

Sunday, September 17, 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

“Toccata”

Théodore Dubois

*Call to Worship

Ps. 124.8

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: Who made heaven and earth.

*Gathering Prayer

Worship Sourcebook

On this day of rest and gladness, we praise you, God of creation, for the dignity of work and the joy of play, for the challenge of witness and the invitation to delight in your commandments. Renew our hearts through your Sabbath rest, that we might be refreshed to continue in your work of restoring the world to wholeness. Amen.

*Hymn #14 PURPLE

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Prayer of Humility

Worship Sourcebook

Creator God, your presence is as the wind, the breath and sustainer of life. We are grateful for being a part of your beautiful creation: rugged mountains, rolling plains, and uncultivated deserts. We thank you for the birds of the air, animals, and fish of the sea. For purity of water and air that remind us of the need for holy virtue in life, physical and spiritual. In your holy mystery, you have revealed that we are your children, a wonderful mosaic of humanity with different cultures and heritages. We have work yet to do, to work for truth and equity. We pray that we might always be found faithful, reflecting your love. Cause light to overcome the darkness of the world through your Son Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assuring Forgiveness

Rom. 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us,

Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Congregational Response #701 PURPLE “Lord, Prepare Me”

*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

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 Psalm 104.1, 5-17

Special Music "Today I Awake" Bell
Kathleen Bachtel, *Vocalist*

Scripture Genesis 1.1-5

Message "The First Day"

*Hymn #664 PURPLE "Morning Has Broken"

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

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

Offertory "Tocatta Brevis" Daniel Gawthrop

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Book of Common Worship

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Amen.

*Hymn #547 PURPLE "Go, My Children with My Blessing"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Prelude in F Major" Bach

*Please rise in spirit or stature.

Thank you to Kathleen Bachtel for her music leadership this morning.

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: Rev. Dr. Juliann Joy, Liz Sibert, Anna Joy, Tech Team

Flowers today are given by John & Stephanie Beltz in celebration of Hollie’s 19th and Will’s 15th birthdays.

The Week Ahead:

Mon	1:00pm	Quilters
Tuesday	7:00pm	Men’s Group
Tue & Thur	9:30am-11:30am	Door Ministry
Wednesday	1:00pm	Game Day
Thursday	5:30pm	Faith & Nurture
Thursday	6:30pm	Session

Work of the Church

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

Hope Rebekah Circle: Will resume Thursday, September 20th 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”. 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

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

Peggy Bureau: aging & comfort

Maureen Cooper: recovery after surgery

Joyce Corbett: recovering from Covid and knee replacement

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

Glen Dobis: recovery after foot surgery

Margaret Guleff: recovering at home from hip surgery

Jean Kidd: for strength, recovering from broken vertebrae

Pastor Larry Lalama: continuing prayers

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

Nan Ream: recovery from knee replacement surgery

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

Mary Ross: ear swelling & hearing loss

The Family of Jan Starrett: comfort & hope in their grief.

Rosie Sikorsky: prayers for effective treatment & healing

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

Bob Thatcher: recovery from knee replacement surgery

Cornelia Warstler: for healing after knee replacement surgery

Don Wesley: prayers for healing

John Willis: prostate cancer