



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
September 26, 2021**

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

September 26, 2021

10:30am

18th Sunday after Pentecost

To Care for the Body of Christ Together:

1. Please wear a protective face mask throughout today's service. Masks are available at each entrance. We wear masks to protect each other and provide a place of welcome for all people, especially our children.
2. Please observe the pew closures and observe appropriate social distancing.
3. Please wear a nametag.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Donald Busarow

Call to Worship (Psalm 71)

Leader: Your righteousness, God, reaches to the heavens, you who have done great things. Who is like you, God?

People: Though we have seen troubles, many and bitter, you will restore our lives again from the depths of the earth you will again bring us up.

Leader: You will increase our honor and comfort us once more.

People: We will praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O God.

Leader: I will sing praise to you with the lyre, Holy One of Israel. Our lips will shout for joy when we sing praise to you.

Hymn 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

1 Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim;
all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:

"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

3 All apostles join the strain
as your sacred name they hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the blessed martyrs follow,
and from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.

4 Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name you,
while in essence only one;
undivided God we claim you,
and adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

Liberating God, you seek us out wherever we may wander and lead us back to life. But we prefer our own ways. We forget your promises. We lose ourselves amid the changes and the chances of this world. Forgive our pride and our ignorance. Heal us of our shame and despair. Forgive our sin and bridge the chasms that we create between us and you. Alongside us, with us and for us, restore us to true life in communion with you...*(time for 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

Rev. Kelley Shin

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

Children will be directed to the appropriate class in the Sunday School wing.

Anthem

Gathered in God's Name

Michael Burkhardt

Gathered in God's name 'round the table and font. Gathered as one fam'ly in the name of love. Refrain: [Gathered from near and far, gathered in this holy place, gathered as strangers and friends, gathered and gifted by grace. Gathered in God's name 'round the living Word. Gathered as one fam'ly in the name of love.] Gathered in God's name 'round the peace of the Lord, in the presence of Christ, in the name of love.

Refrain. Gathered in God's name, lives made brighter than snow, hearts renewed with joy, in the name of love. Refrain.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
² O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
³ O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
⁴ Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
⁵ For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."
⁷ By your favor, O LORD,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.
⁸ To you, O LORD, I cried,
and to the LORD I made supplication:
⁹ "What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!
O LORD, be my helper!"
¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
¹² so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Up From the Pit

Rev. Dr. Joni Sancken

Hymn 805

Come Sing to God

Ellacombe

1 Come sing to God, O living saints;

sing praises to God's name.
God's anger is not permanent;
God's love will never wane.
Though tears may tarry for the night
with sighs of deepest pain,
yet joy comes with the morning sun,
a peace that is not vain.

2 In my success I felt secure;
how good you've been to me.
I said that this is my own work,
ascribing all to me.
But when you turned aside your face,
my life was filled with fears.
I begged for help; to you I cried
with loud and bitter tears.

3 What good is gained by my disgrace,
what profit in defeat?
My grave cannot confess your name,
nor praise for you repeat.
Now hear, O Lord, my plaintive cry;
be merciful to me.
Accept my longing heart's request
and from death set me free.

4 You change my grief to joy-filled dance;
my sorrows you destroy.
In faithfulness you hear my cry
and fill my life with joy.
And so to you my heart shall sing;
my voice your goodness raise.
You are my God, forevermore.
My life shall sing your praise.

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.

Invitation to 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.*)

Choir Anthem

Somebody's Prayin'

Mark Hayes

Somebody's prayin', I can feel it. Somebody's prayin' for me. Mighty hands are guiding me to protect me from what I can't see. Lord, I believe, Lord, I believe somebody's prayin' for me. Angels are watchin', I can feel it. Angels are watchin' over me. Weary miles ahead 'til I get home, still I'm safely kept before the throne. Lord, I believe, Lord, I believe angels are watchin' over me. Well, I've walked the barren wilderness where my pillow was a stone and I've been through the darkest caverns where no light has ever shone. Still I went on 'cause there was someone who was down on their knees, and I thank the Lord for people praying all this time for me. Somebody's prayin', I can feel it. Somebody's prayin' for me, my Lord. Mighty hands are guiding me to protect me from what I can't see. Lord, yes, I believe somebody's prayin', somebody's prayin' just for me, my Lord. Somebody's prayin' for me, somebody's prayin' for me.

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.*

Prayer of Discipleship

Hymn 848

Trust in God

Song 13

1 Trust in God and you will be
sheltered for eternity;
like a mountain, strong and sure,
by God's grace you will endure.

2 Lift your eyes to see the hills,
through the ages standing still,
wrapped around the city walls:
so our God surrounds us all.

3 In the promised, holy land
may the wicked never stand;
but where good and kindness reign,
may the peace of God remain.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Allegro Moderato

C.S Lang

Within the Fellowship

We welcome Rev. Dr. Joni Sancken to the pulpit today.

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

Wearing Masks Indoors at Fairmont Is Now Required

Upon the recommendation of our Physicians' Advisory Panel, the Session of Fairmont Church has imposed a temporary requirement that all individuals (other than those with prohibitive medical conditions and very young children) are required to wear masks when inside Fairmont. We have been closely monitoring the levels of Covid infections in our community and believe that a temporary mask requirement is a necessary safety precaution to protect our members, visitors, and staff. We anticipate removing this requirement just as soon as epidemiological conditions improve in our community. Please be safe and keep each other safe.

Connections: Every Wednesday at 7:00p.m., we will be looking at how the Bible was put together and especially at what did not make it in. We will consider the process of creating both the Old and New Testament Canons and those collections of literature that were either not included or ignored.

September 29: The Apocrypha, the bits the Protestants leave out

Connections: Wednesday 7:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84170790852>

Zoom Meeting ID: 841 7079 0852

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. 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.

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

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THE TRIUNE GOD

4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.



Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

Come Sing to God

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(Psalm 30)

1 Come sing to God, O liv - ing saints; sing prais - es to God's name.
2 In my suc - cess I felt se - cure; how good you've been to me.
3 What good is gained by my dis - grace, what prof - it in de - feat?
4 You change my grief to joy - filled dance; my sor - rows you de - stroy.

God's an - ger is not per - ma - nent; God's love will nev - er wane.
I said that this is my own work, as - crib - ing all to me.
My grave can - not con - fess your name, nor praise for you re - peat.
In faith - ful - ness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy.

Though tears may tar - ry for the night with sighs of deep - est pain,
But when you turned a - side your face, my life was filled with fears.
Now hear, O Lord, my plain - tive cry; be mer - ci - ful to me.
And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your good - ness raise.

yet joy comes with the morn - ing sun, a peace that is not vain.
I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bit - ter tears.
Ac - cept my long - ing heart's re - quest and from death set me free.
You are my God, for - ev - er - more. My life shall sing your praise.

In effect, the first stanza of this paraphrase of Psalm 30 states the general truth that has been learned from the personal experience described in the last three stanzas. It is set to an 18th-century German tune brought into use with English hymnody in the 19th century.

Trust in God

848

(Psalm 125)

1 Trust in God and you will be shel-tered for e - ter - ni - ty;
 2 Lift your eyes to see the hills, through the a - ges stand-ing still,
 3 In the prom-ised, ho - ly land may the wick-ed nev - er stand;

like a moun-tain, strong and sure, by God's grace you will en - dure.
 wrapped a-round the cit - y walls: so our God sur-rounds us all.
 but where good and kind - ness reign, may the peace of God re - main.

Psalm 125 is one of the songs that would have been sung by Jewish pilgrims going to Jerusalem. As the imagery of this paraphrase suggests, it was probably reserved for use during the final ascent to the city, closing with a prayer for peace wherever God's faithful people dwell.