

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 1, 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Gavotte

Matthew Camidge

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING the PEACE**

Leader: The cross is empty and so is the tomb. Our Lord lives! Our Lord brings us peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

INTROIT HYMN #388

Come All You People

Uyai Mose

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker; (repeat 3x)
Come now and worship the Lord.

***CALL TO WORSHIP(responsively)**

Liturgist: Rev. David Montgomery

Leader: This is the good news— the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

People: **Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

People: **Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news—once we were no people; now we are God's people.

People: **Hallelujah!**

Leader: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

People: **Hallelujah!**

***HYMN #511**

Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven

Llanfair

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to set us free and change our lives. Make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Set me free, O Lord, from faith and hope in lesser things.

Set me free from the illusion of happiness that enslaves me to sin.

Set me free with a heart that can be broken by the things that break thy heart.

Set me free with magnificent hope and sacred visions.

By thy mercy, O Lord, set me free.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

CHORAL RESPONSE #227 *Jesus Remember Me When I Come Into Your Kingdom

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (x2)

***DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)**

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Leader: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

People: **"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"**

Leader: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

People: **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 9:1-20

ANTHEM

Set Me As a Seal

Rene Clausen

GOSPEL READING

John 21:15-19

SERMON

Beyond Forgiveness

Rev. Dr. Jeff Schooley

JOYS AND CONCERNS & PASTORAL & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

Andante

C.A. Wendt

***Doxology (unison) HYMN # 609**

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) (From: A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to eternal life.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements (Come forward, if able, using the center aisle when invited by the ushers. Receive the bread and consume. Receive the cup, partake, then place your cup in the basket and return to your seat using the outside aisles. If you wish to be served in your seat, simply let the usher know and we will come to you.)

Prayer

***HYMN #744**

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Festal Song

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE #80** *You Shall Go Out with Joy* The Trees of the Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap* their hands**; the trees of the field will clap* their hands**;
the trees of the field will clap* their hands** while you go out with joy.

***POSTLUDE** *Fanfare to Christ the King* Charles Callahan

***Please stand if you are comfortable standing.**

USHERS: Bob and Joan Callecod

IN OUR PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war, all those discerning God's call, Mickey Cochrane, Brenda Fowler, Michelle McDonald, Daisy Boyer, Ann Titus, the PNC, Mary Frances & Bill Moss, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

This is a MORE LIGHT Presbyterian Church!

A "More Light" Presbyterian church welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons to full participation in the life, ministry, and witness of the congregation. We work to expand the inclusiveness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

. There are no closed doors here.

Christ Welcomes All Here!

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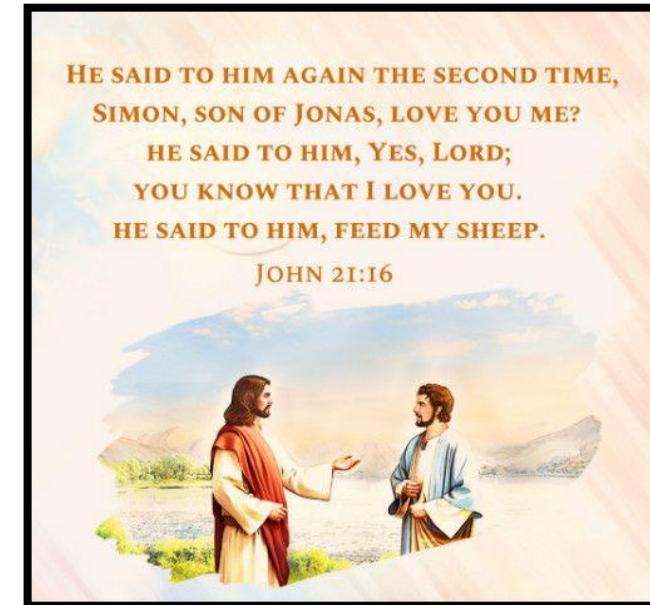
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Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven

1. Come, behold! The feast of heaven Alleluia! Has to mortal flesh been given. Alleluia! Hear the Word of God declared: Alleluia! "Come! The banquet is prepared." Alleluia!
2. All is ready, come attend Alleluia! As the Lord's invited friend; Alleluia! Come from north, west, south and east; Alleluia! Celebrate the joyful feast. Alleluia!
3. All who trust in God belong Alleluia! At this banquet with this throng. Alleluia! Share the mystic holy food; Alleluia! Taste and see: the Lord is good. Alleluia!
4. As the Lord our God has willed, Alleluia! Here the hungry soul is filled; Alleluia! Here the weary are refreshed. Alleluia! All who share God's feast are blessed. Alleluia!

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and God of might! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed, blessed, blessed is one who comes in the name of God. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1. Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
2. Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.
3. Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.
4. Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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Week of May 1 thru May 8

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m. Worship Service
	11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary
	11:30 a.m. Coffee & Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m. 4th Annual reading of <i>Our Time to Break Silence</i>
MONDAY	OFFICE IS CLOSED EVERY MONDAY
TUESDAY	Pastor David is out of the office all week
	Tammy is on vacation all week.
	Office is open 9-12 all week.
	1:00 p.m. Tuesday Book Group in the Green Lounge
	5:30 p.m. La Conexion Community Program
	8:00 p.m. A.A. in the Fellowship Hall
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m. Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
	5:30 p.m. There is NO Lectionary Bible Study this week
	7:00 p.m. Green Team Meeting in the Green Lounge
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m. Deacons' Shop is open to the public (masks required)
	5:30 p.m. La Conexion Community Program
	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (must be vaccinated)
SATURDAY	9:30 a.m. Native Plant Sale @ WC Fairgrounds
	1:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women (PW) program at Wintergarden Park
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m. Worship w/Brie Bradshaw, guest preacher

Nursery Care is provided during the worship service & Sunday Conversations. Araya Musselman, a sophomore at BGSU, will be taking care of the children and providing a small Sunday School lesson. There will be activities that are provided as well as time to play in the nursery. Snacks will be provided for the children.



Today, Dr. Schooley, along with Pastor David will be leading our service with Dr. Schooley preaching the sermon and celebrating communion with Pastor David. Immediately after the service, we will hold a Special Congregational Meeting where we will **vote**, by written ballot, on officially calling Dr. Schooley to be our next pastor as well as voting on the Terms of Call. While many of you have been joining us for Sunday worship via Facebook, it will not be possible for you to vote over the internet. **You must be present to cast your written vote.**



Presbyterian Women Program in the Park May 7th - PW is planning an afternoon program at Wintergarden Park on May 7th, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, featuring one of the park's naturalists who will speak about the wildflowers and history of the park. Debbie Zappitelli will also be sharing her knowledge and personal experience on how to attract a diversity of birds into your backyard.

Those interested can also go on a short, guided walk in the park or you can choose to stay in the lodge and enjoy visiting with friends or observing birds through the "window on wildlife". **We will meet at 1:00 pm in the park in the Rotary Nature Center** to enjoy some fellowship and afternoon treats followed by a brief business meeting and the program. We ask that you **RSVP** to Nancy Hess either by email (nhess1581@yahoo.com) or phone (419-806-4788) by May 5. You may leave a message on her phone. All Presbyterian Women events are open to all women who worship at our church. We hope to see you there!

The community garden gearing up and planting will soon begin. The team is hoping to have 3 new garden beds. Then we'll be ready to plant the new garden in May. We'll also begin to make good use of the compost bin that was added last fall. It won't be long before we'll see new veggies, herbs and flowers sprouting from the beds.



For your own gardens, you may want to note these dates to make plans for your home garden: **Native plant sale, Saturday, May 7 at the Fairgrounds from 9:30 am – 1pm.**



May 8 – Brie Bradshaw preaching on Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family or individual, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on different days in many parts of the world. Brie will share her story of her Mother-Daughter relationship and how her mother introduced her to Church.

Kindred Spirits Wraps for Year - The last session discussing the women in Jesus's family will be held in the Green Lounge at 4:30 pm on **Monday, May 9.**

SPRING SPRUCE UP - The Trustees are having two "spruce-up" events. All are invited to pitch in. **May 11th from 4:00 to 6:00** we will be cleaning up the grounds around the church. **May 21st from 10:30 to 4:00** we will be doing special cleaning inside the church. Feel free to come to the Men and Women's breakfast at 9:00 to get fortified, and help spruce up inside the church. Or come later and help for whatever time is convenient for you. or questions, contact Bob Callecod (419) 352-9453 or Linda Smith (419) 276-2354.



PENTECOST OFFERING TO GO TO FREEDOM SCHOOL

The second special offering of the year will be collected on **Pentecost, Sunday June 5.** This offering is intended to benefit children, youth, and young adults, and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Our church is able to designate a local organization to receive 40% of this offering. At the Mission Committee's recommendation, the Session has approved our portion of the Pentecost offering to go to Freedom School.

What is Freedom School? Freedom School is one response to ending the cradle-to-prison pipeline. It's a safe place for children to strengthen reading skills and experience new opportunities to grow and serve.

Monroe Street United Methodist Church (MSUMC) in Toledo has offered Freedom School since 2018. This summer MSUMC will again have students on site. They will observe all appropriate Covid precautions according to the recommendations at the time. Enrollment is limited to 50 students, with classrooms spread out throughout the building.

We are excited to be a part of this summer's Freedom School! There will be STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) in the afternoon enrichment activities, will have more outdoor activities, and will go on 3 field trips. Guest readers will include in-person guests from the community and others from around the world, with Zoom technology bringing them to Monroe Street. As always, the heart of Freedom School will be reading instruction.

Goals of Freedom School:

- Prevent loss of reading skills during the summer
- Empower children as learners
- Engage students in community service
- Build positive self-esteem

For more information contact Gale Swanka, Rosemary Apple or Pastor David

The 4th Annual reading of *Our Time to Break Silence* by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, will be read in its entirety. It hasn't been read for the last two years due to Covid. Join the community of Monroe Street Church, 3613 Monroe Street, Toledo TODAY at 4 p.m. for musical selections and at 4:30 p.m. will be the presentation of the speech. At 5 p.m. weather permitting there will be refreshments and fellowship on the lawn. This event is free and open to the public. The event will be held either indoors with masks requested, or outdoors, depending on weather and COVID-19 situation.

