

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Gathering

God reaches out to us and calls us together to worship. Together, we respond to God's invitation to worship and relationship with praise and song. We also respond with a prayer of humility, mindful of our human sins. Thankfully, God forgives us. In response to God's forgiveness, we forgive and share peace with one another.

Welcome

Prelude

“There's A Wideness in God's Mercy”

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*Call to Worship

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise God in the temple, in the highest heavens!

People: Praise God's mighty deeds and noble majesty.

Leader: All that is alive, praise!

People: Praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

*Gathering Prayer

This is the day that you have made, Lord. Help us to rejoice in it and be glad. Open our eyes to see you, Lord. Open our ears to hear your Word. Visit us through your Holy Spirit and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.

*Hymn #394 PURPLE

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

Call to Confession

Truly God listens; God gives heed to the words of our prayer. Blessed be God, because God has not rejected our prayer or removed God's steadfast love from us. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God. Let us pray...

Prayer of Humility

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer...

Assuring Forgiveness

Leader: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Congregational Response #581 PURPLE “Glory Be to the Father”

*Sharing Forgiveness and Peace

Leader: In response to God's forgiving us, let us forgive and be at peace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

You are invited to share the forgiveness, love, and peace received from God with others around you by saying, “Peace be with you.”

Listening

*God attends to our joys and concerns while we share what's on our hearts and minds in the Prayers of the People. We respond by listening to God's Word in scripture and sermon.
We continue to praise God in song.*

Attending Prayer

Worship Sourcebook

God, source of all light, by your Word give light to our lives. Amen

Youth Chat

★ Youth dismissed to class

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers 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.

Scripture

Exodus 12:1-14

Anthem

“Prayer of St Francis”

Pote

Scripture

Romans 13:8-14

Message

“Urgency and Priorities”

Mike Baker

*Hymn # 829

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Responding

We respond to the love, forgiveness, and guidance we receive in worship by serving God and one another through the ministries of the congregation. We offer our resources and our lives to God's work.

Work of the Church (Announcements)

Offering Invitation

God cares for all without distinction and is generous to all beyond measure. As God's people, let us offer our gifts with generosity and gladness.

Offertory

“Elegy”

Thalben-Ball

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Generous God, we thank you for your call and claim upon our lives. Because there is so much more that we can become, and so much more we can do, we pray that our faith will increase, that our practice of generosity will be enlarged; and that our joy in believing will encourage others. Amen.

*Hymn # 370 (PURPLE)

“This Is My Father's Worl”

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Allegretto”

Handel

Hymn numbers listed in the bulletin from the blue *Presbyterian Hymnal* are designated “BLUE.” This hymnal is in the pew pockets. If a hymn is from the new purple *Glory to God* hymnal, it will be designated by “PURPLE.” These hymn melodies and lyrics are on the projection slides, or you may use a purple hymnal from the entryway table.

Worship team today: Mike Baker, John Beltz, Leigh Conti, Tech Team

Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Jen and Lincoln Shaw.

The Week Ahead:

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| Mon | 1:00pm | Quilters |
| | 6:00pm | Men’s Group Cookout |
| Tuesday | 6:30pm | Trustees |
| Tue & Thur | 9:30am-11:30am | Door Ministry |
| Thursday | 11:00 am | Hope Rebekah |
| Thursday | 6:30 pm | Deacons |

Work of the Church

The Chosen (Season 2): Everyone is invited on Sundays at 9:00 AM. All are welcome!

Adult & Young Adult Sunday School: Understanding the Bible” begins at 9:00 am Sunday, September 17. Bring your favorite Bible.

Hope Rebekah Circle: Will resume Thursday, September 14th at 11:00 AM

Glory to God Hymnal: Please consider donating \$25 for the purchase of a Glory to God hymnal in memory or in honor of a loved one. You may pick up an order form on the table in the narthex or by calling the church office.

CPC Men’s Group: We will be studying the A.B. Bruce classic, “The Training of the Twelve”. Kickoff Cookout is Monday, September 14th at 6:00 at the home of Roger Sibert, 2340 Eastwood Ave NE. Sign up in the narthex. Regular meetings will be on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Westminster Room. All men are welcome to join us.

Central Members and Friends Who Need Prayer

Cheryl Anderson: strength & mobility

Peggy Bureau: aging & comfort

Maureen Cooper: recovery after surgery

Cornelia Warstler: for healing after knee replacement surgery

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

Jean Kidd: for strength, recovering from broken vertebrae

Cheryl Lash: continuing prayers

David Oberlin: aging & health needs

Doris Oberlin: 3125 Smith Rd Apt #423, Fairlawn, Oh 44333

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

Jean Rice: healing a broken hip Hennis Care Center, 300 Yant St., Bolivar, 44612, Room 106

Mary Ross: ear swelling & hearing loss

Jan Starrett: entered the church triumphant on Tuesday, September 5. Calling hours will be Monday, September 11 at 11:30 am-12:30 pm, with the funeral service at 12:30 pm at Atkinson-Feucht-Hare Funeral Home

John Willis: prostate cancer

Pastor Larry Lalama: continuing prayers

Barb Cornell: for treatment & recovery from knee surgery

Morgan Barlow: effective treatment of Crohn's disease and it's complications

Glen Dobis: recovery after foot surgery

Margaret Guleff: St Luke's Community, 220 Applegrove St NE, North Canton, Room 1206

Nan Ream: recovery from knee replacement surgery

Rosie Sikorsky: prayers for effective treatment & healing

Karen Sibert: having neurological symptoms, prayers for effective treatment & healing

Joyce Corbett: recovering from Covid and knee replacement

Bob Thatcher: recovery from knee replacement surgery