

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 9, 2021 6th Sunday of Easter 10:00 AM

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in C Major* J.S. Bach

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE & POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Worship is marked by lighting the Christ candle, a reminder that Christ is present among us. The pouring of the water reminds us that in baptism we are cleansed, delivered, raised, forgiven, reborn, anointed, restored, and strengthened for a life of faith.

INTROIT *Come Inside* Don Besig

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist: Brie Bradshaw

Leader: We have come to worship God who created the heavens and earth.

People: **The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord;**

Leader: The earth and all who live on it are God's.

People: **Let us worship our God whose will is justice and peace for all.**

All: **We will sing praises with all God's creation.**

***HYMN** *Come Inside (see insert)*

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Leader: The prayer of confession invites us to speak words that are remarkably honest which make us extremely vulnerable. Come before our loving and gracious God who has already provided us salvation in Jesus. Join me in prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We have forgotten who we are and whose we are. We have become estranged from the movements of the earth. We have turned our backs on the cycles of life. We have sought only our own security. We have distorted our knowledge. We have abused our power. We ask forgiveness. We ask for the gift of remembering. We ask for strength to change. Creator of all, nourish us with the memory of who we are and to whom we belong, and fill us with the hope of Your new creation.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Hear and receive the Good News of Jesus Christ!

People: **We've heard, "In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!"**

Leader: Believe and live this Good News!

People: **Thanks be to God for our forgiveness!**

All: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

Love You Forever by Robert Munsett

ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 10:44-48

SERMON

My Mother's Table

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

[From A Declaration of Faith]

God sends us to exercise compassion. In God's concern for justice in the social order. God has never forgotten the needs of individuals. In the end the Lord will judge all persons by the simple, unremembered acts of kindness they did or failed to do for the least of their sisters and brothers. We acknowledge God is at work here and now when people show personal concern for each other and work to make helping agencies, including the church itself, more compassionate. We believe God sends us to risk our own peace and comfort in passion for our neighbors. We are to give to them and receive from them, accepting everyone we meet as a person; to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind; to help and accept help in ways that affirm dignity and responsibility. We must not limit our compassion to those we judge deserving, for we ourselves do not deserve the compassion of God.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

Adagio

Mozart

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN #363**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Closing Prayer

Don Besig

POSTLUDE

Finale

Smith

Today's Prayers: Pam & Stewart Orr family, Carol Lashuay, Ron Stout, Judy Sanderson, Annie Titus (Ann's granddaughter), Carol Wilson's son (Rob), Abe Conde, Marsha Foster, Mary Frances Moss, Jason Sybert, along with all those on the front line sacrificing so much for the rest of us, all teachers, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, all those adversely affected by the Covid-19 and for our nation.

The flowers today are given in loving memory of **Connie Varney** by her husband, Glenn Varney, daughter, Jan McKnight, and son, Ken Varney.

Ushers today are: Dar Bevelhymmer, Mike & Linda Evans, and Terri McNamara.

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“A More Light Church”

We Believe in a God of Abundance

We believe God is bigger than we could ever imagine. We are all created in the image of a God of abundance, of limitless possibilities and expansion. We strive to live out God’s call of welcome to all of God’s beloved children (and we mean ALL). No matter where you find yourself on your walk of faith, you are welcome here! Single, married, divorced, widowed, of all racial and ethnic identities, of all sexual orientations and gender identities, (LGBTQIA+) conservative, liberal, progressive, or apolitical: you are welcome here!

One parishioner shared, “Life leads us in interesting directions; God led me to FPC in BG. The church family is my refuge, my base, my strength. The Bible-based theology challenges me to help build God’s inclusive world. This church family inspires me with its sense of mission in the community and world.”

Christ welcomes all! All are welcome here!

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Mother's Day

Two women are noted for their contributions to the establishment of Mother's Day. Their stories follow:

Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) first suggested the national observance of an annual day honoring all mothers because she loved her own mother so dearly. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908. Miss Jarvis gave a carnation, her mother's favorite flower, to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honor mother gained popularity, and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities in the United States.

On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then, it had become customary to wear white carnations to honor departed mothers and red to honor the living, a custom that continues to this day.

Julia Ward Howe, a poet, reformer, scholar, mother of six, author of the words to "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and founder of the Women's Peace Conference in 1870 organized the first celebration of Mother's Day in Boston in 1872.

At the time of the Franco-Prussian War she wrote, "Why do not the mothers of mankind interfere in these matters, to prevent the waste of human life of which they alone bear and know the cost? The august dignity of motherhood and its terrible responsibility now appeared to me in a new aspect."

She began to promote Mother's Day in 1872 as a festival for the advocacy of peace. It was so celebrated in the U.S. and abroad for many years, but gradually lost ground to the Jarvis celebration.

happy
mother's day!

Week of May 9 thru May 16

SUNDAY	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service IN PERSON!!!!
MONDAY	7:00	p.m.	Kindred Spirits in the Green Lounge
WEDNESDAY	5:30	p.m.	Lectionary Study via Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Trustees Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY	5:00	p.m.	Worship Meeting via Zoom
SUNDAY	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30	a.m.	Staff Meeting in Pastor David's office
	1:00	p.m.	Youth Group



Maintaining Safe Distancing in the Sanctuary - Welcome back to the sanctuary and thank you for masking up and maintaining safe social distancing. Even though many of us are vaccinated, there may still be vulnerable friends with us today. Please respect the ushers directions and limit your movement around the sanctuary. To encourage distancing while exiting the sanctuary at the end of the service, we ask that you stay in your seat until an usher releases your row. A controlled exit will help us space out and keep everyone safe.

Changes to Service - A few changes are necessary for the worship service:

- Singing will be limited to designated soloists or prearranged groups.
- The offering plate will not be passed, but will be available before and after service for your offering.
- Social distancing will limit the sharing of the peace to waving and speaking to friends across pews.
- We ask that people do not move around the sanctuary to greet and visit with friends.



The Kindred Spirits Circle - Monday, May 10 Kindred Spirits will meet in the **Green Lounge at 7 pm** for its final lesson on lamenting. The topic will focus on a time when lamenting is no longer necessary. Contact Julie Smith Maekask for questions or details (419-247-1794).

**First Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green
is proud to be a part of this year's NAMI Walk!**



First Presbyterian Church members welcome and affirm persons of every race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, family status, economic status, and physical, mental, or emotional ability into full participation in our faith community. As such, we are thrilled to support our community members in achieving Mental Health for All for 2021!

NAMI is the largest grassroots organization for mental health awareness and community assistance. They fund various community-based programs, fundraisers, and educational resources for families and individuals affected by mental illness. They additionally provide speakers, support groups, connections to assistance programs, and trainings affiliated with mental health and substance use. To help with the various programs at NAMI, **First Presbyterian Church needs to raise at least \$1,000 as an organization with the NAMI Walk on May 22nd, 2021 at 10 am.**

First Presbyterian's organization donation page is - <https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=41528>.

The NAMI Walk starts at Simpson Garden Park at 10 am, and should end around 11:15 again at Simpson Garden Park.

Come and cheer the First Presbyterian Church walking team on.

Come Inside

1. Come inside! Our Host invites us. Enter, all, God's house of prayer. In the people gathered round us, we meet angels, unaware! ***Refrain.***

Refrain: Come inside, our doors are open! Feel the welcome in this place. Come inside, our arms are open. Feel the warmth of God's embrace.

2. Come and glimpse the gates of heaven, here on earth flung open wide. Young and old who yearn for refuge join in worship side by side. ***Refrain.***
3. Come and know the love of Jesus, not as servants but as friends. In each stranger, find a neighbor: share God's peace that never ends. ***Refrain.***

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph ever more ***Refrain.***

Refrain: Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2. Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. ***Refrain.***
3. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. ***Refrain.***
4. Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come
and gather all the saints to their eternal home. ***Refrain.***