



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church**  
**Kettering, Ohio**  
**August 1, 2021**

# FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

August 1, 2021

10:30am

10th Sunday after Pentecost

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## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

William M. Runyan

## Call to Worship (Psalm 127)

Leader: Children are indeed a heritage from the Lord,

**People: the fruit of the womb a reward.**

Leader: Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

**People: Happy is the person whose quiver is full of them.**

Leader: Such a parent shall never be put to shame. Come let us worship our parenting God.

## Hymn 31

*Let Us with a Gladsome Mind*

Monkland

1 Let us with a gladsome mind  
praise the Lord who is so kind:  
for God's mercies shall endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

2 God, with all-commanding might,  
filled the new-made world with light:  
for God's mercies shall endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

3 All things living God does feed;  
with full measure, meets their need:  
for God's mercies shall endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

4 Let us with a gladsome mind  
praise the Lord who is so kind:  
for God's mercies shall endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

## Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

**Loving God, father and mother of us all, we confess that we do not heed your summons or attend to your law. We wander away from you and lose ourselves along pathways that do not lead to life. We prefer seeking our own greatness, treasures, and power over belonging in**

**you. Forgive us our pride and our foolishness. Forgive us our sin. Gently teach us your ways and guide us back to our true family belonging in your love...(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**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

#### **Time with Our Children**

Loralei Harding

#### **Anthem**

*Bless His Holy Name*

Mark Shepperd

Janel and Matthew Snyder, *Vocalists*

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Scripture Reading**

Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to [Jesus] in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Sermon**

Following the Little Ones

Rev. Brian Maguire

#### **Hymn 504**

*We Come as Guests Invited*

Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien

1 We come as guests invited  
when Jesus bids us dine,  
his friends on earth united  
to share the bread and wine;  
the bread of life is broken;  
the wine is freely poured  
for us, in solemn token  
of Christ our dying Lord.

2 We eat and drink, receiving  
from Christ the grace we need,  
and in our hearts believing

on him by faith we feed;  
with wonder and thanksgiving  
for love that knows no end,  
we find in Jesus living  
our ever-present friend.

3 One bread is ours for sharing,  
one single fruitful vine,  
our fellowship declaring  
renewed in bread and wine:  
renewed, sustained, and given  
by token, sign, and word,  
the pledge and seal of heaven,  
the love of Christ our Lord.

### **Affirmation of Faith**

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  
    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.

The Nicene Creed

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion** (*unison responses in bold*)

### **Invitation to the Table**

We Call Upon the Lord

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We Give Thanks to God for all that God Has Done

. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might, heaven and earth are full of your  
Glory. Hosanna in highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice for Us

. . . Great is the Mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

We Ask God to be Present with Us in the Sharing of This Meal

**Pastoral Prayer** (in unison)

**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.**

We Remember How Jesus Instituted this Meal

**The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread,**

**and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

- I Corinthians 11:23-26

We Share Together in the Sacrament

Prayer After Communion (in unison)

**Gracious and Loving God, you feed us on the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. As this meal is Christ's body for us, send us out to make whole all whose lives are broken and afraid, until our Lord comes again and we shall all feast together in your glory. Amen.**

**Hymn 730**

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

Grand Isle

1 I sing a song of the saints of God,  
patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died  
for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,  
and one was a shepherdess on the green:  
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,  
God helping, to be one too.

2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,  
and God's love made them strong;  
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,  
the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:  
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,  
why I shouldn't be one too.

3 They lived not only in ages past;  
there are hundreds of thousands still;  
the world is bright with the joyous saints  
who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,  
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;  
for the saints of God are just folk like me,  
and I mean to be one too.

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Lift High The Cross*  
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Sydney H. Nicholson

### **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](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org)

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

### **Announcements**

**Fairmont Youth:** A day of video games and board games with Pastor Brian, Pastor Kelley, and Lorelei. We will meet in the Youth Room today from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Pizza, salad, and drinks will be provided.

**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 Mark 10:32-45. 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

**Theology on Tap:** Join us for Theology on Tap this Friday, August 6th at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom. Just because we do not have a bar does not mean we cannot still get together and share. Bring your favorite beverage and join us for our virtual "Theology on Tap." Watch for the link in our weekly Beside Still Waters email or here:

**Theology on Tap:** Friday, August 6th at 5:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89247878247>

Zoom Meeting ID: 892 4787 8247

**Monitors:** We are currently looking for those who may be interested in monitoring 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 at (937) 299-3539 or [jmason@fairmontchurch.org](mailto: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. Large print hymnals have a black cover. Please 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. All you need to do is activate the T Coil or Telephone Coil antenna in your hearing aid to receive the signal.

## Brian's Nerdy Bible Notes

### **So, when exactly does a child become an adult in the Bible?**

The simple answer is we do not know. The Rabbinic Jewish practice of celebrating “manhood” for boys with a Bar Mitzvah or “womanhood” for girls with a Bat Mitzvah at age 13 is not mentioned in the Old Testament and comes into practice centuries later. You can make a rather convoluted argument for 13 being the age of adulthood on the basis of Levi being referred to as a man in Genesis 34:25 and elsewhere calculating his age to be about 13, but that is a bit of a stretch. Both Exodus and Numbers refer to 20 as the age at which men could serve in the army of ancient Israel. In New Testament times in the Roman Empire, girls were understood to become adults at age 12 and boys at age 14. Upon reaching that age, both boys and girls were usually engaged to be married.

### **How have infant mortality rates changed from Jesus' time to today?**

A conservative estimate of infant mortality rates in ancient societies is approximately 27% of infants died in their first year of life. Altogether, around 46% of children did not survive to age 18. In contrast, in the United States in 2018, the infant mortality rate was 0.57%.

### **When did attitudes towards childhood change?**

During the 19<sup>th</sup> century, partly because of cultural changes, partly because of public health changes, and partly the result of economic changes, childhood as a distinct and important stage of life began to be intrinsically valued. This led to restrictions on child labor initially limiting factor workers to age nine or above and then compulsory schooling. Most modern notions of childhood date to the Victorian era and later.

### **So, what exactly does verse 10:15 mean? Do you need to be a child to be accepted into the Kingdom?**

No. The original Greek text says you need to be “like” or “as” a child in the sense of similar to a child, not “as” in the sense of contemporaneous with the age of childhood. The big question then is what is the quality of a child that one must be similar to. Different translators of the Bible often insert their own conclusions into the text. For example, in Eugene Peterson's *The Message*, he presumes that the quality we must be similar to is a child's innocence, but that suggestion is Peterson's and is not in the original text.

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# Let Us with a Gladsome Mind 31

(Psalm 136)

1 Let us with a glad - some mind praise the  
 2 God, with all - com - mand - ing might, filled the  
 3 All things liv - ing God does feed; with full  
 4 Let us with a glad - some mind praise the

Lord who is so kind:  
 new - made world with light:  
 mea - sure, meets their need: for God's mer - cies  
 Lord who is so kind:

shall en - dure, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er sure.

These few stanzas are among the least florid of the two dozen that make up the rather flamboyant paraphrase of Psalm 136 written by the fifteen-year-old who would become one of the greatest English poets. It is set here to a sprightly tune with Moravian connections.

## 504 We Come as Guests Invited

1 We come as guests in - vit - ed when Je - sus bids us dine,  
 2 We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing from Christ the grace we need,  
 3 One bread is ours for shar - ing, one sin - gle fruit - ful vine,

his friends on earth u - nit - ed to share the bread and wine;  
 and in our hearts be - liev - ing on him by faith we feed;  
 our fel - low-ship de - clar - ing re - newed in bread and wine:

the bread of life is bro - ken; the wine is free - ly poured  
 with won - der and thanks - giv - ing for love that knows no end,  
 re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en by to - ken, sign, and word,

for us, in sol - emn to - ken of Christ our dy - ing Lord.  
 we find in Je - sus liv - ing our ev - er - pres - ent friend.  
 the pledge and seal of heav - en, the love of Christ our Lord.

Without attempting to unravel the mystery of Christ's presence in the bread and wine, the central stanza of this text affirms that we are nourished by faith rather than by understanding. This hopeful text is reinforced by a gentle 16th-century tune created for a secular text.