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Worship for Sunday, August 16, 2020 10:00 am

Our mission: Embracing the Community with God's Love, Providing a Home for Spiritual Nurture & Worship, Reaching Out to Those in Need, Growing through Service to Others

Family of God, welcome to this time of worship and fellowship. The peace of the Lord be with you.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude "Legacy of Grace" Ben Logan

The Life of the Church - Confirmation

Lighting of the candles

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

All: **We welcome the light of Christ into our worship.**

Sung Prayer of Preparation "Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

***Call to Worship** (From *A Brief Statement of Faith* 11.1)

One: In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

All: **we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

***Hymn of Praise** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Purple 837

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, learning on the everlasting arms.

***Call to Confession** (From *The Confession of 1967* 9.12)

The reconciling act of God in Jesus Christ exposes the evil in our lives as sin in the sight of God. In sin, we claim mastery of our own lives, turn against God and our fellow human beings, and become exploiters and despoilers of the world. We lose our humanity in futile striving and are left in rebellion, despair and isolation. Recognizing our sin, let us turn to God in confession.

***Prayer of Confession (unison)** (From *A Brief Statement of Faith* 11.2)

You call us to trust, worship and serve only You, Almighty God. But we find ourselves trusting, worshiping and serving other forces in our lives. You sent Your Son Jesus Christ in love and grace and good news for all people. But we find ourselves deciding that love and grace are not for everyone. You call us to follow Christ in the world, to preach good news, teach by word and deed, heal, eat with outcasts, and forgive others. But we struggle to do so. Forgive us, gracious God. Remind us of the lengths and depths that Jesus went to give his life for the world. Break the power of sin and evil and deliver us from death to life eternal. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon** (From *The Confession of 1967* 9.14)

God's love never changes. Against all who oppose him, God expresses His love in wrath. In the same love, God took on Himself judgement and shameful death in Jesus Christ, to bring us to repentance and new life. The good news of God's love is that in Christ Jesus we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Congregational Response:** "Gloria Patri"

Red # 622

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

***Declaration of Trust and the Peace**

One: Congregation of Jesus Christ, in whom are you trusting?

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

One: Grace, mercy, and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: And also with you.

One: *Please take a moment to greet your immediate neighbors. Amen.*

Hearing God's Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

By the power of Your Spirit, speak Your Word to us, O God. Show us who You are and who You are calling us to be, for the sake of Your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

New Testament Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-14

1 ¹⁻² I, Paul, am on special assignment for Christ, carrying out God's plan laid out in the Message of Life by Jesus. I write this to you, Timothy, the son I love so much. All the best from our God and Christ be yours!

³⁻⁴ Every time I say your name in prayer—which is practically all the time—I thank God for you, the God I worship with my whole life in the tradition of my ancestors. I miss you a lot, especially when I remember that last tearful good-bye, and I look forward to a joy-packed reunion.

⁵⁻⁷ That precious memory triggers another: your honest faith—and what a rich faith it is, handed down from your grandmother Lois to your mother Eunice, and now to you! And the special gift of ministry you received when I laid hands on you and prayed—keep that ablaze! God doesn't want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible.

⁸⁻¹⁰ So don't be embarrassed to speak up for our Master or for me, his prisoner. Take your share of suffering for the Message along with the rest of us. We can only keep on going, after all, by the power of God, who first saved us and then called us to this holy work. We had nothing to do with it. It was all *his* idea, a gift prepared for us in Jesus long before we knew anything about it. But we know it now. Since the appearance of our Savior, nothing could be plainer: death defeated, life vindicated in a steady blaze of light, all through the work of Jesus.

¹¹⁻¹² This is the Message I've been set apart to proclaim as preacher, emissary, and teacher. It's also the cause of all this trouble I'm in. But I have no regrets. I couldn't be more sure of my ground—the One I've trusted in can take care of what he's trusted me to do right to the end.

¹³⁻¹⁴ So keep at your work, this faith and love rooted in Christ, exactly as I set it out for you. It's as sound as the day you first heard it from me. Guard this precious thing placed in your custody by the Holy Spirit who works in us.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Message

"Entrusted to You"

Rev. Diane Ziegler

Responding in Faith

***Hymn of Affirmation**

"Spirit of the Living God"

Purple 288

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me; fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Reaffirmation of Baptism and Profession of Faith

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

Welcome

***Affirmation of Faith—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 at 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, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Sung Response to Prayers

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

(From *The Confession of 1967* 9.36)

The church gathers to praise God, to hear His word for humankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord’s Supper, to pray for and present the world to Him in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed and reformed, and to speak and act in the world’s affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time. In praise of God, let us offer all that we are and have.

Offertory

“Give Them All to Jesus”

- Phil Johnson

Solo by Kathy Beleny

***Doxology**

*Praise God, from who all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

***Prayer of Dedication/Offering (unison) (From the *Confession of Belhar* 10.5)**

Gracious God, You have entrusted us with much and out of our abundance we present our offerings to You. By Your grace and love, may You use our gifts for spreading salt and light in Your world, extending peace among all people, and equipping Your church to witness by word and deed to the new heaven and new earth in which righteousness dwells. All glory be to You. Amen.

Going Forth in God’s Name

***Parting Hymn**

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

Purple 853

*We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching, we are marching in the light of God.*

***Carrying the Light**

One: As we go forth to serve,

All: We carry the light of Christ into the world.

***Benediction**

***Sung Benediction**

“Take My Life”

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee; take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

Postlude

“Rush of Wind, Tongues of Fire”

Richard Blake

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Worship attendance last week was 43 in 3 services and 12 online.

Church Office Hours

Office hours the week of August 17th: Monday 10 – 2; Wednesday 10-2; Friday 10-2
Please call before coming into the office.

Prayers

Family of Larry Dumford- Bill Wiseman- Toby and Jordan Boedecker- Robin-Josie Allen- Leslie Clements-Sharon Sawyer-Connie Smallwood- Andrew Berryhill-Mary Jo Zoller- Brian Koch-Art Neff-Betty (Katie’s sister)-Allene Circle Rader- Those with estranged loved ones-Those who are sick and those who are dealing with anxiety-Health Care Professionals, Emergency Responders and Grocery Store Employees-Betty Cornette- Barb Wagner-Katie Henry-Charlotte Downing-Alzheimer Patients-Cancer Patients-Caregivers.



Remember we now offer online giving- just scan this QR code and input your information. It’s that easy! If you have any question you can contact Mike Seiler. You can also mail your gift to 72 W. Frankin Street Bellbrook, Ohio 45305.

Announcements

We are living in a time of in person worship and also the continuation of virtual worship so that people may participate in the life of the community as they are able and comfortable in doing so. We continue to seek to offer opportunities to build up the body and serve Christ in the world. Opportunities to CARE, PRAYER, LEARN, AND SHARE continue and details can be found below.

CARE. We have a great opportunity to show our care for one another during this time of change and interruption. You are invited to take a moment to send a card or make a call to a member or friend of our faith community this week. Volunteers are also needed for our food ministry partnership with the Family Resource Center. Please speak with Betty Blose or Sue Seiler if you are interested in helping.

PRAYER. We are striving to maintain connection and communication in this time. To facilitate this, you are invited into prayer by conference call three nights per week – Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 8:20 p.m. We will read a short passage of scripture, share joys and concerns and pray together. To access this call:

DIAL: (605) 313-5935 (There is a toll for this number if you do not have free long distance.) ENTER CODE: 780887

LEARN. Wednesday evening Bible study is meeting by Zoom call this week. If you are interested in joining please contact the church office for the sign-in information and directions. We will begin at 6:00 p.m.

SHARE: Ministry out of and through this congregation continues in this time of unpredictability and change. Your pledges and support continue to be an important part of our ability to maintain congregational connectedness, worship each week, and serve our community. You can mail your pledge in or use online giving.

Leadership Meeting Monday morning at 11:30. We will meet in the fellowship hall socially distant. We welcome everyone's opinions and ideas. Join us or email the office with something you would like discussed.

Men's Breakfast on Tuesday morning at 8:30am at the Blueberry Café- All are welcome!