



Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
August 22, 2021

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Public Worship of God

Fairmont Presbyterian Church nurtures and guides people to live inspired lives.

August 22, 2021

10:30am

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

arr. R. Hobby

Call to Worship (Psalm 34)

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; and praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

People: I sought the Lord who answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in our God.

*Hymn 54

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

Dix

*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Faithful God, we fail to perceive your providence unfolding all around us. We fail to embrace your spirit's invitation whispered from within. In our failures of trust and perception, we lose ourselves to fear and anxiety. You did not make us for this. Our world and our lives are not as you intended. Forgive all our failures and wipe away our sin. Regenerate us from within by the power of your Spirit that we may, with renewed vision and courage, step forward with you into your Kingdom life which is for eternity...*(silent prayer)*...Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response #581

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

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.

*Passing of Christ's Peace

We ask you to remain in place and share Christ's peace through your words and your eyes, not your hands and hugs.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Time with Our Children

Loralei Harding

Children will remain seated in the pews for the Children's Time

After the Time with Children, children ages 3 - 5th grade may leave for their Sunday School.

Anthem

Come to Jesus (Untitled Hymn)

Mark Hayes

Joshua Hakala, *tenor*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:46-52

[Jesus and his disciples] came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you."⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, me see again."⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Final Disciple

Rev. Brian Maguire

*Hymn 418

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*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; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer (concluding with the 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.

*Doxology *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.*

*Invitation and Prayer of Discipleship

We will not be passing the offering plates to collect tithes and offerings today. There is a basket by each exit door for the collection of tithes and offerings. (*Loose coins go to Children and Youth Ministries.*)

***Hymn 450**

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Dix

arr. M. Burkhardt

**Please stand if you are able.*

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Within the Fellowship

For prayer concerns or if you would like to be part of the Email Prayer Chain Team, please contact: Rev. Kelley Shin at kshin@fairmontchurch.org.

For emergencies, contact Rev. Brian Maguire at (937) 269-2864 or Rev. Kelley Shin at (937) 751-0752.

Announcements

Thursday Evening Bible Study: Join us every Thursday night for Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Each week we will be examining the Bible text for the following Sunday. This Thursday we will be exploring Isaiah 55:1-13. Watch for Fairmont's weekly Beside Still Waters email for the link or here:

Bible Study: Thursday, 7:30pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86422990477>

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 2299 047

LAY READERS

Are you interested in leading worship as a Lay Reader during the in-person 10:30 a.m. service? Please contact Pastor Kelley at kshin@fairmontchurch.org if you would like to sign up.

Books for Kids

Kids haven't had in-school programming or perhaps access to library books during the pandemic. If you have any lightly used or new books at the elementary school level you could donate we will distribute them, primarily to JFK Elementary School and also to the YWCA. Please leave your donations in the coat room next to the church office.

Back-to-School Supplies: We are also starting our annual school supplies drive for Fairmont's JFK Elementary School. Needy students often have none or do not replace when their initial supply is depleted.

Please leave your donations in the Black & White Narthex. We plan to distribute these items in August. Here are examples of some supplies you might donate:

Box of 24 Crayola crayons	Red pens	Various highlighters
Large glue sticks	Scissors	Erasers
Pocket folders	Wide-ruled paper	Boxes of tissues
Clorox wipes	Gallon Ziplock bags	Paper towels

Thank you for your support of these worthy projects.

Greeters Needed: We are currently looking for those who may be interested in welcoming visitors on some of our evening meetings and Sunday mornings. If you are 16 and above and have interest in this employment, please call or email Jennifer at the church office or jmason@fairmontchurch.org

Please fill out the Friendship Pad located at the end of each pew. This helps the office in keeping an accurate attendance count. Thank you.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available in the Black and White Narthex. print hymnals have a black cover. return them to the Black and White Narthex after worship

Have trouble hearing? Fairmont has a loop hearing system on the main floor that can broadcast directly to your hearing aid. you need to do is activate the T Coil or Telephone Coil antenna in your hearing aid to receive the signal.

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Brian's Nerdy Bible Notes (*why we don't let Brian do the Children's Talk*)

So, what is so special about Jericho?

Jericho is the oldest known continuously inhabited settlement on Earth. It was first settled sometime around 9000 BC, shortly after the last Ice Age. Numerous freshwater springs provide abundant water to the city even though it is located in the middle of the desert surrounding the Dead Sea.

Jericho was made famous in the Old Testament as the first city Canaanite city conquered by Joshua and the Israelites. Jericho lies on the western shore of the Jordan River and provided the Israelites with a staging area for their invasion of central Canaan.

In Jesus' day, Jericho was famous for three reasons. First it was the winter retreat for Herod the Great and the elite of Jerusalem. Although it is located only some 16 miles away from Jerusalem, Jerusalem sits atop a mountain range while Jericho is the lowest city on Earth. Second, Jericho was famous for its two exports: dates and balsam, a highly sought after perfume. Third, Jericho was the final stopping point for people travelling between the Galilee and Jerusalem. The normal straight line route was occupied by hostile Samaritans, so travelers from the North would walk down the Jordan River valley and then turn due west at Jericho walking up the long and uphill-all-the-way road to Jerusalem.

Mark is very specific about locating the exchange between Jesus and Bartimaeus on the way out of town, in other words by the exit that led to Jerusalem.

Why is this man's name significant?

Bartimaeus is a very odd name. It is a compound word from two different languages. "Bar" means "son of" in Aramaic, the common language of Jesus' day. So we have lots of Bar names like Barabbas. But the rest of the name is not Aramaic, it is Greek. Timaeus means the honored one. Mark emphasizes the point by translating it for his readers who may not have known that "Bar" meant "son of." The irony is that a blind man would have been viewed as somehow accursed in ancient Israel. Blindness was viewed as a punishment from God bestowed on someone or someone's descendants for their sin. So, a blind man named Bartimaeus or Timaeus for that matter would have been something of an oxymoron.

What is does it mean that Bartimaeus calls Jesus, "Son of David?"

"Son of David," is a messianic title that emphasizes the anticipated Messiah will be an heir to the Davidic Kings and restore the United Kingdom of Israel just like his ancestor David. Because the line of Davidic kings had ended during the Babylonian captivity, the hope for the return of the King had become much like a national legend by the first century. Bartimaeus is one of only two people in the Gospel of Mark to address Jesus with a Messianic title, the other being Peter.



Annual Picnic

Hosted by the Board of Deacons

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

11:30AM

Join us for food and
fellowship as we
celebrate our fall kick-
off!

