

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MASSILLON, OHIO**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**July 4, 2021**

*Welcome to our service of worship at Central Presbyterian Church. We extend a warm welcome this morning to Rev. Barbara Johnson who will be giving the message while Pastor Tricia is on vacation. 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

"Patriotic Medley"  
Flute: Jacquie Oliveri

Arr Gary Lanier

\*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made,

**People: Let us rejoice, and be glad in it!**

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

**People: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting, and whose faithfulness endures to all generations. With joy and gladness, let us offer worship!**

\*Hymn of Praise No.263

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light in accessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the ancient of days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might.  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**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 rulest 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!**

\*Prayer of Confession

Leader: Loving Father, if we have been more callous than compassionate,

**People: Forgive us, Almighty God, and soften us with Your grace.**

Leader: If we have been more legalistic than agape-loving,

**People: Forgive us, Holy Creator, and help us to follow the example of Jesus.**

Leader: If we have been more apathetic than active,

**People: Forgive us, Merciful God, and energize us with Your power.**

Leader: If we have been more obstinate than obedient,

**People: Forgive us and mold our wills with the gentle presence of Your Holy Spirit, as we confess in the name of Christ our Savior....**

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

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: The Good News in Christ is that God offers us life at every moment,

**People: Forgiving us, and inviting us to the freshness of new beginnings. Let us praise our God of Grace in the name of whose Son, Jesus 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.**

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.**

Anthem

“Fantasia in A Minor”  
Flute: Jacquie Oliveri

Telemann

Hebrew Lesson

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Gospel Lesson

Mark 6:1-6a

Sermon

“Who is This Man?”

Rev. Barbara Johnson

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Barb: Let us lift up our hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord**

Barb: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

**Barb:** We give you all thanks and praise O God, joy of all the earth for your grace is sufficient for us and your strength is there in our weakness. When we are brand-new disciples, we can hardly wait to be sent out on mission for Christ. We are eager to proclaim, to shout Your praises, Holy God, to the people, to comfort, guide, and heal.

**Liturgist:** But time takes its toll on us. We begin to let doubt overwhelm our enthusiasm. Jesus came teaching with astounding wisdom; bringing freedom and healing at the touch of his hands. The gospel message today tells us, like the prophets of old, he is not honored, but ridiculed, in his own town. They can't imagine that one of their people could actually be God's chosen One. They are focusing on what they know....that he is a carpenter, the son of a carpenter, and brother to James, Joses, Judas, Simon and several sisters. Jesus was questioned and rejected by his own hometown, friends, and relatives. We might wonder how he was able to continue in ministry with such a lack of support.

**Barb:** The people, however, are shortsighted. Jesus continues to spread the good news, and was ultimately crucified by his own nation. But God raised him from the dead, displaying God's perfect power in his weakness. Now Jesus has entrusted us with his mission of casting out evil and proclaiming God's steadfast love from the holy mountain to the ends of the earth.

God wants everyone, everywhere to share this bread and this cup as a reminder of God's never-ending love.

On the night before his arrest, as he gathered with his closest friends, he took bread, blessed it and said, “This is my body broken for you, when you eat this bread do so in remembrance of me.” (*Youth volunteer tears the bread and holds it up.*) While his body was broken, this bread reminds us of God's unbroken promises of grace and love for us. Let us eat this bread together. (*Barb and Liturgist eat preset bread pieces. Youth may eat from the torn bread.*)

**Liturgist:** Jesus then took the cup and as he poured it said, “this is my blood, shed for you, whenever you share this cup, do so in remembrance of me.” (*Youth volunteer pours juice into the cup and holds it up.*) No matter how familiar we become with the Lord's Supper, let the bread and juice always remind us God is always forever. Let us drink this juice together. (*Barb and Liturgist drink preset cups of juice. Youth may drink from the poured cup.*)

**Barb: O Jesus, our beloved, we give you thanks for inviting us to your table and sharing your feast. May we know that we have been fed with love and grace, and may we follow you out in the world, ambassadors of your hope and peace. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Reflection No 310

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

**Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far they face to see, and in thy presence rest.**

**Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mind recall  
a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of us all.**

**O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,  
to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!**

**But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show:  
The love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.**

**Jesus, our only joy be though, as thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.**

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.

Offertory

“Fantaisie Pastorale Hongroise” Opus 26 Molto Andante Doppler  
Flute: Jacquie Oliveri

\*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 442

“The Church's One Foundation”

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
She is his new creation by water and the word;  
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up: “How long?”  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**



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](mailto:petraventa11@gmail.com)

**The mailing address for the church will be returning to 47 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE 44646 as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. The office is now in full operating mode and will be available to the mail carrier.**

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!