



Fairmont Presbyterian Church

Kettering, Ohio

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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**

*The King of Love*

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 23)

Rev. Kelley

Shin Leader: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil for you are with me.

**People: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows.**

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

**People: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

**Hymn: From All That Dwell Below the Skies 327**

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

From all that dwell below the skies  
let the Creator's praise arise:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
through every land, in every tongue.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song;  
to every land the strains belong:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
In cheerful sound all voices raise  
and fill the world with joyful praise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;  
eternal truth attends thy word:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,  
till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

**Loving shepherd, we confess that we are lost in sin and cannot free ourselves. We have wandered from your path and have ignored your summons. We have lost ourselves in snares and traps, some of our own making. Our fear has eclipsed our faith and then we wonder where you are. For the sake of your son our Lord, forgive us our sin and lead us to righteousness that we may delight in your will and walk in your holy ways...(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.**

**Time with Our Children**

Rachel Boden

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson**

1 Peter 2:19-25

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Quartet**

*Dawning*

Brench Boden

Brench Boden, Rachel Boden, Sam Boden, Spencer Boden

**Second Lesson**

John 10:1-10

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to

them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*The Risky Business of Being Sheep*

Rev. Brian Maguire

**Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is 802**

St. Columba

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

**Affirmation of Faith**

"The Nicene Creed"

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

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

We Call Upon the Lord

We Give Thanks to God for all that God Has Done

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice for Us

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

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

**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: Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us 187**

Bradbury

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us;  
for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us: we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us: we are yours.

We are yours: in love befriend us;  
be the guardian of our way.  
Keep your flock: from sin defend us;  
seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear your children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear your children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us,  
poor and sinful though we be;  
you have mercy to relieve us,  
grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor;  
early let us do your will.  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us; love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us; love us still.

## Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

### *Postlude on Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Gordon Young Douglas

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### **COMPOSER'S NOTES**

Psalm 23 is a popular choice for choir music - there are dozens of published compositions utilizing that text. For today, I wanted to emphasize the uplifting nature of it - in particular the first and last verses. I also wanted to capture a sense of positivity as our society begins to emerge from some of the restrictions due to the pandemic. For this, I like a poem by George Herbert called *The Dawning*, so I created a synthesis of the two and chose a familiar setting for the Psalm 23 verses which you may recognize. - Brench Boden

*Awake, sad heart, whom sorrow ever drowns;  
Take up thine eyes, which feed on earth;  
Unfold thy forehead, gathered into frowns;  
Thy Savior comes, and with Him mirth:  
Awake, awake,  
And with a thankful heart His comforts take.  
The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me...he leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.  
Arise, sad heart; if thou dost not withstand,  
Christ's resurrection thine may be;  
Do not by hanging down break from the hand  
Which, as it riseth, raiseth thee:  
Arise, Arise;  
And with His burial linen drie thine eyes.  
Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.*

### **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**

**Women, Word, and Wine** Our Women's Retreat at Hueston Woods was cancelled early in March by Hueston Woods when they made the decision to close their conference center until it is safe to meet again. We have kept our deposit with Hueston Woods and will reschedule our Women's Retreat - same theme and same leaders - for a new date in Spring of 2021. Since we were unable to retreat together, let's have a special Women's Gathering via Zoom instead! All women of Fairmont church are invited to "**Women, Word, and Wine**" on Friday, May 8, 2020 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. Watch for the Zoom link in our weekly *Beside Still Waters* email and at [www.fairmontchurch.org](http://www.fairmontchurch.org).

**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. The fourth gospel - John's gospel - stands alone among the gospel accounts. We are taking a deeper dive into the gospel of John in our new 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 John 21:1-19. 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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