

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 20, 2023

10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST:

PRELUDE *The Church's One Foundation* Samuel S. Wesley, arr. Chris Rice

WELCOME

PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) ~Psalm 19:1, 7-9

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

All: And the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

All: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

One: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

All: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

One: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

All: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

*HYMN #744 *"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"* Festal Song

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." With confidence born of trust in these sure words from our God, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, we confess the blindness that is not even aware of sinning; the pride that dares not admit it is wrong; the self that can see nothing but its own will; the self-righteousness that knows no fault, save in others; the callousness that has ceased to care; the defiance that does not regret its own sins; the evasion that constantly makes excuses; the heart that is too hardened to repent. Grant, O Lord, that we may be forgiven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively) ~Psalm 145:13-14

One: The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

All: The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

One: Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 6:11-18

SPECIAL MUSIC

El Shaddai

Michael Card & John Thompson

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:11-19

SERMON

"Word and World: Syncretism and Sanctification"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

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

Adagio

G.F.Handel

*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 #315

"In the Midst of New Dimensions"

New Dimensions

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN #547 *Go My Children, with My Blessing* Vajda

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.

Go my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

POSTLUDE

The Ash Grove

Traditional Welsh Air

In Our Prayers: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, All of those affected by the wildfires in Hawaii, Alta Coddling, Amanda Ark, Corky Dunsmore, Dale Smith, Scarlet Gensler-Nic, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, 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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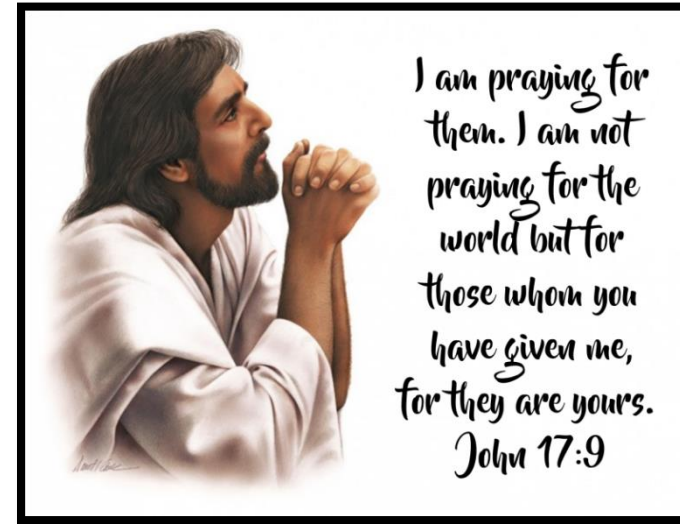
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In the Midst of New Dimensions

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

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. Through the flood of starving people, warring factions, and despair, who will lift the olive branches? Wandering in their separate ways? **Refrain.**
3. As we stand, a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes, grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. **Refrain.**
4. 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.**
5. Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain, may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. **Refrain.**

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 captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.
3. Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the broken-hearted 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.

Week of Aug. 20 thru Aug. 27

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Drop-off for Rummage sale until 12 noon
	11:30 a.m.	Deacons' meeting in the Green Lounge
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts in Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the FH
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Drop-off for Rummage Sale until 4 pm
	1:00 p.m.	Book Group in the Green Lounge
	6:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous in the Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Nurture & Membership meetings
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. in the Fellowship Hall
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
	12:00 p.m.	BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.
	7:00 p.m.	Outreach meeting
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
	2:00 p.m.	Trumpet Lessons
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
	8:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale until 3 pm in Fellowship Hall
		Tammy on vacation today/Office Closed
SATURDAY	9:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale until 3 pm in Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	7:00 a.m.	Youth Group Game Night



The Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to help run the church's booth for the BGSU Campus Fest which is taking place on Weds. Aug.30th. The hours it runs will be 11am-4pm. Please see Amanda Ark or contact her at akark@bgsu.edu or (937) 844-6787.

We also need donations of \$10 Gas cards and snacks to hand out at the event. Or you can make a donation for the event and Amanda will buy things on your behalf. Make note of "campus fest" on your donation

Next Sunday at 7:00pm we will have a **Youth Group game night**. Bring a friend or two and your charged cell phone, we will be playing Jackbox Games together the more the merrier!



Presbyterian Women's 2023 Rummage Sale



Presbyterian Women (PW) is once again planning our annual rummage sale for August 25 and 26, 9-3 pm. We will need lots of stuff and lots of helpers to make this a successful event! Now is the time to get control of that clutter! We are accepting donations of housewares, toys, linens, sporting equipment, etc. in the fellowship Hall at the following days/times:

Drop Off Schedule

August 20: Sunday 11-12 pm (Helpers available!)

August 22-24: Tues.-Thurs 9-4 pm

Please place your items in the designated drop off areas in Fellowship Hall. Helpers will be available during the Sunday drop off times to unload your car and carry your items downstairs to Fellowship Hall. If special help is required at other times, please contact the church office, Susan Dunn (419-308-3491) or Nancy Hess (419-806-4788) to plan for assistance.

Due to disposal issues, we will not be accepting mattresses, computers, or TVs. Clothing should be donated to the Deacons Shop. Please contact Susan or Nancy if you have furniture, you are considering donating or if you are uncertain whether a specific item will be accepted.

Volunteers are needed during the sale on Friday and Saturday, as well as for the clean-up on Saturday afternoon. Look for the volunteer sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact either Susan Dunn or Nancy Hess.

Volunteer Shifts

Friday: 9-12 pm and 12-3 pm

Saturday: 9-12 pm and 12-3 pm; clean-up 3-5 pm

Funds from this event will be used by PW to support various missions, both local and international, as well as organizations such as Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and WAM.

Kindred Spirits to Study Luke and Acts – Join Kindred Spirits, September 18 at 4:30 pm in the Green Lounge as we begin our study of Luke Acts. To obtain a copy of the study book as well as learn more about the study, please visit the PW's website (<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/current-bible-study/>) or call 844-797-2872. Questions? Please contact Julie Smith Maekask at 419/247-1794.

School Supplies

If it's August, that means school will be starting in just a few weeks. Please help provide supplies to students who need them. The **Mission Committee** would like to collect the following items:



- **Dry erase pens – black, please**
- **#2 pencils (made in USA please, and sharpened if possible)**
- **24 pack Crayola crayons**
- **Colored pencils**
- **Thick Markers - classic colors**

These will be given to the teachers at Crim Elementary to help students who need supplies. You can place the supplies in boxes in the lobby. These will be given to the teachers at Crim Elementary to help students who need supplies. If you prefer, you can also make out a check to First Presbyterian Church, and note 'school supplies' in the memo line, or donate via Paypal or Venmo. **Please bring in your donations by Sunday, September 3.** Thank you!



Electronics Recycling -While you are looking for things to donate to the PW rummage sale, please also look for any electronics you no longer need. The **Green Team** is sponsoring an electronics recycling event on **Saturday, September 16, from 10 am – 1 pm in the Senior Center parking lot on S. Grove**. 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. AIM will remove all information from your drives. There's more information on the AIM website at aimecycling.com. Look for more information in September's newsletter.