

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MASSILLON, OHIO

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 13, 2020

We extend to you the warmest of welcomes this morning from Massillon Central Presbyterian Church. We are so glad you are with us! May the Spirit of the Lord meet you wherever you are, and draw you close into the praise of Almighty God. Now, enjoy worship!

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

The Prelude

“Victory in Jesus”

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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 No. 473

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

- (all)** 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.
- (choir)** 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.
- (all)** 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.
- (a capella)** 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.
- (all)** 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

O God, before You whose forgiveness is without limit, we come as those who struggle with forgiveness in our lives. We withhold forgiveness from those who have wronged us, while holding tightly to our grudges. We withhold forgiveness from our very selves, mired in our guilt, anger and fear. Lord, help us to let these things go at the foot of Your cross, and to live forward, reconciled, restored, and at peace, with others, and with ourselves. It is in Jesus' name we bring our struggle and our confession....

Silent Prayer**Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Brothers and sisters, just as we know that we are a "sometime" Christian people, it is comforting to know that our God is not a sometime God.

People: He is always agape'-loving! He is always forgiving! He is always present with us through Jesus Christ! In Him, we are forgiven! Praise the Lord!

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

Special Music: "All Good Things" Natalie Sleeth

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 32:1-5

New Testament Lesson: John 20:19-23

Sermon: "Bridges Over the River Kwai"

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. 347

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

**“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” You taught us, Lord to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.**

**How can Your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?**

**In blazing light Your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to You!**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease,
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread Your peace.**

Benediction

Postlude

“Choral”

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning. Your presence is our highly valued blessing! Please plan to join us next Sunday as Rev. Christopher Stewart, long time pastor in Muskingum Valley Presbytery, will be delivering the morning’s message.

The beautiful banner this morning was purchased by Rich Long in loving memory of his mother. The picture in the background was taken by Rich on a trip to Canada.

This morning’s worship team is Carl Wise, Leigh Conti, Doug Beery, Kathy Bachtel, Roger Sibert, Kylie Collmar, Kathy Bachtel, Roger Sibert, and Brady Zink, Nancy Aguon, Nancy McEwen, Stephanie Beltz, David Rankl, Logan Rankl, Olivia Aguon, Will Beltz, Pastor Larry Lalama.