

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MASSILLON, OHIO

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 27, 2020

In the name of our Lord and risen Savior Jesus Christ, we welcome you to this morning's service of worship. We are pleased to welcome to our pulpit the Rev. Ben George, Director of Camp Wakonda. May you sense the presence of the Lord as we gather in spirit and in truth. Now, enjoy worship!

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

The Prelude

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

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Call to Worship

Leader: In a world of conflicting values, we have faith in God who is Creator of the universe.

People: In a world of disparities, we trust our God who created us for community, fellowship, and unity.

Leader: In a world of contrasts, we believe in our God who sees each of us with a holy mission.

People: In a world with rapidly increasing knowledge, we trust in our God who is truth and love, the Source of all wisdom.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn No. 478

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise Him for His grace and favor to his people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.**

**Father-like He tends and spares us, well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore Him, Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.**

Prayer of Confession

God of light, we bring to You the moral chaos of our world - its spiritual fatigue, its restlessness of heart, its dark forebodings. We confess our share in the world's sin - our love of ease and security, our pride of place and possession, our hard bargaining and competitive spirits, our failure to reflect Your infinite love and care, even to those closest to us. Save us, O God, from living on a small scale in so great an age. Though we may not see all things clearly, let us see Christ's love and mercy plainly, and so order our lives together, that the world may look at us and know that You have claimed us as Your own. In our Savior's name, we pray and confess....

Silent Prayer**Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Good News in Christ is that God offers us life at every moment,

People: Forgiving us, and inviting us to the freshness of new beginnings. Let us praise our God of Grace in the name of whose Son, 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

Minute for Mission

Peacemaking Offering

Nancy McEwen

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 and Epistle Lesson: Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32

Sermon: "Being the GODLY PEOPLE"

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. 388

“ O Jesus, I Have Promised”

**O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me, around me and within
But, Jesus draw me nearer and shield my soul from sin.**

**O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory there shall they servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.**

Benediction

Postlude

“March Upon a Theme of Handel”

Guilmant

Thank you for blessing us with your presence this morning, whether within the walls of our sanctuary, or as part of our growing online community. Either way, “We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord.” Next Sunday, we will be celebrating World Communion. Those joining us live stream are encouraged to have bread ready to break and cup ready to pour. Bless you in the week ahead!

This morning’s worship team is Rev. Ben George, Rich Wilder, Leigh Conti, Doug Beery, Kathy Bachtel, Kylie Collmar, Brady Zink, Daryl Robinson, Nancy McEwen, Stephanie Beltz, David Rankl, Logan Rankl, Hollie Beltz, Olivia Aguon.