



Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
August 9, 2020

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

August 9, 2020

10:30am

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

The God of Abraham Praise

Michael Burkhardt

Call to Worship (Psalm 85)

Leader: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

People: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

People: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

Leader: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Hymn 49

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

1 The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days,
the God of love!
The Lord, the great I am,
by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name,
forever blest.

2 Your spirit still flows free,
high surging where it will.
In prophet's word you spoke of old
and you speak still.
Established is your law,
and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart
by your strong hand.

3 Your goodly land we seek,
with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty
and Sabbath rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned.

4 You have eternal life
implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay,
while ages roll.
We praise you, living God!
We praise your holy name:
the first, the last, beyond all thought,
and still the same!

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

We have all been disobedient and each of us has wandered off in our own way. We hide from your summons and deny your calling. We prefer to judge rather than to love. Then we lose ourselves in despair. Forgive us our foolishness and our arrogance. Forgive us our sin. Gently lead us back to you and your way. Graft us into your life so that we may bear good fruit and participate fully in your redemption...(silent confession)...Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

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

Rachel Boden

Anthem

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. by Jerry Mahn

Jerry Mahn, Louis Weyrauch, and Darryl Collier, *Jazz Trio*

Prayer for Illumination

Reading

Romans 11:17-32

[I]f some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich roots of the olive tree, do not boast over the branches. If you do boast, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. You will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith.

So do not become proud, but stand in awe. For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness toward you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written,

"Out of Zion will come the Deliverer;
he will banish ungodliness from Jacob."
"And this is my covenant with them,
when I take away their sins."

As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

"For who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counselor?"
"Or who has given a gift to him,
to receive a gift in return?"

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Grafted In
Branches were broken off so that I may be grafted in.

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

2 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.

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 826

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)

2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Lift High the Cross

John Leavitt

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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

FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR RACHEL BODEN

Rachel Boden's last Sunday with us as our Director of Children and Youth Ministry will be this coming Sunday, August 16, 2020. As we celebrate and say farewell to Rachel upon her leaving for Princeton Theological Seminary, we wanted to share with you two wonderful opportunities to send Rachel off with our blessing:

SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP/LOVE DONATION

Fairmont will be collecting gift money for Rachel's Seminary Scholarship Fund. You may send a check made out to "Fairmont Presbyterian Church" with "Rachel Boden Seminary" in the memo line. This scholarship money will go to defer Rachel's housing and seminary expenses. Please send the gift money no later than August 12, 2020. You may also use Fairmont's online giving portal which can be found on the church website. Please note "Rachel Boden Seminary" for the online giving, as well. Your financial gift will be listed on your quarterly statement of giving.

DRIVE-BY FAREWELL AT FAIRMONT CHURCH

We will be hosting a "drive-by" farewell for Rachel on Sunday, August 16, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the back parking lot of Fairmont Presbyterian Church. You will have an opportunity to say goodbye to Rachel in the safety of your car with your masks on! We will be directing the traffic flow so that everyone will have a chance to drive-by Rachel and say goodbye. Please enter the church parking lot via the Strathmoor Drive entrance and we will direct you from there. Please stay in your car and wear your mask for this drive-by farewell. Come anytime between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

If you wish to mail or drop off cards for Rachel, please mail or drop them off at:

Rachel Boden
c/o Fairmont Presbyterian Church 3705 Far Hills Avenue
Kettering, Ohio 45429

Kids Korner Online: Tuesday 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 a half-hour mixed-age Sunday School class. Watch for links in our weekly Beside Still Waters and Kids Korner emails or here:

Kidz Korner Online (PreK-5th grade): Tuesdays, 10:30-11am

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83927499525>
Zoom Meeting ID: 839-2749-9525

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/86541370912>
Zoom Meeting ID: 865 4137 0912

Hello Fairmont Family!! We have about 20 bags of coffee left in the cabinet that I would like to sell. The expiration dates are coming up and I would like them to get used! If any of these sound good to you just send me an email at julieboden65@yahoo.com or call me at 937-299-3082 and I will get the coffee to you. Here are the bags we still have:

Mind, Body and Soul
Breakfast Blend
Cafe Salvadore
Mama Tierra
Organic Decaf
Cozy Cup Decaf
Organic decaf pods for a Keurig machine

e-mail me or call me and I can deliver right to your door!!
Thanks,
Julie Boden

Local High School Students need Mentors! Might that be you?

Given impact of the Coronavirus, there is **urgent** need for mentors for students of promise in our local high schools. Each year, Montgomery County Ohio College Promise selects 50+ poverty-impacted 8th grade students of promise for a life-changing opportunity. Our goal is that students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree at little to no cost to their families. Each student is paired with a volunteer adult mentor and meets with their mentor once a week throughout high school. Upon graduation, the student receives a scholarship to one of our 12 partner colleges and universities.

This past winter, we selected our 10th cohort of 53 College Promise Scholars, who will be freshmen in high school this fall. That means we are looking for volunteer mentors to match with these students. If you have the ability meet with a student, please consider applying! Although most mentors meet weekly, alternatives can be made for those who travel. You can also support College Promise by sharing with family, friends, professional connections, or other contacts who may be interested. To hear first-hand experiences, feel free to contact Fairmont members Ellen Ireland, Patrick Gill, and Dave Diller.

The online application is available here: <https://mcocp.org/mentoring/#become-mentor>. We will conduct a free background check and ask mentors to take part in a two-hour training later this summer.

Thank you for your consideration!

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49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

FORGIVENESS

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures
of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal
which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more
sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-
where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

Lift High the Cross

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*Refrain**Descant*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

