took on flesh to show us the way of
wholeness.**

Friends, we are held, loved, and forgiven

By a just and merciful Lord and Savior.

Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Triune God, we want to hear you.

We want to read scripture aloud and

Know that you are as close as you have always been.

We want to read scripture aloud and

Feel your word resonating inside our bones.

Turn our ears toward you,

Just as you turned tables in the temple.

We are listening.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

In the beginning was the Word

And the Word was with God.

A reading from John 2:13-22

For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Again & Again: A Love Supreme – Part I"

Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

HYMN – "Spirit of the Living God" (x3)

#288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me,

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

When things become cross-shaped and the way pulls us
forward into Lent beyond where we have been before,
meet us here, O God.

**Meet us here where everything we believe becomes
real and all on which we stake our faith becomes
tangible, in the bread, in the cup, in being here,
and nowhere else today.**

Meet us here, for this meal needs sharing
with those willing to travel on the journey
and the way of the cross.

**Because it matters,
we all matter in the Lord,
because bread and wine matter,
all are welcome here
to taste and see the good things God is doing.**

Welcome to the table of life.

(Singing) The Lord be with you.

(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.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

O Lord our God...

...Now hear us, O Lord, as we sing with the angels -
(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!**

In thanksgiving and remembrance, we ask you to
bless this bread and this wine so that, in sharing
them together, we shall be your church.

So, we lift up the prayers upon our hearts...
(Prayers will be offered up at this time.)

Through the grace that we have known in Christ
and in the lives of those who have gone before us,
we pray: **Our Father (saying sins...sin)**

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING "Lord God of Abraham," from Elijah
Felix Mendelssohn
Andrew McLeese, soloist

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DOXOLOGY – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #606

PRAYER of DEDICATION

HYMN – "Be Thou My Vision" #450

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

BLESSING

May our mouths speak of God's goodness.
May our arms hold those in need of salvation.
May our feet walk toward justice.
May our souls dance in Christ's grace.
And may this be our rhythm—
Again and again and again,
Until God's promised day.
We go with courage, go with heart, go in peace.
Amen.

POSTLUDE – "One Bread, One Body" setting, Edwin T. Childs

(Liturgy adapted from prayers by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.)

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

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

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

Lenten Creation Care Podcast Series – Podcasts are a great way to explore new ideas. This Lent, our Christian Education Committee teamed up with our Caring for Creation team to develop a series of "Caring for Creation" podcasts. Each week, you are invited to listen to one of the podcasts linked [HERE](#) and then join members of our Caring for Creation team on Sundays on Zoom starting at 11:45 am for a coffee hour discussion of the week's listening.

Information for Zoom Meetings is [here](#) (please scroll to bottom of document for more information)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89958739600?pwd=enVzaExRUGxOTIR1Q0kwbWFHYVJNQT09>

Lenten Reflections – In Lent, we're reminded that, again and again, we hold hope together throughout the Journey to Jerusalem. We need the 40 days of Lent because this season shapes us into more faithful disciples.

Each Wednesday throughout Lent, members of the OPC Staff will be offering individual messages of hope on our YouTube channel and social media pages.

Join us this Lent as again and again, we bring all of who we are to Christ and trust that God will meet us with hope, time and again, along the way.

Youth Group is back on Easter Sunday! – A HUGE thanks to all of our youth who participated in our 6-week discussion series, "Worldchanging 101!" We had a wonderful six weeks of discussion and study! Youth group will be taking a short break for the season of Lent and will be back on Easter Sunday Evening (April 4 at 6:30 p.m.) for a new 4-week series, "Being Easter People." This will include topic discussion nights, caring for creation service projects...and maybe even some Spring cleaning! Stay tuned for more info!

Campus Ministry Discussion Group – Pastor Marc will be leading a four discussion group nights for college and campus students called "Worldchanging 101" based on the lessons in the book by the same name by David LaMotte. The discussion group will be over Zoom every other Monday night at 7:00 p.m. The dates for these discussion nights are March 8, March 22, April 5, and April 19. To register for one (or all) of these discussion nights, please [contact Pastor Marc](#). All materials will be provided.

Confirmation Meets on Monday, March 15 – Our next confirmation class will be meeting Monday, March 15 at 7:45 p.m. Carla Blackmar Rice will be leading our lesson entitled "All Good Gifts." For more information, please check the weekly confirmation e-mail blast.

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The Third Sunday in Lent



Sunday, March 7, 2021



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