

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MASSILLON, OHIO

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 4, 2022

Welcome to worship at Central Presbyterian Church. 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!

Prelude

“America the Beautiful”

Ham

*Call to Worship

Dag Hammarskjold

Leader: Great and good God, give us pure hearts that we may see you.

People: Humble hearts that we may hear you.

Leader: Hearts of love that we may serve you.

People: Hearts of faith that we may live in you.

Leader: Reverent hearts that we may worship you,

People: here and in the world out there.

*Hymn of Praise #487

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Prayer of Confession

Call to Worship Vol 47.1

God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by sin. You move heaven and earth to save us, but we are unmoved by the suffering of others. You are willing to forgive again and again, but we are unwilling to forgive the debts of others. Forgive us; set us free! Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released, restored, set free to worship and serve you in freedom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Call to Worship Vol. 47.1

Leader: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

*Congregational Response #322

“Spirit of the Living God”

😊 Youth dismissed to classes

Concerns and Celebrations of the Church

Prayer of the People

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 "What Wondrous Love is This" Heidi Hall, soloist

New Testament Lesson: Revelation 21: 1-8

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 65: 17-66: 2

Sermon "Dignified Work" Rev. Dr. Jules Joy

*Hymn of Commitment #364 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Leader: Eternal God, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise

The minister will continue this prayer.

Word of Institution *1 Cor. 11.23-26; Luke 22.19-20*

These words echo Jesus' words at the Last Supper.

Communion

Leader: Jesus said: I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
And whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Leader: The body of Christ, given for you.

(You may eat the bread from the communion element package.)

Leader: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

(You may drink the cup.)

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be a part of your reign, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Call to Worship Vol. 47.1

Jesus said: Give to the emperor, the things that belong to the emperor, and to God the things that are God's. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the Earth.

Offertory "Largo from Xerxes" Handel

*Doxology

**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

Call to Worship Vol. 47.1

Astounding Spirit, you have showered your gifts upon us. Now we offer you our lives, to be transformed, made new, and given in love for the world.
Amen.

*Hymn of Sending #275 “God of Our Life”

*Benediction

*Postlude “March of the War Priests” Mendelssohn

*Please rise in either spirit or stature.

May your week ahead be filled with abundant life and blessing! Thank you for blessing us with your presence. We look forward to welcoming you again next Sunday!

Worship team today: Rev. Dr. Jules Joy, Leigh Conti, Allison Glick, Julie Hamilton, Craig Aguon, Logan Rankl.

Message from Session:

At the August 18, 2022, Session meeting, on the recommendation of the Trustees Committee, Session adopted the following policy.

The exterior doors to the church will be locked at the beginning of the Pastoral Prayer (this prayer is approximately 20 minutes into the service), and the doors will not be opened for anyone. Members may use the keypad and lock code to gain entrance to the building.

This is due to an incident that occurred during worship several weeks ago. It is unfortunate that we must resort to a measure like this, however the safety of the congregation is a top priority. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of Session or Trustees Committee.

The Week Ahead:

Mon.....1 pm Quilters
Tues.....6:30 pm HR
Thurs....6:30 pm Deacons
Sat.....10:45 am Need A Lunch
Tues & Thurs 9:30-11:30 am.....Door Ministry

Central members and attenders who need prayer:

Members with COVID: unfortunately several members have contracted COVID. Please pray that these infections will be mild, that each person will recover quickly, and the virus doesn't spread.

Bill Indorf: undergoing chemotherapy for treatment of cancer.

Cheryl Anderson: strength & mobility.

Gail Billman: A-fib, high blood pressure.

Maureen Cooper: having an assessment if surgery is the next step for her spinal infection.

Charlie Cooper: recovering from shoulder replacement

Ron & Barb & Ron Cornell: Both are at home recovering from hospital stays.

Bev Denholm: Amherst Meadows, 1610 1st Street NE, Massillon, Room 502. Visitors welcome.

Debbie Feichter: regaining strength through rehab.

Jean Kidd: prayers for continued improvement.

Cheryl Lash: prayers for emotional and physical healing.

Sandy Muirhead-Gould: entered the church triumphant last week.

Lynn Heiser: regaining strength.

Bill Indorf: prayers for recovery from recent lung surgery.

Gail Kincaid: back pain slowly improving with physical therapy.

Karen King: back home.

David & Beverly Oberlin: age health issues.

Lorna Patt: The Inn at Northwood Village, 5799 N Wooster Ave, Dover, OH 44622 Room 212.

Melissa Price: lung issues.

Denny & Allison Printz: Denny, learning to live with neurological issues.

David Rice: (son of Jean Rice) mental/physical struggles, prayers for him and Jean.

Jan Starrett: has been moved to Rose Lane.

Jim Sibert: Sprenger healthcare due to dementia.

Rosie Sikorsky: hearing and vision issues.

Nancy Thatcher: recovering from hip replacement surgery.