

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 18, 2022

10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in F Major BWV 556* J.S.Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING the PEACE**

***INTROIT HYMN** *The Lord Is in His Holy Temple* Lloyd Larson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively) *Psalm 113* **LITURGIST: Beatrice Guenther**

One: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

All: The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

One: Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,

All: Who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

One: He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

All: To make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise the name of the Lord!

***HYMN #76** *Do Not Be Afraid* Isaiah 43

***CALL TO CONFESSION** (One)

Hear these words from the prophet Isaiah: But now thus says the Lord who created you, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the water, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flames shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior." Friends, let us – in faith – go before God in prayer.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, act when we should wait, do that which we should not, and leave undone that which we should do. Forgive us and set us free from our sin. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

***CHORALE KYRIE RESPONSE HYMN** *By the Floods of Babylon*

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF PARDON** (responsively)

One: Amen. While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *We Are One in the Spirit (vs. 4)* **Page #300**

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING **Genesis 12:1-5a**

ANTHEM *Joy In the Morning* Natalie Sleeth

SCRIPTURE READING **Isaiah 43:14-19**

SERMON *"Transitions: Forging a Future in Faith"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic church; the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and Lord's Prayer ("debts")

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *Air* Gordon Young

*Doxology (Unison) HYMN # 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings 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

***HYMN #315**

In the Midst of New Dimensions

New Dimensions

Verse 1 – **Everyone sings**

Verse 2 – Higher voices only; **on the refrain everyone**

Verse 3 – Lower voices only; **on the refrain everyone**

Verse 4 – Choir sings only

Verse 5 – **Everyone sings**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

May the Peace of God

K. Lee Scott

***POSTLUDE**

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen

Traditional Spiritual, Arr. Mark Hayes

IN OUR PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, Janet Sorrell's great niece, Kinsley, (died in an automobile accident); Linda Reynolds, Joyce Kepke's granddaughter Jennifer (Mary Clarke's niece), Bonnie Stearns, Jan McLaughlin, Ken Oman, Ann Titus, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

USHERS: Dick and Judy Martin.

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Do Not Be Afraid

Refrain: Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Chosen and beloved, you are my own. Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you: by your name I called you for my own.

1. Look up, a new thing I am doing; it springs forth; look and see it grow. Through wilderness I make a level highway; through deserts, make streams and rivers flow.
Refrain
2. I am God, who blots out your transgressions; for my own sake I do not chide or blame. Only this much I ask, that you love me and seek me and honor my name.
Refrain
3. The Lord, the Holy One of Israel has promised to lead us on our way, and we who love and worship God our Maker will listen to hear the Spirit say: **Refrain**

In the Midst of New Dimensions

1. (All) In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways, who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways? **Refrain (All)**

Refrain: God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey Now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

2. (Higher voices) Through the flood of starving people, warring factions, and despair, who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?
Refrain (All)
3. (Lower voices) As we stand, a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes, grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. **Refrain (All)**
4. (Choir) We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young, each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. Refrain (choir only refrain)
5. (All) Would the threats of dire predictions cause us to with draw in pain, may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. **Refrain (All)**

Week of Sept. 18 thru September 25

- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Refreshments & Fellowship in the FH
11:00 a.m. Deacons' Meeting in the Green Lounge
7:00 p.m. Meditation Group in the FH
- MONDAY** OFFICE IS CLOSED
3:00 p.m. Kindred Spirits Circle in the Green Lounge
- TUESDAY** OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
1:00 p.m. Book Group in the Green Lounge
3:00 p.m. MVP Presbytery Mtg. in Norwalk
5:30 p.m. La Conexion Classes (Nursery, Youth Lounge, Drama Room)
Session Meeting in the Gathering Place
8:00 p.m. A.A. in the Green Lounge
- WEDNESDAY** 9:00 a.m. Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
10:00 a.m. Staff Mtg in the Pastor's office
12:00 p.m. BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.
5:30 p.m. Bible Study via Zoom
- THURSDAY** 9:30 a.m. Deacons' Shop is open to the public
5:30 p.m. La Conexion Classes (Nursery, Youth Lounge, Drama Room)
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
8:00 p.m. Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
- FRIDAY** 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale in the Fellowship Hall until 3 p.m.
- SATURDAY** 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale in the Fellowship Hall until 3 p.m.
- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. Worship



Mid-week Bible Lectionary Study by Zoom every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. The Zoom link is sent out every week by Pastor Jeff and if you are interested in joining, please let Pastor Jeff know by emailing him at fpcbqjeff@gmail.com.

This next week's sermon titled; "Recognizing Wrongs" based on the Old Testament reading from Numbers 21:4-9. *As the Israelites, wandering in the desert, find themselves under attack by snakes, they are told their salvation comes in looking upon a bronze replica of a snake. There's something so potentially cruel in facing a manifestation of the source of pain, but such is the nature of reconciliation.*

Kindred Spirits Circle – Lyn Long kicks off this year’s Bible study “Celebrating the Sabbath.” Join us in the Green Lounge on **Monday, Sept. 19th at 3 p.m.** for lesson one, which focuses on celebrating the Sabbath. If you have questions, please contact Julie Smith Maekask at 419-247-1794.



Rummage Sale -Save the Date! - The **2022 Rummage Sale** will be held **September 23-24**, later than usual, but we hope it will be as successful as past sales.

Today we are again accepting donations for our Annual Rummage Sale and we will provide help unloading cars after church.

Items can be left in designated areas in Fellowship Hall **during the hours the building is open through Wednesday September 21**. Unloading assistance will also be offered on Sunday September 18 following church. For questions, contact Susan Dunn (419-308-3491) or Nancy Hess (419-806-4788).

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage & Support La Conexión – Saturday, October 1st from 6 p.m. to 12 Midnight at the Jr. Fair Building located at the WC Fairground (13800 W. Poe Rd.). Join them in celebrating Hispanic Heritage with friends, food, and music by Los Hermanos Villegas and DJ Juanillo.



Come Dine with Church Friends!

First Friday will be **October 7th, 6:00 pm.** at **Bar Louie**, 4105 Levis Commons Blvd. in Perrysburg.

RSVP to Linda Evans by October 4th,

Call/Text: 419-276-0763 or email to jmlaevans5@gmail.com



Mark your calendars for an **Electronics Recycling Event** on **Saturday, October 8, from 10 am – 1 pm.** We are working with AIM e-cycling to have them deliver and later pick up collection boxes for your electronic items.

What can you e-cycle? Almost anything except the old-style TV’s (the big tube TVs) and CRT tubes. Here’s some things you can e-cycle: computers, laptops, monitors, flat screen TVs, printers, cables, speakers, cell phones, electronic games, VCR and DVD players. There’s more information on the AIM website at aimecycling.com.

According to AIM’s website, they “process hundreds of tons of e-waste every month. Some devices, such as desktop & laptop computers, flat-screen monitors, cell phones, and games, can be refurbished and re-used. The remaining e-waste is separated for further processing in specialized facilities that can extract various components and precious metals. The rest is shredded into new materials and devices.”



From the Deacons: Our monthly donations to First Christian Church are greatly appreciated and needed. On Sept. 9th, they distributed 115 meals and ran out of many personal items that people use. The next meals and hygiene distribution will be **on Friday, October 14th**. Please continue to bring in your donations but especially needed are **paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, ladies’ small incontinence products, toothpaste, and baby diapers (all sizes).**

Missing Table - A white 2x4-foot collapsible table has been missing for about a month. Two of these tables had been purchased with private funds for use by the church. Please notify the church office if you know where it is located or see that it is returned behind the curtain in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

