

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MASSILLON, OHIO**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**October 4, 2020 – World Communion**

*Central Presbyterian Church of Massillon welcomes one and all to this morning's worship celebration as we share with churches down the street and around the world the blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are worshipping online, please remember to have your bread ready to break and cup ready to pour as we join our hearts, minds and spirits as one in the resurrected Christ. Now, enjoy worship!*

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you!

**People:** And also with you!

The Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

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Call to Worship

Leader: Brothers and sisters, the Church of Christ is a worldwide fellowship,

**People: A body of believers committed to the faith that redemptive and reconciling love is the dominant force in the destiny of humankind, worth devoting one's life to serve.**

Leader: Within that framework, many beliefs may vary from person to person or even within one person from time to time.

**People: But the basis of the faith remains the same.**

**All: This day, God calls us to renew our commitment to that basic faith, and to celebrate our relationship with fellow Christians around the world. As part of that worldwide church, let us worship the one and living God!**

Hymn No. 442

“The Church's One Foundation” (vs 2 – choir, vs 4 – a capella)

**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.**

**Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation, of peace forever more;  
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious, shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union, with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion, with those whose rest is won;  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them the meek and lowly, may live eternally.**

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Across the barriers that divide race from race, we pray that You reconcile us, O Christ, by Your cross.

**People: Across the barriers that divide the rich from the poor, we pray that You reconcile us, O Christ, by Your cross.**

Leader: Across the barriers that divide Christians, we pray that you reconcile us, O Christ, by Your cross.

**People: Across the barriers that divide people of different faith, we pray that You reconcile us, O Christ, by Your cross.**

Leader: Across the barriers that divide men from women, young from old, we pray that You reconcile us, O Christ, by Your cross.

**People: Confront us, O Christ, with the hidden prejudices and fears which deny and betray our prayers. Enable us to see the causes of strife. Remove from us all sense of superiority. Turn us from our sin. Teach us to grow in unity with all God's people. Hear this, our confession, in the name of Jesus....**

Silent Prayer .....Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel,

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

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**

Special Music

Gospel Lesson: John 17: 20-26

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 2: 11-22

Sermon: "Communion and Peace in Christ"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation and the Institution

The Partaking of Loaf and Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Almighty and Holy One, at the table of Jesus Christ, we have received sacramental assurance of Your sacrificial and enduring love. Words can hardly express our gratitude for a love so great as this. May this love go viral, touching every community, every people, every nation, uniting us as one in Jesus' mighty name. Lord, as we leave table and return to this week's demands, let Your Spirit encourage us, Your glory uplift us, Your grace sustain us, and Your peace fill us. All this we humbly pray in the name of Christ, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen**

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. 439 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

**In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north;  
But one great fellowship of love, throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts everywhere, their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord, close binding human kind.**

**Join hands disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be;  
All children of the living God, are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west, in Him meet south and north;  
All Christly souls are one in Him, throughout the whole wide earth.**

Benediction

Postlude

“Fanfare”

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***Thank you for being with us this morning! We pray that you found blessing in our mutual offering of worship, and have been fed upon the manna of Word and Sacrament. We look forward to welcoming you back next Sunday. Until then, may the peace of Christ be with you!***

***This morning’s worship team is Rachael Fleischaker, Leigh Conti, Doug Beery, Kathy Bachtel, Kylie Collmar, Brady Zink, Daryl Robinson, Roger Sibert, Nancy McEwen, Stephanie Beltz, David Rankl, Logan Rankl, Hollie Beltz, Olivia Aguon.***