

## **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 26, 2021

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE "Tranquilly" Hubert Parry

WELCOME Rev. Stacey Midge

INTROIT

**All: Heleluyan, we are all singing.**

**Hele, Heleluyan**

**Heleluyan, now and wlays.**

**Hele, Heleluyan**

Leader: Praise God for this sacred ground.

**All: Hele, Heleluyan!**

Leader: People far and near now sing the world around.

**All: Hele, Heleluyan**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brian Anderson

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 #847 "Our Hope, Our Life"

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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.**



**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“Echoes”  
Chancel Choir

Rick Sowash

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Rebekah Nolt

**HYMN #714**

“God of the Fertile Fields”

Italian Hymn

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Stacey Midge

**POSTLUDE**

“The Ash Grove”

Charles Callahan

# 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



### STAY CONNECTED TO MT. AUBURN

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  - Check us out on Facebook @ Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church
  - Church office: [office@mtauburnpresby.org](mailto:office@mtauburnpresby.org), 513.281.5945
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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 <u>Class of 2021</u> Eric Burgmann Amy Grady Jeana Lawson Pete Tuff	• David Chalk, Treasurer <u>Class of 2022</u> Marlene Muse Sequoia Powers-Griffin Susan Thomas Sara Renner	• David Simon, Administrator <u>Class of 2023</u> Dave Simon Judy Cunningham Sara Bick Julia Malkin
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**OUR DEACONS**

Mark Schuller and Elizabeth Marsh-Singh, Co-Moderators

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