
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.

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

Pam Deahl, liturgist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – "We Sing to You, O God" arr. Benjamin Culli

*CALL to WORSHIP

One: In the wilderness, water brings life.

All: Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

In the bread and the wine,
the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds,
the food of eternity.

Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

*HYMNS of PRAISE –

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (vs. 1, 3 & 4) #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.

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!

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" (vs. 1 & 4) #20

(refrain)

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all thing wise and wonderful,
the lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sing,
God made their glowing colors;
God made their tiny wings.
(Refrain)

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.
(Refrain)

*PRAYER of CONFESSION

John 15:5

**God of mercy,
we confess that we have not borne
the fruit of the Spirit.
We have not loved others as you have loved us.
We have denied the promises of baptism
and cut ourselves off from you.
Forgive us, restore us,
that we may abide in your love and live out your
mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

"There Is a Balm in Gilead" (vs. 1 & 2) #792

(Refrain)

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

(Refrain)

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
and if you lack for knowledge, he'll not refuse to lend.
(Refrain)

*ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

You have already been cleansed by the word that
God has spoken to you. In baptism God claimed you
and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine.

**This is 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

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit,
that through your word we may be guided
into the love of God for all the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

In the beginning was the Word
And the Word was with God.

A reading from John 15:1-8

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.

HOMILY

Pastor Marc

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*HYMN of PRAISE – "Be Thou My Vision" (vs. 1, 2, & 4) #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.

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

...we sing your praise and join the everlasting hymn:
**And so with angels and archangels and
all the host of heaven, we sing your praise
and join the everlasting hymn:**

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.

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

...With all creation we sing your praises:

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!**
... Now, let us join with one,
strong voice in the prayer our
Savior taught us saying... **Our Father...**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING – "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #39

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
(Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Refrain)

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PRAYER of DEDICATION & AFFIRMATION of MUSIC MINISTRY

...So I ask you, people of God, has your faith been nurtured by the musical gifts of these brothers and sisters in Christ?

Amen!

Have they served the Lord faithfully by proclaiming the power and comfort of God's Word through music?

Amen!

Will you continue to support them as ambassadors of the Lord, called through baptism to be worship leaders among us?

We will!

Will you give thanks to God for the new song of resurrection that has inspired them in a ministry of music for the sake of the church?

Alleluia! Amen!

***HYMN of PRAISE – When in Our Music God Is Glorified #641 (vs. 1, 2, & 5)**

When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

***BLESSING**

As Jesus entered into human life,
his life is still alive in you.
**The blessing of Almighty God be upon our lives
today and always.**

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

***CLOSING HYMN – "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" #542 (vs. 1 & 4)**

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE "When In Our Music God Is Glorified" arr. Anna Laura Page

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.

New Members Experience this Spring! – If you are interested in learning more about membership at Oxford Presbyterian Church, we invite you to join us for a New Member Experience facilitated by Pastor Marc. We will be meeting in the Molyneaux Lounge directly following worship this Sunday. Our second session will be Sunday, May 9. New Member Sunday will be May 16. If you are interested in learning more or would like to register, please contact the church office for more information.

Youth Group at David and Leanne's House! – Youth Group will be meeting at David and Leanne Woods' house (23 Fox Run Circle) this evening at 6:30 p.m. We'll be meeting outside (weather permitting) for a discussion led by David. Bring your mask, and we hope to see you there!

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for a full ministry calendar, please visit:
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Lawrence Bartel, Pastor ~ Marc van Bulck, Associate Pastor
Kent Peterson, Music Director ~ Lynn Jacobs, Organist**

Choir Appreciation Sunday



Sunday, May 2, 2021



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