

Sunday, January 8, 2022

Gathering

God reaches out to us and calls us together to worship. Together, we respond to God's invitation to worship and relationship with praise and song. We also respond with a prayer of humility, mindful of our human sins. Thankfully, God forgives us. In response to God's forgiveness, we forgive and share peace with one another.

Welcome

Prelude

“There is a Fountain”

Arr. Berry

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 12.3, John 7.37-38

Leader: The prophet promised, “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.”

People: Jesus invites, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink.”

Leader: God of goodness and life, pour your new life into us this day!

*Gathering Prayer

Worship Sourcebook

Leader: Mighty God, we do not yet see the glory you plan for all humankind, but in faith we do see Jesus. We thank you for the humility and holiness in which he lived and died. We praise you that he freed us from our sin, that he comforts and strengthens us through our struggles, and that he gives us courage to follow him. For this amazing gift, we now join with all creation and shout for joy:

People: **Halleluia!**

*Hymn #446

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Prayer of Humility

Worship Sourcebook

God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life you set among us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assuring Forgiveness

1 Corinthians 5.17

Leader: If you are in Christ, you are a new creation.

Everything old has passed away; now everything is made new!

People: Thanks be to God.

*Congregational Response

“Gloria Patri”

*Sharing Forgiveness and Peace

Leader: God makes us new! Let us renew our relationships!

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

You are invited to share the forgiveness, love, and peace received from God with others around you by saying, “Peace be with you.”

Listening

God attends to our joys and concerns while we share what's on our hearts and minds in the Prayers of the People. We respond by listening to God's Word in scripture and sermon.

We continue to praise God in song.

Attending Prayer

Youth Chat

Sharing Our Congregation Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Scripture Isaiah 12.2-6

Choir Anthem "A River In Judea" Arr. Leavitt

Scripture John 7.37-52

Message "Living Water"

*Hymn (projected) "Shall We Gather at the River"

Responding

We respond to the love, forgiveness, and guidance we receive in worship by serving God and one another through the ministries of the congregation. We offer our resources and our lives to God's work.

Work of the Church (Announcements)

Offering Invitation

Stewardship (adapted from the Westminster Larger Catechism, 7.251)

The eighth commandment says simply, "Do not steal." But that statement is so much more than a prohibition. It is an invitation: to be truthful in our dealings with others, to be faithful stewards of our resources, and to practice justice in all that we do. As a sign of our commitment to God and God's reign on earth, let us receive our tithes and offerings.

Offertory "Melody in G Major" Guilmant

*Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Stewardship (adapted from Second Helvetic Confession, 5.118)

Generous God, you create and redeem us not to be idle, but to do those things that are good and useful in your name. Accept these gifts, given in love for you. As a hearty tree bears fruit in abundance, we pray that this offering would bring its own harvest, so that the world might be fed, clothed, and cared for, even as you feed, clothe and care for us. Amen.

*Hymn #434 "Today We Are Called to Be Disciples"

*Charge and Benediction

Worship team today: Rev. Dr. Jules Joy, Roger Sibert, Nancy Aguon, Leigh Conti, Julie Hamilton, Craig Aguon, Logan Rankl, Will Beltz.

The Week Ahead:

Today.....	11:45 Faith & Nurture
Mon.....	1:00 pm Quilters
	7:00 pm Men’s Study
Tues.....	6:30 pm Trustees
Wed.....	7:30 pm Choir
Thurs.....	6:30 pm Deacons
Sat.....	10:45am Need a Lunch
Tues. & Thurs.....	9:30-11:30 am Door Ministry

Clothing Closet/ Door Ministry Need: The clothing closet is accepting gently used fall and winter clothing, coats, sleeping bags and pillows. We are asking for all items to be washed and dried before being left in the clothing closet.

The Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday, January 22 at 10:30 am after the worship service. Please plan on staying for this important meeting.

Central members and attenders who need prayer:

- Doris Oberlin: fell and broke 2 ribs. Recuperating and doing better.
- Jean Rice: recovering from a fall ankle has not completely healed. She is back at the Regency. Cards welcome
- Bill Indorf: undergoing immunotherapy for treatment of cancer.
- Cheryl Anderson: strength & mobility.
- Charlie & Maureen Cooper: continued prayers for both as they fight infections.
- Bev Denholm: Amherst Meadows, 1610 1st Street NE, Massillon, Room 502. Visitors welcome.
- Jean Kidd: prayers for continued improvement.
- Cheryl Lash: has had Covid since Christmas. Prayers for improvement, strength and comfort.
- Joyce Corbett: at home recovering after heart surgery continuing to improve from heart surgery.
- David Oberlin: aging & health needs.
- Lorna Patt: The Inn at Northwood Village, 5799 N Wooster Ave, Dover, OH 44622 Room 212.
- Jan Starrett: has been moved to Rose Lane.
- Marlene Kanipe: continues to improve. Waiting for the doctor to inform her of the plan going forward.
- Mary Ross: ear swelling and hearing loss.
- Stephanie Beltz: recovering from oral surgery.
- Don Wesley: results of skin biopsy indicate melanoma.