



Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
October 25, 2020
Heritage Sunday

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

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Heritage Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Minute for Stewardship

Brench Boden

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress

Don Hustad

Call to Worship (Psalm 46)

Brench Boden

Leader: God is our fortress and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

Leader: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

Leader: The Lord makes wars cease to the end of the earth; breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, burning the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." Come, let us worship God.

Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name,

from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

God of the everlasting covenant, you invite us into new life, abundant and eternal. Yet we hide from you, content with our fears and anxieties, lost in our wilderness of sin. We fail to heed your life-changing Word and reform our lives and our world in conformity to its truth. Forgive us our foolishness. Forgive us our sin. Through the living Word of love change our hearts and reform our lives that our commitments may mirror our faith, so that we might grow into the fullness of your children...*(silent prayer)*...Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

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

Anthem

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
Brench Boden, *soloist*

Sebastian Temple

Prayer for Illumination

Reading

1 Peter 2:4-10

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸ and

"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Unbowed, Unbent, Unbroken

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Old Hundredth

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk; he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3 O enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

4 For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;

his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

***A Confession of Faith for Reformation Sunday** (bold in unison)

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,

Nicene Creed

the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints.

Apostles' Creed

This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with the Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit.

Scots' Confession

We believe that, from the beginning to the end of the world, and from among the whole human race, the Son of God, by his Spirit and his Word, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself, in the unity of the true faith, a congregation chosen for eternal life.

Heidelberg Catechism

The Church is an assembly of the faithful called or gathered out of the world; a communion of all saints, namely, of those who truly know and rightly worship and serve the true God in Christ the Savior, by the Word and Holy Spirit, and who by faith are partakers in all the benefits which are freely offered through Christ.

Second Helvetic Confession

The visible Church, which is also catholic or universal under the gospel, consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true religion, together with their children; and is the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ; the house and family of God.

Westminster Confession of Faith

The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ. The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Confession of 1967

With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Brief Statement of Faith

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.*

Reflection on the Life and Ministry of Fairmont

Invitation and Prayer of Discipleship

Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

3 The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

4 Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

Charge and Benediction

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Today in worship we mark the 75th Anniversary of Fairmont Presbyterian Church. Fairmont was created during the fall of 1945 as hundreds of thousands of servicemen and women returned from World War II to start new civilian lives. It was a season of excitement and possibility in which 42 people saw the possibility of a new church community beyond the southern edge (*at that time*) of Dayton area. The city of Kettering did not yet exist. On June 3, 1945, the Presbytery of the Miami Valley commissioned Rev. Roland "Rit" Anderson for a one-year project, to found a new congregation. During the following months, three new church developments of other congregations in the same area failed. Undeterred, Rev. Anderson gathered interested families who met at the old Van Buren Township Firehouse. The casket supply company across the street provided surplus caskets to be used as pews. By fall, 41 people were regularly worshipping together as a part of the "Fairmont Project" and they started gathering at the Dorothy Lane School. On October 14, 1945 those 41 individuals asked the Presbytery for permission to form a new congregation, Fairmont Presbyterian Church. One week later, the Fairmont Project gathered for worship under a new name, Fairmont Presbyterian Church. On November 5, the new congregation elected its first officers and on December 3, the congregation was officially incorporated.

From the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of October 14, 1945:

May God abundantly bless his new body of believers, that their fellowship and service may be to the Glory of His name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HERITAGE SUNDAY: The Presbyterian Church was founded in the United States by Scottish settlers who brought their particular Reformed theology and the Presbyterian form of church governance of the Church of Scotland with them when they settled in British North American colonies in the eighteenth century. We look to the Church of Scotland as our ancestral parent and partner in ministry. The first General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States was organized by a Scottish minister, John Witherspoon, who was also the only clergy person to sign the Declaration of Independence. We continue to honor the traditions of our ancestors while we seek to give it contemporary expression to meet the needs of God's people today. And in case you might be wondering, the blue and black tartans you see in the sanctuary are "Clergy Ancient," the traditional tartan pattern associated with the Scottish Kirk and its ministers.

Within the Fellowship

Coins for Kids: In honor of the long-standing tradition of collecting coins during worship for children and youth ministry, we will be collecting "Coins for Kids" today (October 25) during our outdoor 75th Anniversary Tailgate Picnic in the back-parking lot of the church at 12:30 p.m. So, bring all your loose coins today to our outdoor parking lot picnic and let's hear those coins clink and clank again!

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.

For emergencies, contact Rev. Brian Maguire at (937) 269-2864 or Rev. Kelley Shin at (937) 751-0752.

Announcements

Kids Korner Online: Sunday 11:45am. Fairmont's online children's time provides important opportunities for children Pre-Kindergarten - 5th grade. Join us after worship on Sundays for a mixed-age Sunday School class. Watch for links in our weekly Beside Still Waters and Kids Korner emails or here:

Kidz Korner Online (PreK-5th grade): Sunday, 11:45am

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85778268480>

Zoom Meeting ID: 857 7826 8480

NEW CONNECTIONS CLASS THIS WEDNESDAY AT 7:00. LUMINARIES—Women that illuminate the Christian Way. Join us for the next six Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom as we learn about and from six extraordinary women who have shaped the Christian faith and have deepened our understanding of Christian life. Each week we will examine one of these foundational sisters in faith:

October 21: Hildegard of Bingen

October 28: Julian of Norwich

November 4: Teresa of Avila

November 11: Dorothy Day

November 18: Edith Stein

November 25: Simone Weil

Each week, short summaries of each woman's life, work, and writings will be offered. Come and explore the often-concealed stories of some of the Christianity's greatest teachers and leaders.

Connections: Wednesday, 7:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81271879988>

Zoom Meeting ID: 812 7187 9988

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 Revelation 7:9-17. Watch for Fairmont's weekly Beside Still Waters email for the link or here:

Bible Study: Thursday, 7:30pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86541370912>

Zoom Meeting ID: 865 4137 0912

Trunk or Treat Volunteers Needed: Get your costumes ready! Trunk-or-Treat will be held in the church parking lot Saturday, October 31st from 5 to 6pm, weather permitting! This event is open to our church congregation only. It will not be publicized to the community this year to reduce crowding. Safety is very important to us! We will be outdoors, practicing social distancing, wearing masks, and implementing various other safety measures to minimize risk.

Volunteers are needed to hand out treats! If you feel safe to do so, please reach out to Lorelei Harding.

Theology on Tap: Join us for Theology on Tap every first and third Friday of each month 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://us02web.zoom.us/j/81031782239>

Zoom Meeting ID: 810 3178 2239

The church office continues to accept checks for the Presbyterian Thank Offering and the Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women. Through these offerings, we can help improve lives at home and around the world. Please consider bringing or mailing a check to the church office made out to Fairmont Presbyterian Church with Thank Offering or Birthday Offering written on the memo line. Thank you.

Next Sunday, November 1st, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. You are invited to share in the celebration of communion at home on November 1st by obtaining some bread (bread, roll, cracker, etc...) and/or some liquid grape juice (fermented wine or unfermented juice) and have those present for worship. You are not required to do both the cup and the bread in order to celebrate this sacrament. One element is enough for it to be communion. We will then share in the prayers of thanksgiving and partake of the elements together.

Would You Like to Get Fairmont's Newsletters?

Would you or someone you know like to receive our twice-weekly email newsletter? In addition to our monthly Call newsletter, every Tuesday we send out Besides Still Waters with brief devotions by the staff and members along with invitations upcoming ministry events. Every Friday we send out Fridays from Fairmont with reflections on that Sunday's Bible lesson and information about weekend programs. If you or someone you know would like to receive these emails please send your email address to Jennifer Mason at jmason@fairmontchurch.org. As always you can opt out at any time.

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275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
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Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell 385

(Psalm 100)

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

THANKSGIVING

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.