

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MASSILLON, OHIO**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, October 25, 2020**

*Greetings in the Lord! We are happy to have you with us this morning! Our prayer is that you are inspired, uplifted and strengthened in this hour of worship. We kindly ask that you remain for a very short congregational meeting immediately following the service. Thank you! Now, enjoy worship!*

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you!

**People:** And also with you!

The Prelude

“Invention XIII”

Bach

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: What shall we render to the Lord for all God’s bounty to us?

**People: We will lift up the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. Let us come to worship!**

Hymn No. 476

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” (all 5 verses)

**O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing God’s power and God’s love;  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**O tell of God’s might, O sing of God’s grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
The chariots of heaven, the deep thunder clouds form,  
And bright is God’s path on the wings of the storm.**

**The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;  
Hath stablished it fast by a change-less decree,  
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.**

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Eternal God, Lord of all life, in the midst of Your gathered people, we remind ourselves of our constant dependence upon Your grace.

**People: So often, we use phrases such as “Remember me, O God”, and “Hear me now, O Lord.” But how foolish such phrases really are. You remember us in the midst of our forgetting. You hear us when we form the first thought. Truly, we are the ones who need to be reminded that You do not turn from us, but we from You.**

Leader: You do not forget us, but we forget You. When yesterday haunts, when old wounds ache and fresh ones cause pain, let us recall Your promise that *“When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.”*

**People: So we come now with all who are gathered, tentatively, hopefully, trusting in Your faithfulness to hold us fast, that we may never stray beyond the power of Your love. Hear us as we pray in the name of our Savior Jesus**

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life**

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.**

Children’s Chat

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

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 44:17-26

New Testament Lesson: Romans 8:28-39

Sermon: “God Is on Our Side!” Rev. Larry Lalama

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. 345            “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” (vss. 1-4)

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find  
In reverence, praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow Thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee the silence of eternity,  
I interpreted by love!**

**Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress and let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace.**

Benediction

Postlude

“Grand Choeur”

Dubois

***We so appreciate that you were with us this morning! It is our sincere prayer that you found the service beneficial and enriching. Know that you are always welcome here! Please join us next Sunday as we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion.***

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