

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MASSILLON, OHIO**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**July 18, 2021**

*Welcome to our service of worship at Central Presbyterian Church. We come together to celebrate our risen Savior, Jesus, and to be refreshed and renewed in our faith. No matter who you are or where you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here as we praise God together. May you be blessed by this service and feel God's presence!*

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

The Prelude

“Prelude in C Minor”

Chopin

\*Call to Worship

Leader: God is present here! Come to worship, to learn of God's ways, to experience God's love.

**People: With joy, we come into God's presence!**

Leader: In God, find strength. In God, place your trust. In God, find faith and life.

**People: We come to be strengthened to meet our daily tasks. We come to deepen our trust. We come to find new faith and new life. We come to worship God!**

\*Hymn of Praise No.473

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.**

\*Prayer of Confession

Leader: Eternal God, we gather in need of rest and refreshment.

**People: We come as we are, with accumulation of cares and concerns which are ever with us.**

Leader: We come as those who have sinned, and find ourselves falling short time and again.

**People: But we also gather as those who know we are loved, and who seek to experience forgiveness and wholeness.**

**All: Help us, heal us, restore us, we pray and confess in the name of Christ our Lord.....**

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

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Brothers and sisters, although we have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**People: We are justified by God’s grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. In Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*Response: No. 339 “Be Thou My Vision”

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
nought 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.**

Children’s Chat

Concerns and Celebrations of the Church

The Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Poem

“Checking In”  
by Don Mc Donald

Read by Don McDonald

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 2:13-22

Gospel Lesson

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sermon

“Action and Contemplation”

Rev. Tricia Petraven

\*Hymn of Reflection No.377

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

**You have come up to the lakeshore,  
looking neither for wise nor for wealthy.  
You only wanted that I should follow.**

**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling, have called out my name.  
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,  
now with you I will seek other seas.**

**You know that I own so little,  
in my boat there's no money nor weapons,  
you'll only find there my nets and labor.**

**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and, while smiling, have called out my name.  
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,  
now with you I will seek other seas.**

**You need the caring of my hands.  
Through my tiredness, may others find resting,  
you need a love that just goes on loving.**

**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me  
and while smiling, have called out my name.  
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,  
now with you I will seek other seas.**

**You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls that are waiting,  
my dear and good friend, as thus you call me.**

**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me  
and while smiling, have called out my name.  
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,  
now with you I will seek other seas.**

Invitation to Offering

All that we have comes from God: every blessing, every gift. In deep gratitude for all we have, we give back to God our gifts to help the church, the community, and the world, in Jesus' name. You may place your offering in the plate as it is passed or mail it to the church.

Offertory

“Little Prelude and Fugue in F Major”

Bach

\*The Doxology #592

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

God of all creation, ever seeking your glory, we pray for the church. Let all the gifts we give be used for the sake of the gospel, sharing the blessing and joy of salvation. Amen.

\*Hymn of Sending No.374 “Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace”

**Lord, make us servants of your peace;  
where there is hate, may we sow love;  
where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
where there is strife, may we make one.**

**Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
where all is night, may we sow light;  
where all is tears, may we sow joy.**

**Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek  
to be consoled, but to console,  
nor look to understanding hearts,  
but look for hearts to understand.**

**May we not look for love's return,  
but seek to love unselfishly,  
for in our giving we receive,  
and in forgiving are forgiven.**

**Dying, we live, and are reborn  
through death's dark night to endless day;  
Lord, make us servants of your peace  
to wake at last in heaven's light.**

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

“Grand Chorus in D Major.”

Guilmant

May the week ahead be filled with the richest of our Lord's blessings! Thank you for blessing us with your presence. We look forward to welcoming you again next Sunday!

Due to the change in CDC and Ohio guidelines, Session has voted to allow *all fully vaccinated people* to come back to church without wearing masks or social distancing. Session asks non-vaccinated people, including children, to *continue wearing masks* at this time.

For now, Session is designating the seating section near the piano for *anyone wearing a mask who would like to maintain seating distance* from non mask wearers for any reason, but those wearing masks are free to sit wherever they feel most comfortable throughout the church.

Non-mask wearers, please reserve the seating section near the piano exclusively *for those wearing masks who wish to distance* for the time being, and please respect those who are masked by giving them extra space.

The Deacons will be having a Garage Sale in August, August 12-14, to benefit **The Community Outreach Center** (The Door Ministry). Anyone interested in helping please come to the church Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Hope to see you there.

Any donations can be dropped off at the church Mon-Fri 9:00 am till noon.

VBS July 20, 21, 22 from 6-8pm including dinner.

Blessing of the animals July 25<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:00 pm in church parking lot.

Congregational meeting will be August 1<sup>st</sup> after worship.

This morning's worship team is Rev. Tricia Petraven, Stephanie Beltz, Liz Sibert, Leigh Conti, Nancy McEwen, Julie Hamilton, Craig Aguon, Logan Rankl, Luke and Max Kennen (acolytes)

If you would like to contact Rev. Tricia, you can reach her at the church from 8:30 to 2:00 pm Mon.-Thurs. or on her cell phone at 843-425-4775. Her email is petraventa11@gmail.com

Volunteers are need for garden care. If you can give one week of your time this summer to keep our garden lovely, please let Nancy McEwen know.

If you want your hand to be part of the art exhibit on Sunday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> for All Saints Sunday, please stop by the table in the hallway outside the office to trace your hand, sign it, and indicate what color you want it painted. Rev. Tricia will cut it out of wood, paint it, and add it to the exhibit. Thank you for being a part of Hands of Faith! We now have 69 hands traced!

Unless otherwise indicated, all scriptures read aloud and on the screen are adapted by Rev. Petraven from the NRSV and the original languages.