



Fairmont Presbyterian Church

Kettering, Ohio

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

# FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

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10:30am  
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## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

## Prelude

This Joyful Eastertide

## Call to Worship (Psalm 31)

Rev. Kelley Shin

Leader: In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;

**People: In your righteousness deliver me.**

Leader: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

**People: Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

Leader: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; come let us worship our God,  
our deliverer.

## Hymn: I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

Toulon

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,  
my only trust and Savior of my heart,  
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;  
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,  
reigning omnipotent in every place:  
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;  
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live,  
and all our substance and our strength receive;  
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,  
and give us strength in every trying hour.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;  
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.  
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,  
that we may dwell in perfect unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee;  
our faith is built upon thy promise free;  
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,  
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

**God our Savior, God our refuge, we have refused your many gifts. We have failed to follow your way, going instead on our own. We have failed to hear or share your truth, preferring our fears and lies. We have been promised life abundant, and instead cling to the ways of death. Forgive us our sin, God of mercy. Through your Spirit turn around our minds and hearts so that we may follow in your way of life and continue Jesus' ministry to the ends of the earth...(silent confession)...Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Congregational Response**

*Alleluia!*

Celtic Alleluia

**Passing of Christ's Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**Children's Virtual Choir**

*Love Is*

Loralei Harding & Rachel Boden, *producers*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson**

Acts 7:55-60

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, from the Seventh Chapter, the final words of Stephen, the first martyr to the way of Jesus Christ:*

But filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Solo**

*Deep River*  
Tim Oliver, *soloist*

Traditional

**Second Lesson**

John 14:1-14

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know

where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

*On the Way*

Rev. Brian Maguire

**Hymn: Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above 645**

Mit Freuden Zart

Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled,  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made  
God's gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning glow or evening shade  
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of God's might,  
lo! all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away,  
but, through all grief distressing,  
an ever-present help and stay,  
our peace and joy and blessing,  
as with a mother's tender hand  
God gently leads the chosen band:  
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along  
I sing aloud thy praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song  
my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;

both soul and body, take your part:  
to God all praise and glory!

### **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**

**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 Commitment**

#### **Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised 724**

Angel's Story

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me,  
my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me!  
The world is ever near:  
I see the sights that dazzle;  
the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer  
and shield my soul from sin.  
O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,

the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be.  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my friend.

### **Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Praise the Lord on High*

Rachel Sawyer

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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](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org).

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

### **Announcements**

**3rd Sunday Mission Project – Celebrate the Graduates:** On May 17 we will recognize our graduating high school seniors. We encourage members to write notes of support, congratulation, and encouragement to **Max Borneman, Cassie Shearer, and Abby Taylor**. You will find their addresses in the church directory or contact [jmason@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:jmason@fairmontchurch.org) for addresses.

**Connections Class:** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” No other gospel’s opening words draw us in like these words from the first chapter of John. We are taking a deeper dive into the gospel of John in our Connections Class each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. Join us by Zoom and watch for the link in our weekly *Beside Still Waters* email or here:

**Connections Class:** Wednesday, 7:00pm  
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/792715072>  
Zoom Meeting ID: 792-715-072

**Theology on Tap:** Join us for Theology on Tap every Friday 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, 5:00pm  
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/604020493>  
Zoom Meeting ID: 604-020-493

**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 Hebrews 6:13-20. Watch for Fairmont’s weekly *Beside Still Waters* email for the link or here:

**Bible Study:** Thursday, 7:30pm  
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/564218448>  
Zoom Meeting ID: 564-218-448

**Kids Korner Online:** Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Fairmont’s online children’s time provides important opportunities for children Pre-Kindergarten - 5th grade. Join us on Tuesdays for *Music with Lorelei*, Wednesdays with rotating activities (*Godly Play* and *Blessing Circle* with Pastor Kelley, *Reading with Rachel* and *Story Yoga* with Rachel), Thursdays for *Bible Story* and *Kids Devotion*, and Fridays for *Sunday School*. Watch for links in our weekly *Beside Still Waters* and Kids Korner emails or here:

**Kidz Korner Online (PreK-5th grade):** Tuesday-Friday, 10:30-11am  
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/991553742>  
Zoom Meeting ID: 991-553-742

**PYC & Confirmation:** On Wednesday nights (6:30 - 7:30 p.m.) our PYC youth group continues to gather and support each other on Zoom, sharing dinner, faith conversations, and games. On Sunday afternoons at 12:00 p.m. the Confirmation class continues to explore their faith as they learn what it means to be a Christian in the PC(USA) tradition. Watch for PYC Zoom links in our weekly *Beside Still Waters* and PYC Newsletter emails or here:

**PYC (6-12th grade):** Wednesday, 6:30pm  
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/416222987>  
Zoom Meeting ID: 416-222-987

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## I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,  
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,  
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,  
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;  
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,  
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:  
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;  
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.  
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;  
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;  
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,  
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,  
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.  
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.  
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.  
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.  
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.



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# 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all  
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -  
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief  
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,  
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,  
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With  
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -  
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as  
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less  
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and  
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the  
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

## 724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;  
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near;  
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.