

## 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

September 19, 2021

11:00 a.m.

**PRELUDE**      "Told at Sunset" from Woodland Sketches      Edward MacDowell

**WELCOME**      Rev. Stacey Midge

**INTROIT**      "God Welcomes All"      Themba Amen  
God welcomes all, strangers and friends,  
God's love is strong and it never ends.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      Bill Bogdan  
From all the places we may dwell,  
**Come, let us gather in God's shelter.**  
The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it!  
**Come, there is room for all here and God's earth is our home.**  
Come, share in life, in love, and in community.  
**In this home we are not alone, we belong to one another.**  
We share our home with all life,  
with every good thing God created:  
which is to say everything.  
**Come let us worship God.**

**HYMN #715**      "The Earth Belongs to God Alone"      Simmons

**CALL TO CONFESSION**      Rev. Rebekah Nolt

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
Creator God, you breathed the world into being as a home  
for all your beloved creatures,  
but we have turned away, neglecting the welfare of that home,  
ignoring the plight of your people,  
trampling on the creatures and plants you have made,  
taking from the Earth what we cannot give back.  
We have not helped our neighbors in need, kept peace in our communities,  
or tended the vine you have planted in our own lives.  
Forgive us and lead us toward a more gracious life.  
In your compassion, turn us back toward you.  
Bring us home. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

### RESPONSE "The Peace of the Earth"

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too.

The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too.

Deep peace, falling over you.

God's peace, growing in you.

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:6-9 pg. 640

Bill Bogdan

## TIME WITH THE YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:30-37 pg.44

Rev. Stacey Midge

### SERMON UKirk Cincinnati Students in Conversation with the Pastors

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Per Harling*)

Rev. Rebekah Nolt

We belong to the Creator in whose image we are all made.

**In God we are breathing, in God we are living,  
in God we share the life of all creation.**

We belong to Jesus Christ, the true icon of God and of humanity.

**In Jesus God is breathing, in Jesus God is living,  
through Jesus we are reconciled.**

We belong to the Holy Spirit, who gives us new life and strengthens our faith.

**In the Spirit love is breathing, in the Spirit truth is living,  
the breath of God always moves us.**

We belong to the Holy Trinity, who is one in all and Three-in-One.

**In God we are all made, in Christ we are all saved,  
in the Spirit we are all united.**

Together, we belong to the Earth, our common home.

**The Earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it.**

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

### OFFERTORY "Earth Song" Chancel Choir

Ticheli

Sing Be, Live, See...

This dark stormy hour, the wind, it stirs.

The scorched earth cries out in vain:  
O war and power, you blind and blur.  
The torn heart cries out in pain.  
But music and singing have been my refuge.  
And music and singing shall be my light.  
A light with song shining strong: Alleluia!  
Through darkness, pain and strife, I'll  
Sing, be, Live and see... Peace.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Rebekah Nolt

**HYMN #713**                      "Touch the Earth Lightly"

Tenderness

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Stacey Midge

**POSTLUDE**                      "Andante from Sonata in e minor, BWV 1034"  
Lianna Bartlett - Flute

J.S. Bach

# LOCAL – GLOBAL MINISTRIES AND PROGRAMS

## Supported by Mount Auburn

Alcoholics Anonymous • Amos Project • Bethany House Cincinnati Brass Fellowship

Cincinnati Scholar House Citizens United For Action (CUFA)

Classics Club Book Discussion Group • Crossport

GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network) • Heartland Trans Wellness

Immigrant and Refugee Law Center • Intercommunity Justice & Peace Center

• League of Women Voters •

• Mass Action for Black Liberation

More Light Presbyterians • MORTAR

• October Festival Choir

• One Great Hour of Sharing • Open Stacks Book Club

• PAAD (Presbyterian Action Against the Death Penalty) • Presbyterian World Mission

• PFLAG (Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians and Gays)

Safe & Supported • Saint George Food Pantry • Sierra Club

Soteni • Sweet Cheeks

That All May Freely Serve • Treehouse Cincinnati •

• Woman's City Club



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**MOUNT AUBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Presbytery of Cincinnati      Synod of the Covenant      Presbyterian Church, USA

**OUR STAFF**

Pastor .....	Stacey Midge
Pastoral Resident.....	Rebekah Nolt
Director of Music Ministry.....	Christian Miller
Organists.....	Beth Troendly, Earl Apel
Administration Manager.....	Nori Muro
Resident Caretaker.....	Dan Davidson
Pastor Emeritus.....	Harold Porter

**OUR SESSION**

• Faye Burdick, Clerk	• David Chalk, Treasurer	• David Simon, Administrator
<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Eric Burgmann	Marlene Muse	Dave Simon
Amy Grady	Sequoia Powers-Griffin	Judy Cunningham
Jeana Lawson	Susan Thomas	Sara Bick
Pete Tuff	Sara Renner	Julia Malkin

**OUR DEACONS**

Mark Schuller and Elizabeth Marsh-Singh, Co-Moderators

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Rob Biddinger	Earl Apel	Elizabeth Marsh-Singh
Pat Basler	Dale Didier	Mark Schuller
Deb Carle	Linda Vaccariello	Bonnie Bohn
Heather Graden		Rick Sowash
		Patty Muhlemann

**OUR COMMITTEES & SESSION LIAISONS**

Congregational Engagement.....	Elizabeth Marsh-Singh, Sandee Ernst
Earth Care Leadership.....	Pat Timm
Education and Spiritual Nurture .....	Sara Renner
Finance and Stewardship.....	Sara Bick, Susan Ingmire
Justice Seeking.....	Linda Ford, Sequoia Powers-Griffin
Nominations.....	Pete Tuff, Amy Grady
Operations.....	Eric Burgmann
Outreach.....	Lynn Hailey Marlene Muse
Personnel.....	Jeana Lawson and David Simon
Worship.....	Van Ackerman, Julie Malkin

**We Are a More Light Congregation**

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