

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MASSILLON
ORDER OF ONLINE WORSHIP
Sunday, May 3, 2020

Welcome to our first online celebration of the Lord's Supper. Please have juice ready to pour and bread ready to break as we begin this morning's service. We will partake of them together in the usual manner. Your presence means so much to our worship team; this morning: John, Stephanie, Hollie and Will Beltz, Leigh Conti, Dave Rankl, Roger and Liz Sibert, Sammy Kay Smith, and Pastor Larry. Now, enjoy worship!

Welcome and Greeting

L. The Lord be with you!

P. And also with you!

The Prelude

Call to Worship

L. The Lord has called us together, in this hour, around this table, in God's Spirit.

P. We gather ourselves in mind, in heart, in spirit, connected with one another.

L. We come to receive the bounty of the Lord, and the signs of God's sacrificing love.

P. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit, praying that unity will one day be restored. In a spirit of oneness of hope, let us worship God.

Hymn No. 487 – "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

**When morning gilds the skies, My heart awakening cries: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer, To Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let earth's wide circle round, in joyful notes resound: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky, From depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th-eternal song, Through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!**

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Forgive us, O Lord, when we stray from Your paths, and disobey Your law of love. Lead us again to right ways of living, inspired by Your Holy Spirit, driven by our care for others, all in imitation of Jesus, who brings light to our path, and shows us the way. In His name, we confess our transgression, and seek Your perfect peace.....

Silent Prayer

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Assurance of Pardon

L. In the name of Christ, we can draw near to Almighty God, cleansed of our sin, and restored in spirit.

P. In the one same name of Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven. Praise 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 Offering

Epistle Lesson – Romans 8:38-39

Hymn – "They'll Know We Are Christians"

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; And we pray that all unity will one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love, yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will come to the table, we will sit with the Lord; We will come to the table, we will sit with the Lord; And the day of our reunion we have set our sights toward. And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love, yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come; And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son. And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love, yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Gospel Lesson – John 16:25-33

Sermon: "It's Not About Being in the Same Room"

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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L. Great is the Lord!

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P. And greatly to be praised!

L. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.

P. World without end, amen. Amen.

The Invitation and the Institution

Partaking of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Almighty and Eternal God, Your sacrificial love has again been revealed in this hour. Thank You for feeding us and nourishing us. As we leave this table, and return to serve in the world, guide and bless us. Keep us safe and keep us well. Most of all, keep us aware of the depth of Your love for us, each and every one, and the grace You extend, in and through Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Call to Giving and Prayer of Dedication

The Doxology

Hymn No. 438 – “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

**Blest be the tie that binds, Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds, Is like to that above.**

**Before our Maker’s throne, We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows, The sympathizing tear.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign, Through all eternity.**

Benediction

Postlude

We are deeply appreciative that you’ve shared Holy Communion with us this morning. May you see the Lord’s richest blessings in the week ahead. We look forward to welcoming you next Sunday!