



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church  
Kettering, Ohio  
July 24, 2022**

# FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

July 24, 2022

10:30am

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

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## To safeguard the health of everyone:

1. Wearing of protective masks is optional but not required at Fairmont Church. Masks are available at all entrances.
2. If you are currently experiencing flu-like symptoms, we invite you to stay home and join us online.

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

## Prelude

Arioso

G.F. Handel

## Call to Worship Psalm 128

Leader: Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in God's ways.

People: **You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.**

Leader: Your family will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

People: **Thus shall one be blessed who fears the Lord.**

Leader: The Lord bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. Come and let us worship our God who blesses all who are faithful.

## Hymn 744

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

Festal Song

1 Arise, your light is come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God,  
which shines on you today.

2 Arise, your light is come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captives' liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.

3 Arise, your light is come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.

4 Arise, your light is come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing;  
God's power will make us strong.

#### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

Patient God, you call us as your people to spread your hope and participate in the healing of creation and all within it. But we prefer our own purposes. We seek after our own desires and lose ourselves to our anxieties. We fail to obey. Forgive us our foolishness and our lack of courage. Forgive our sin. Gently lead us back to your way. Send us out filled with your conviction to fulfill our true identity in you and share in your healing work...*(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

#### Anthem

*And Can it Be*

Aaron Gouge, soloist

Dan Forrest

#### 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

Numbers 22:16-34

King Balak of Moab came to Balaam and said to him, "Thus says Balak son of Zippor: Do not let anything hinder you from coming to me, for I will surely do you great honor, and whatever you say to me I will do; come, curse this people for me." But Balaam replied to the servants of Balak, "Although Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the command of the Lord my God, to do less or more. You also stay here overnight, so that I may learn what more the Lord may say to me." That night God came to Balaam and said to him, "If the men have come to summon you, get up and go with them, but do only what I tell you to do." So Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey, and went with the officials of Moab.

God's anger was kindled because he was going, and the angel of the Lord took his stand in the road as his adversary. Now he was riding on the donkey, and his two servants were with him. The donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand, so the donkey turned off the road and went into the field, and Balaam struck the donkey, to turn it back onto the road. Then the angel of the Lord stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on either side. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it scraped against the wall and scraped Balaam's foot against the wall, so he struck it again. Then the angel of the Lord went ahead and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right or to the left. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it lay down under Balaam, and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff. Then the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?" Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have made a fool of me! I wish I had a sword in my hand! I would kill you right now!" But the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey, which you have ridden all your life to this day? Have I been in the habit of treating you this way?" And he said, "No."

Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road, with his drawn sword in his hand, and he bowed down, falling on his face. The angel of the Lord said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? I have come out as an adversary because your way is perverse before me. The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If it had not turned away from me, surely just now I would have killed you and let it live." Then Balaam said to the angel of the Lord, "I have sinned, for I did not know that you were standing in the road to oppose me. Now therefore, if it is displeasing to you, I will return home." The angel of the Lord said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but speak only what I tell you to speak." So Balaam went on with the officials of Balak.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Trust the Donkey

Rev. Brian Maguire

**Hymn 718**

*Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

Bourbon

1 Take up your cross, the Savior said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart,  
and humbly follow after me.

2 Take up your cross; let not its weight  
fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up  
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame,  
and let your foolish pride be still;  
the Lord for you accepted death  
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,  
and calmly every danger brave:  
it guides you to abundant life  
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

#### Affirmation of Faith

#### 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

How Great Thou Art  
Aaron Gouge, soloist

Dan Forrest

#### Prayer of Discipleship

#### Hymn 739

*O for a Closer Walk with God*

Caithness

1 O for a closer walk with God,  
a calm and heavenly frame,  
a light to shine upon the road  
that leads me to the Lamb!

2 Return, O holy Dove, return,  
sweet messenger of rest!  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn  
and drove thee from my breast.

3 The dearest idol I have known,  
whate'er that idol be,  
help me to tear it from thy throne,

and worship only thee.  
4 So shall my walk be close with God,  
calm and serene my frame;  
so purer light shall mark the road  
that leads me to the Lamb.

### **Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Rondo*

David Lasky

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### **Within the Fellowship**

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](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org).

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

### **Announcements**

**Pastor Kelley's Camino de Santiago Presentation.** Pastor Kelley will be sharing her journey from the Camino de Santiago today following the second service of worship in the Fellowship Hall. There will be light snacks for all as we celebrate the Feast of St. James. (Pastor Kelley will also be sharing her Camino journey with the Women of Fairmont for the Fall Gathering on October 1.)

### **Children's Ministry**

Looking forward, we will come together for a **Summer Send-Off Spectacular on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 12pm!** Celebrate the end of summer with hot dogs, ice cream, games, and bounce house fun!

Add this to your calendar and please let Loralei know if you plan to attend!

**Our own Megan Rehberg** will be starring as Marian the Librarian in Epiphany Lutheran Church's production of *The Music Man*. The show is double cast and her production dates are July 15th, 17th, 21st and 23rd. Tickets and more information are available at <https://elc.booktix.com> and discounts are available for groups of 10 or more.

**Friday, August 12th Cookout at the Valley Vineyards:** Join us for a cookout at Valley Vineyards in Morrow on August 12th at 6:00pm. Prices are \$50.80 per person. Payments are to be made out to the church. Reservations are reserved for 50 and have until August 5th to sign up and pay. We had so much fun before and this is in response to so many requests. We will carpool from the church and it takes approximately 45 minutes to get there. Located in Morrow, Ohio. Please contact Carolyn Wimer at (937) 705-6451 or Jennifer in the church office for more information.

**Dayton Dragons game is re-scheduled for Saturday, August 6th at 7:05pm!** Join us for a fun evening of fellowship as the Dayton Dragons baseball team takes on the Peoria Chiefs on Saturday, August 6th at 7:05pm at Day Air Field. **There is still time to join us!** You may visit [www.fairmontchurch.org](http://www.fairmontchurch.org) and find the

link or reach out Carl Hertzberg, our Dragons ticket representative at (937) 228-2287 EXT 160 to order tickets. If you have questions about exchanging or just general questions about the outing, reach out to Kelly Coan at (937) 470-3427.

**We, your committee,** are collecting items for the fall Art, Antique and Craft show. If you are willing to sort out your jewelry, seasonal items, 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.

**Fairmont AV Team - Volunteers Needed!** Do you enjoy technology? Do you desire to learn how to use our sound system? Do you have an eye for camera angles? Volunteer to be on our AV team rotation! We are seeking several individuals to learn these skills for both service times. No prior skills required! As long as you're willing to learn, we're willing to train. Contact Loralei Harding if you have any interest at all - let's chat!

**You may continue give to The World Central Kitchen** through Fairmont's online Portal of Giving at [www.fairmontchurch.org](http://www.fairmontchurch.org) (note Ukraine in the "Other" box) or by mailing a check to Fairmont Presbyterian Church with "Ukraine" in the memo line. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

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# FAMILY FILM NIGHT



Fairmont parents, children, and youth gathered for a Family Film Night on Thursday! We enjoyed pizza, theater-style popcorn, candy, games, crafts, short films, and LOTS of laughter and fellowship! We had so much fun and are looking forward to the Summer Send-Off Spectacular on August 14th!

## DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

## 744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.  
 pro - claim the cap-tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.  
 bind up the bro - ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.



Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1–2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974  
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894  
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FESTAL SONG  
 SM  
 (this tune in a lower key, 815)

## DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

## Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718



1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if  
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill  
 3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and  
 4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and



you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
 your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your  
 let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -  
 calm - ly ev - ery dan-ger brave: it guides you to a -



will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
 spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.  
 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
 bun-dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.



Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape note tune.

## DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

## O for a Closer Walk with God 739

Merely longing for a restored relationship with God is not enough; real repentance requires amendment of life (stanza 3). The similarity of stanzas 1 and 4 suggests both continuity and improvement. This tune was one of the new common tunes in the Scottish Psalter of 1635.