



Fairmont Presbyterian Church

Kettering, Ohio

Day of Pentecost

May 31, 2020

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

May 31, 2020
10:30 a.m.
Day of Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott

Call to Worship (Psalm 104)

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in God's works -

Rev. Kelley Shin

**People: who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

Leader: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**People: May my meditation be pleasing to God,
for I rejoice in the LORD.**

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Hymn: Christ Is Alive 246

Truro

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
Christ is alive, and comes to bring

good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of fire and wind, you pour out your Spirit on all your children, empowering the least and the lofty to tell of your mighty deeds. We hear the sound and feel the heat, but instead of recognizing your presence among us, we sneer and refuse to believe you continue to speak. Forgive us for attempting to deny your Spirit. Forgive us our sin that blinds us to your truth. Silence our cynicism and possess us with your living word of love. Make us your witnesses building the new community made possible through the life and love of Jesus Christ. Come, Holy Spirit, Come...(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.**

Celebration of Confirmation

Cameron Shearer, Isabel Glueckert, Rosalie Martin

Sacrament of Baptism

Rosalie Martin

Time With Our Children

Rachel Boden

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

John 14:15-21

15>If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 18I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

His Eye Is On the Sparrow
Fairmont Virtual Choir, produced by Vicki Ramga and Lorelei Harding

arr. Darryl Collier

Second Lesson

John 20:19-23

19When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Where Christianity Gets Weird

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn: Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us 280

Ebenezer

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision;
help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias
for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,
hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey
you have led us all the way;
still in presence move before us,
fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
now and through eternity.

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: Come Down, O Love Divine 282

Down Ampney

A hymn of glory let us sing!
New songs throughout the world shall ring;
Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.

The holy apostolic band
upon the Mount of Olives stand,
and with his followers they see
their Lord ascend in majesty.

To all, the shining angels cry,
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?
This is the Savior!" thus they say;
"This is his glorious triumph day."

"You see him now, ascending high
up to the portals of the sky.
Hereafter you shall Jesus see
returning in great majesty."

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to you let earth accord.
You are, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit one.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Come Holy Ghost

Flor Peeters

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Within the Fellowship

This morning we have the joy of celebrating our Confirmation youth. Cameron Shearer is the son of Chris and Lisa Shearer and brother of Cassie Shearer; Isabel Glueckert is the daughter of Sara Glueckert, sister of Anna and Avery Glueckert, and granddaughter of Carol and Keith Bussey; Rosalie Martin is the daughter of Nicole Watts, granddaughter of Kris Martin, and great-granddaughter of Virene McCagno. We will also be sharing in the Sacrament of Baptism for Rosalie Martin.

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

Communion Sunday Preparation: Next Sunday, June 7, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. You are invited to share in the celebration of communion at home on June 7th by obtaining some bread (bread, roll, cracker, etc...) and/or some liquid grape juice (fermented wine or unfermented juice) and have those present for worship. You are not required to do both the cup and the bread in order to celebrate this sacrament. One element is enough for it to be communion. We will then share in the prayers of thanksgiving and partake of the elements together.

VBS 2020: With safety in mind this summer, we will host Fairmont's first ever VIRTUAL Vacation Bible School experience, June 8-12 on Zoom. Please keep our leaders and our children in your prayers as we navigate this new way of sharing God's love with the children in our community.

Women, Word, and Wine: All women of Fairmont church are invited to "Women, Word, and Wine" on Friday, June 5, at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. Pastor Kelley will lead a short time of spiritual direction, we will share faith conversations together, and share a glass of wine. BYOW (bring your own wine) and join us as we share faith, hope, and love together in this time of social distancing. Join us by Zoom and watch for the link in our weekly *Beside Still Waters* email or here:

Women, Word, and Wine: Friday, June 5, 8:00 pm
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85228623952>
Zoom Meeting ID: 852 2862 3952

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://us02web.zoom.us/j/83490589866>
Zoom Meeting ID: 834 9058 9866

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://us02web.zoom.us/j/81031782239>
Zoom Meeting ID: 810 3178 2239

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 John 15: 1-11. 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/86541370912>
Zoom Meeting ID: 865 4137 0912

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Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.

282 Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.