

Sunday, January 15, 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

“Sonate Opus 167 for Clarinet”

Oli Fleischaker, soloist

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather together in the name of the God of Heaven.

People: He is the Lord of Earth, the Ruler of creation.

Leader: Praise be to God, who created us and sent to us our Redeemer.

People: We are sealed in the Holy Spirit, by His will.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Hallelujah!

*Gathering Prayer

Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will. May our prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith, that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Hymn #487

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Prayer of Humility

Merciful God, only You know the extent of our sinfulness. Turn Your loving face toward us in forgiveness, that we may have peace. Bestow upon us the Holy Spirit, that we may speak and act as You would see fit. Heal us of our pride and self righteousness, as we confess in Your name. Amen

Words of Assurance

Leader: God sent His son to die for us, that we may be redeemed. Take comfort in His glory, and hear the challenge of His call.

People: Amen.

*Congregational Response

“Gloria Patri”

*Sharing Forgiveness and Peace

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

Youth Chat

Sharing Our Congregation Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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| Scripture | Exodus 11: 1-10 | |
| Choir Anthem | “Prayer of St. Francis” | Pote |
| Scripture | James 1:17-27 | |
| Message | “Human Responsibility, Divine Initiative” | Ruling Elder Mike Baker |
| *Hymn #370 | “Just as I Am, Without One Plea” | |

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

What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?
I will give what I have promised
in the presence of all God’s people.

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| Offertory | “Sonatina for Trombone” | Ian Fleischaker, soloist |
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*Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord, bless the gifts we give. Be a guiding hand with the leaders of our church and our community, so that our time and our resources may be used according to Your will. Amen.

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| *Hymn #366 | “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me” |
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*Charge and Benediction

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| *Postlude | “Choral” | Jongen |
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Worship team today: Mike Baker, Stew Fryer, Nancy Aguon, Leigh Conti, Julie Hamilton, Craig Aguon, Holly Beltz, Logan Rankl, Will Beltz.

Flowers this morning are given by: Jamie and Julie Hamilton in honor of Joyce Hamilton’s birthday.

The Week Ahead:

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| Mon..... | 1:00 pm Quilters |
| | 7:00 pm Men’s Study |
| Wed..... | 1:00 pm Cards and Games |
| Thurs..... | 6:30 pm Session |
| Fri..... | 10:00 am Deacons Making Soup |
| 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.

Cards & Games: All are welcome on Wed. at 1:00 in Bickel Hall for fun and fellowship.

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.