

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MASSILLON, OHIO**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*January 17, 2021*

***We welcome you to worship at Massillon Central Presbyterian Church, a congregation reaching up, reaching out, reaching you! Thank you for joining us as we formally welcome the members of our Confirmation Class 2020. May our time together this morning uplift your spirit, and center you in the love and grace of our Lord. Now, enjoy worship!***

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you!

**People:** And also with you!

The Prelude  
Call to Worship

Invention XIV

Bach

Leader: In the beginning, before the mountains had been shaped, before the beginning of the earth;

**People: In the beginning, before the birdsong, or the breath of life lifted its gift to the warmth of the sun;**

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, when God established the heavens, when God drew a circle on the face of the deep; when God marked out the foundations of the earth, the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**People: The Word was Power, empowering all, and the Word was Light, enlightening all, and the Word was Love, loving all.**

Leader: And the Word became flesh and lived with us.

**People: Ultimate Truth, Source of grace, made in our world, a holy place, as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be. Amen.**

Hymn No. 430

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

**Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

**Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns supreme,  
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

**Let courage be our friend, Let wisdom be our guide,  
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

**Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

Prayer of Confession

**God of resurrection and new life, we come to You as people hungry for good news. We call You the God of birth, and yet we have turned away from Your loving nurture. We call You the God of hope while we remain cynical. We call You the God of resurrection and new life, yet we confine ourselves to the darkness of boredom and stress. Call us, O God, out of self-absorption and hopelessness, so that we may live an abundant life, and humbly give of ourselves to others, in the name of the risen Christ.....**

Silent Prayer .....**Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Brothers and sisters, *“To all who received Christ, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God.”*

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Response: “Spirit of the Living God”

**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 Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

Chancel Choir “Every Time I Feel The Spirit” Arr. William Dawson

Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 4:10-13

New Testament Lesson: 2 Peter 1:1-11

Sermon: “A Playbook for Confirmands”

Reception of the 2020 Confirmation Class

**Craig Aguon, Cael Ball, Olivia Fleischaker, Alyssa Georgiou,  
Anna Rankl, Logan Rankl**

Call to Commitment

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Commitment Vows

Congregational Charge (unison)

**Friends, you are confirmed disciples of Jesus Christ. Live in His love and serve Him. Be filled with gratitude. Let the message of Christ dwell among you in all its richness. Whatever you do, whether you speak or act, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as full members of Central Presbyterian Church.**

Awarding of Bibles

Call to Giving and Prayer of Dedication

The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Hymn No. 391

“Take My Life”

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee  
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee,  
Filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold,  
Take my intellect and use every power as Thou shalt choose,  
Every power as Thou shalt choose.**

**(a capella) Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne, it shall be Thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only all for Thee.**

Benediction

Postlude

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Cherwien

***Your attendance this morning has been a blessing! Thank you for being with us. We pray and trust that you've been strengthened and encouraged in your walk with the Lord. Please join us again next Sunday! Your presence in most welcome!***

***This morning's worship team is Stew Fryer, Doug Beery, Leigh Conti, Doug Beery, Kathy Bachtel, Kylie Collmar, Brady Zink, Daryl Robinson, Roger Sibert, Stephanie Beltz, Nancy McEwen, Julie Hamilton, Denny Printz, Craig Aguon, David Rankl, Logan Rankl, Pastor Larry Lalama.***