



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church  
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# FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

September 25, 2022

10:30am

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

### Prelude

*Live into Hope*

J. Wayne Kerr

### Call to Worship (Psalm 89)

Leader: Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

People: **For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

Leader: Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; love and truth go before your face.

People: **Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence. They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

Leader: For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted. Truly, the Lord is our ruler; the Holy One of Israel is our sovereign. Come and let us worship our God.

### Hymn 772

*Live into Hope*

Truro

1 Live into hope of captives freed,  
of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see  
the year of God's own jubilee!

2 Live into hope! The blind shall see  
with insight and with clarity,  
removing shades of pride and fear,  
a vision of our God brought near.

3 Live into hope of liberty,  
the right to speak, the right to be,  
the right to have one's daily bread,  
to hear God's word and thus be fed.

4 Live into hope of captives freed  
from chains of fear or want or greed.

God now proclaims our full release  
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Righteous and loving God, you teach us the ways of justice and truth that we might share in your Kingdom in our world and participate in your love in our lives. Yet we ignore your lessons. We pursue our own wants. We succumb to our desires and pride and shame. Forgive us our foolishness. Forgive us our cowardice. Forgive our sin. Cleanse us of injustice and teach us the ways of your righteousness. Grant to us the courage to build your justice and peace upon the earth...*(time for silent prayer)*...Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

**\*Congregational Response #581**      *Glory Be to the Father*      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      Loralei Harding

After the Time with Children, children may leave for their Sunday School classes. Children will be directed to the appropriate class in the Sunday School wing.

### Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Blessed are you Eternal One our God, sovereign of the world.  
People: In ancient days you spoke and created your people.  
Leader: Today let your Word and words come alive in us.  
People: So that we can live into your story with meaning, purpose, and hope.  
Leader: We ask this in the name of Jesus, our teacher. Amen.

### Scripture Reading

1 Kings 21:1-10 (Robert Alter's Translation)

And it happened after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard that was in Jezreel near the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 2And Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give me your vineyard that I may have it as a garden of greens, for it is close to my house, and let me give you in its stead a better vineyard, or should it be good in your eyes, let me give you silver as its price." 3And Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid that I should give away the estate of my fathers." 4And Ahab came to his house sullen and morose over this thing that Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him and said, "I will not give away the estate of my fathers." And he lay down on his couch and turned away his face and ate no food. 5And Jezebel his wife came to him and said, "What is this? You are sullen in spirit and eat no food." 6And he spoke to her, "When I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for silver, or if you wish, I shall give you a vineyard in its stead,' he said, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'" 7And Jezebel his wife said to him, "You, now, must act like a king over Israel! Rise, eat food, and be of good cheer. I myself will give you the vine-

yard of Naboth the Jezreelite." 8And she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal and sent the letters to the elders and the notables who were in his town, who dwelled with Naboth. 9And she wrote in the letters, saying, "Proclaim a fast and seat Naboth at the head of the people. 10And seat two worthless fellows opposite him, that they may bear witness against him, saying, 'You have cursed God and king.' And take him out and stone him to death."

**Anthem**

*Press On*  
Chancel Choir

Dan Burgess

**Scripture Reading**

1 Kings 21:15-29 (Robert Alter's Translation)

15And it happened when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned to death, Jezebel said to Ahab, "Rise, take hold of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, who refused to give it to you for silver, for Naboth is not alive, for he is dead." 16And when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab rose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite to take hold of it. 17And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite saying, 18"Rise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who is in Samaria. Look, he is in the vineyard of Naboth where he has gone down to take hold of it. 19And you shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: Have you murdered and also taken hold?' And you shall speak to him saying, 'Thus says the LORD: Where the dogs licked Naboth's blood they will lick your blood, too.'" 20And Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, O my enemy?" And he said, "I have found you. Inasmuch as you have given yourself over to doing evil in the eyes of the LORD, 21I am about to bring evil upon you, and I will root you out, and I will cut off every [manhood] against the wall of Ahab's, and ruler and helper in Israel. 22And I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam son of Nebat and like the house of Baasha son of Ahijah for the vexation with which you have vexed Me, leading Israel to offend." 23And for Jezebel, too, the word of the LORD came, saying, "The dogs shall devour Jezebel in the flatland of Jezreel. 24Ahab's dead in the town the dogs shall devour, and the dead in the field the fowl of the heavens shall devour." 25Surely there was none like Ahab, who gave himself over to doing evil in the eyes of the LORD, as Jezebel his wife had enticed him to do. 26And he acted most loathsome to go after foul idols, as all that the Amorites had done, whom the LORD had dispossessed before the Israelites. 27And it happened when Ahab heard these words that he rent his garments and put sackcloth on his flesh and fasted and lay down in the sackcloth and walked meekly. 28And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 29"Have you seen that Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the evil in his days. In his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house."

Leader: This is the complicated and challenging word of God for the people of God.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Injustice and God's Response

Rev. April Blaine

**Hymn 769**

*For Everyone Born*

For Everyone Born

1 For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:

and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

2 For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair, (Refrain)

3 For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong, (Refrain)

4 For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live, (Refrain)

5 For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free, (Refrain)

**Affirmation of Faith (in unison)**

**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.

**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.*

**Invitation of Discipleship**

We will not be passing the offering plates to collect tithes and offerings today. There is a basket by each exit door for the collection of tithes and offerings. (Loose coins go to Children and Youth Ministries.)

**Anthem**

*Blessed are They*  
Chancel Choir

Edward Wetherill

**Prayer of Discipleship****Hymn 372**

*O for a World*

Azmon

1 O for a world where everyone  
respects each other's ways,  
where love is lived and all is done  
with justice and with praise.

2 O for a world where goods are shared  
and misery relieved,  
where truth is spoken, children spared,  
equality achieved.

3 We welcome one world family  
and struggle with each choice  
that opens us to unity  
and gives our vision voice.

4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong;  
the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,  
who perishes will rise.

5 O for a world preparing for  
God's glorious reign of peace,  
where time and tears will be no more,  
and all but love will cease.

**Charge and Benediction****Postlude**

*Azmon*

Hal Hopson

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**Within the Fellowship**

Today in Worship we welcome Rev. April Blaine, Lead Pastor of Hilliard United Methodist Church, to our pulpit. Rev. Blaine and her congregation have been sharing with us this entire year as we share together in the Great Story of God's people Israel and what it means for us and for our world. Please welcome Rev. Blaine.

The flowers are given by Kris Martin in celebration of Virene MacCagno's 104<sup>th</sup> birthday, with love from her family.

Nursery care is provided from 8am-12pm on Sunday mornings. As a reminder, only children birth - 3 years old may stay in the nursery for the safety of our youngest.

Pastor Kelley is recovering from surgery at home.

For prayer concerns or if you would like to be part of the Email Prayer Chain Team, please contact: Rev. Brian Maguire at [bmaguire@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:bmaguire@fairmontchurch.org).

For emergencies, contact Rev. Brian Maguire at (937) 269-2864.

### Announcements

**Connections** on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. We will be continuing our series What They Never Told Me In Church: The Old Testament in which we examine those stories of the Old Testament that we prefer to avoid altogether. Come and explore the curious, confusing, and sometimes disturbing texts of the Hebrew scripture with us and bring your questions.

**Wednesdays, 7:00pm**

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82945327813>

**Meeting ID:** 829 4532 7813

**September 28**

Deuteronomy 34 Death of Moses and the Problem of Leadership

**Bible Study** Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom we will be prayerfully considering the text for the following Sunday morning. You do not need any preparations and everyone is welcome. We read through a few different translations together, talk about funny words and contexts, and then consider what it may mean both to people long ago and for us today. Most of all, questions are invited. In fact, the questions are the best part! This week we will be reflecting on Leviticus 16. You are invited.

**Thursdays, 7:00pm**

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82002536057>

**Meeting ID:** 820 0253 6057

**Women of Fairmont will be hosting a Gathering** this Saturday, October 1, 2022, at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall, the. This includes a delicious brunch with an egg casserole, a blueberry coffee cake, and a fruit parfait. Our associate pastor, Kelley Shin, will be talking about her hike in Spain along the Camino de Santiago Trail. Please contact Jennifer Mason in the church office at 937-299-3539 or [office@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:office@fairmontchurch.org), your circle leader, or Wynn Adam, email [wwygaladam@gmail.com](mailto:wwygaladam@gmail.com) with your **reservation by this Wednesday, September 28.**

**Do you like to sing? Try the Choir!** If you like to sing (no experience, training, or notation reading necessary) then come and try our chancel choir. The choir meets to practice every Thursday night from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. in the choir room downstairs. Come and experience the shared beauty of raising our voices together in song. Everybody is welcome!

**Trunk or Treat: October 29, 4pm**

Get your costumes ready! Our annual Trunk-or-Treat will be held in the church parking lot on Saturday, October 29th from 4 to 5 pm!

**Volunteers are needed** to provide and hand out treats from their cars! Sign up by contacting Loralei Harding.

**FIT 4 YOU**-Do you find yourself reaching for the pew in front of you when standing to sing in church? Then, you may want to consider joining Fairmont's wellness program, FIT 4 YOU. This program is a progressive strength, balance, and flexibility exercise program for adult men and women of all levels of ability. FIT 4 YOU meets every Tuesday and Friday from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, and in addition to exercise, the group instruction fosters social interaction, fellowship, and support. We have a great time. Join us!

**The Art, Antique, & Craft Show committee** is collecting items for the fall Art, Antique and Craft show. If you are willing to sort out your jewelry, broken gold chains, seasonal items, cookbooks, Christmas trees and ornaments, lamps, collectibles, pottery, canning jars (quarts & pints), antiques, and other items to go in our vintage room, we would be so grateful. We have been working since the first of the year and are a bit behind. This year we are adding World Food Kitchen to our donation list as the need seems to be extreme there. Blessings and thanks.

**Back-to-School Supplies!** This will be the last week we will be collecting school supplies for John F. Kennedy Elementary School. Please leave your donations in the Black & White Narthex. Thank you!

box of 24 Crayola crayons	Red pens
various highlighters	large glue sticks
scissors	erasers
pocket folders	wide-ruled paper
boxes of tissues	Clorox wipes
gallon Ziploc bags	paper towels

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## Live into Hope



2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of



gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our



first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.



This text on Luke 4:16-20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

## JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

## 769 For Everyone Born

E Leader or All      A2

1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,  
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

E      A2      Bsus      B

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

F#m7      E/G#      A2      Bsus

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

E      Bsus      E      Bsus

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver-head,  
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,  
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

*Refrain*

B All E E/G $\sharp$  A2 Bsus B  
 and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

E E/G $\sharp$  A2 Bsus B  
 joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,

C $\sharp$ m C $\sharp$ m/B A2  
 God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Bsus B (E) Fine A2 E Bsus B  
 jus-tice and joy!

## O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re-spects each oth - er's ways,  
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re-lieved,  
 3 We wel-come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice  
 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.  
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo-rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
 where truth is spo - ken, chil-dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
 Tell all who mourn: out-casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

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 MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839  
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