

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MASSILLON, OHIO**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**September 20, 2020**

*It is our pleasure to welcome you to the sanctuary of Massillon Central Presbyterian Church! May you feel the near presence of the Lord as we gather our hearts, minds and spirits in worship. We are pleased to welcome this morning to our pulpit the Rev. Christopher Stewart, honorably retired and longtime member of Muskingum Valley Presbytery. Now, enjoy worship!*

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you!

**People:** And also with you!

The Prelude

“Great Is the Lord”

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Call to Worship

Leader: Draw near to the Lord, who hears our pleas and our praise.

**People: We come to rest in God’s holy presence.**

Leader: Here is bread that the Lord provides; here is manna to nourish our souls.

**People: We gather to feast on God’s sustaining Word.**

Leader: Remember the Lord’s wonderful works each evening; see God’s glory with the morning light.

**People: Come, let us worship the Lord!**

Hymn No. 262

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

**God of the ages, whose almighty hand,  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;  
Be Thou our ruler, guardian guide and stay;  
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.**

**From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,  
Lead us from night to never ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.**

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, your generosity surprises us. For you do not mete out grace according to how hard we work, or how often we worship, or how closely we follow the rules. No, you lavish grace upon us according to your own desire. But we insist on deciding who is deserving and who is not. We grumble that some receive too little while others have more than they deserve. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to live with humility and gratitude so that our words and deeds might embody your grace.**

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Brothers and sisters, *“I will lift my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?”*

**People: *My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”*  
In that one same Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

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

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 16: 2-15

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 1: 21-30

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 20: 1-16

Sermon: “Will God Provide Our Deepest Needs?” Rev. Stewart

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. 275      “God of Our Life”

**God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in Thee;  
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.  
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,  
We own Thy mercies, Lord which never fail.**

**God of the past, our times are in Thy hand; with us abide.  
Lead us by faith to hope’s true promised land; be Thou our guide.  
With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,  
And faith’s fair vision changes into sight.**

**God of the coming years, through paths unknown, we follow Thee;  
When we are strong, Lord leave us not alone; our refuge be.  
Be Thou for us in life our daily bread,  
Our heart’s true home when all our years have sped.**

Benediction

Postlude

“In Thee Is Gladness”

Bach

***Thank you for enriching our worship by being here, either in the sacred space of this sanctuary, or in the sacred space of your home. Next Sunday, we will welcome Rev. Ben George to our pulpit. May the abundant blessings of the Lord season your week ahead!***

***This morning’s worship team is Rev. Christopher Stewart, Carrie Paisley, Leigh Conti, Doug Beery, Kathy Bachtel, Nancy Aguon, Nancy McEwen, David Rankl, Logan Rankl, Hollie & Will Beltz.***