

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 23, 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Amanda Ark

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

Pierpoint – Kocher

Maggie Layne, piano

WELCOMING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT HYMN

You Are Welcome Here

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Morning has broken!

Many: **We gather to greet the new day by praising God**

One: God created us for relationship with God, one another, and the earth.

Many: **Let us honor those relationships today and every day.**

One: We seek to care for our brothers and sisters around the world and to God's good creation.

Many: **Let us honor those relationships today and every day.**

One: **May we commit to new ways of honoring your Creation as a means of sharing Jesus' transforming love.**

Many: **And let us seek God's grace, justice and mercy for all.**

All: Amen

***HYMN #664**

Morning Has Broken

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CALL TO CONFESSION (One)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive for the ways in which we contribute to the disfigurement and destruction of your Creation. Transform our hearts and minds, that we may place the welfare of your earth and your people before our fleeting desires. Embolden us to give voice to the voiceless in our communities and ecosystems, and grant us divine wisdom that we may replace systems of destruction and oppression with systems of justice and sustainability. Amen.

CHORAL KYRIE

Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me

Distress

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)

One: 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. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

ALL: **In Jesus Christ we are Forgiven!**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. (3X)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-2, 28-31

ANTHEM

All Things Bright and Beautiful

arr. John Rutter

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 104: 1, 24-28

SERMON

Earth Day

Bob Callecod, Preacher

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

Interlude II

Starling Goodwin

***Doxology (Unison) Hymn #606**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***HYMN #14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN # 80 *Trees of the Field* (*clap) 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

This is My Father's World

Mark Hayes

IN OUR PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Terry Housholder, Ron Stout, Linda Smith's sister, Carol; Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Mike Carver, Jan McLaughlin, Dean Clark (son of Mary Clarke), 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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How many are
your works, LORD!
In wisdom you
made them all;
the earth is full
of your creatures.

-Psalm 104:24



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Morning Has Broken

1. Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dew fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. **(Refrain)**

Refrain: Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, **(Refrain)**
3. For the joy of human love, rother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, **(Refrain)**
4. For yourself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given, agent of God's grand design: peace on earth and joy in heaven. **(Refrain)**

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Week of April 23 thru April 30

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Refreshments & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in FH
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED
		NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Office Open 9-Noon thru Thursday (Tammy on vacation)
	1:00 p.m.	Book Group in Green Lounge
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion Classes (Nursery, Youth Lounge, Drama Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Nurture meeting
		Membership meeting
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. in FH
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in Deacons' Shop
	12:00 p.m.	BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.
	5:30 p.m.	We Meet food and fellowship in Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Mtg. in Pastor Jeff's office (office will be closed)
	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		Office Closed
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Membership Inquiry Luncheon in Fellowship Hall



Zoom Bible Lectionary Study is Mondays at 5:30 p.m. will not be held tomorrow April 24th.

The Perrysburg Chorale will present a program of spirituals, traditional folk music and 1960's folk revivals at will be at **3:30 PM on Sunday, April 23 at Owens Community College** Center for Fine & Performing Arts, 7270 Biniker Rd., Perrysburg. The concert is free and open to the public.

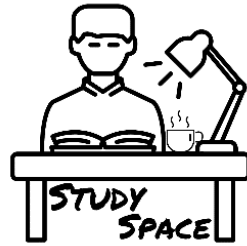


As an outreach to our local College Students. We will be offering the church as a late- night study space in the days leading up to Exam week as well as two days of exam week.

The church will be open April 24th and 25th each evening from 5:00pm until 3:00am. All cafe's in BG close by 8pm,

meaning except for campus spaces there are no quiet, late night study spaces for exam week. The church will be

providing the space in the Green Lounge and Library, Jeff will provide coffee and Amanda will provide tea for students to have for free



First Friday for May will be held on **May 5th at 6 p.m. at the Country Farmhouse**, 117 E. Main St., Wayne OH. Please let Nettie know if you plan on attending (419/262-7889 or nettierose@aol.com) by **Tuesday, May 2nd**



Membership Inquiry Luncheon

If you have been attending First Presbyterian Church as a visitor and would like to consider membership or to just learn more

about us, please consider joining us for lunch on **Sunday, April 30 at 11:30 am in the Green Lounge (off the hall behind the Sanctuary).**

We will be serving a light lunch and providing plenty of opportunities for you to meet our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Jeff Schooley, as well as other members of the congregation. **Please RSVP to the church office or complete a slip at the visitor table in the Narthex.** We look forward to meeting you and to helping you get to know us!