

## **SOMETHING ABOUT US**

Our Mission Committee report of 2005 included this statement, which continues to resonate as we consider who we are as a congregation:

*"We share a sense that God has called Mount Auburn to preach and teach a liberating, progressive theology as we design our worship and educational programs. We are part of a tradition that is "always reforming," and expect God to speak not just to us but also to other people, to different traditions and to each new generation. We value process theology, an open-ended theology, focused on God who is a living, creative, dynamic being, not captured by scriptures or our historical creeds. As one joins this congregation, we prefer not to ask, "Do you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior?" Rather, we prefer to ask, "Will you serve God as revealed in the life and ministry of Jesus?" We find the compelling reference to God for us was the life and ministry of Jesus who differs from us in faithfulness, but not in human experience."*

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### **Everyone is welcome to worship at Mt. Auburn**

A special welcome is extended to students from the University, the College Conservatory of Music, and the hospitals. You are most cordially invited to regard Mt. Auburn as your church home during your period of study here.

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to worship with us. We also offer children's educational opportunities during the class year. **Children attend worship with their families.** All young children are welcome! Parents are encouraged to talk with the Pastors for more details.

### **Encounters Educational Programs**

Our Encounters educational programs offer learning opportunities for adults on Sunday mornings before worship in seasonal series and one-time sessions. Check the weekly announcements for the current schedule.

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### **About our Inclusive Language**

Following Christ's example of radical hospitality, we seek to use language in worship that allows us to grasp that all persons are created in the image of God. The language we choose is a reflection of our understanding that all names for God are metaphors, of the richness of scripture, and of the fullness of God. In order to expand our ways of understanding God; while we usually sing in the traditional language of the church, we seek to use a multitude of God's many names in liturgy. Jesus Christ, as not only God in human form, but an historical person, is referred to with appropriate gender, but often spoken of in other, expansive terms.

# MOUNT AUBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday May 22, 2022

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE	“Andante Cantabile”	Charles Widor
WELCOME		Rev. Stacey Midge
INTROIT	“Praise , Praise, Praise the Lord”	Louez le Seigneur
CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 67)		Diane Smith
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. <b>Alleluia! We are in this place.</b>		
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy. <b>Alleluia! Joy is in this place.</b>		
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. <b>Alleluia! Love is in the place.</b>		
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. <b>Alleluia! God is in this place.</b>		
Come let us worship God.		
*HYMN #276	“Sing a New Song unto the Lord”	Sing a New Song
CALL TO CONFSSION		Rev. Stacey Midge
PRAYER OF CONFSSION Loving God, We confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessing in order to keep the status quo. Forgive us, we pray, for all the ways we turn from you, that we might live in peace and reflect your radical love for the world instead. Amen.		Rev. Stacey Midge
ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
PASSING OF THE PEACE		
RESPONSE #341 (vs1)	“O God, Show Mercy to Us (Psalm 67)”	Thaxted
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Acts 16:9-15	Diane Smith

**TIME WITH THE YOUNGEST DISCIPLES**

Rev. Stacey Midge

**ANTHEM**

"Canon of Peace" – Chancel Choir

Hopson

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5

**SERMON**

Rev. Stacey Midge

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(adapted from The Prayer of St. Francis)

**God, make us instruments of your peace.**

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there are shadows, illumination;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine One, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.

For in giving we receive;

In pardoning we are pardoned;

In dying we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

Rev. Stacey Midge

**OFFERTORY**

"Andante"

Josef Rheinberger

**RESPONSE #341 (vs2)**

" O God, Show Mercy to Us"

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Stacey Midge

**\*HYMN #384**

"Soon and Very Soon- Soon and Very Soon"

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Stacey Midge

**POSTLUDE**

"Allegretto"

Henry Purcell



