



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church  
Kettering, Ohio  
May 16, 2021**

## FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

May 16, 2021  
10:30am  
7th Sunday of Easter

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### WELCOME BACK TO FAIRMONT

To Care for the Body of Christ Together:

1. Please wear a protective face mask throughout today's service. Masks are available at each entrance. We wear masks to protect each other and provide a place of welcome for all people, especially our children.
2. Please observe the pew closures and observe appropriate social distancing.
3. Please wear a nametag

### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

### Prelude

*Joyful, Joyful*

Timothy Albrecht

### Call to Worship and the Resumption of Public Worship (Psalms 118 and 84)

Leader: Open to me the Gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

People: This house has been built for the glory of God and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord.

People: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: Happy are those who live in your house ever singing your praise.

### Prayer for the Renewal of Public Worship (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

Eternal and mighty God, no building can contain your glory. May this space again be a place of gathering, sharing, hoping, and transformation. May we again meet you here in Word, sacrament, and Spirit. May we teach our children and care for one another in these halls again and hear the echoes of laughter and song. May all our labors and our loves in this place give witness to you and your love for you are our savior and call this church into being. Amen.

### Hymn 263

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

Coronation

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,

and crown him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all!

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all!

Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all!

3 Let every kindred, every tribe  
on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
To him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!

4 O that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all!

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

**God of redemption and new life, all around us and within us you plant the seeds of renewal and new birth. But we so often ignore what you sow in plain sight. We focus instead on our anxieties, worries, and wants. We pursue our own desires rather than the cultivation of your Kingdom. Forgive us our foolishness and distractions. Forgive us our sin. Empower us to nurture your presence within us and the seeds of your Kingdom in this world so that we may behold your Kingdom's coming on earth and in our lives as it is in Heaven...*(silent prayer)*...**  
**Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Congregational Response**

*Alleluia!*

Celtic Alleluia

**Passing of Christ's Peace**

We ask you to remain seated and share Christ's peace through your words and your eyes, not your hands and hugs.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

## Time with Our Children

Loralei Harding

Children will remain seated in the pews for the Children's Time.

## Anthem

## Prayer for Illumination

## Reading

Mark 4:21-32

[Jesus] said to them, “Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand? For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!” And he said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you. For to those who have, more will be given; and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.”

He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

## Invasive Exotics

Rev. Brian Maguire

## Hymn 714

*God of the Fertile Fields*  
verses 1, 2 and 4

Italian Hymn

1 God of the fertile fields,  
shaper of earth that yields  
our daily bread:  
forth from your bounteous hand  
come gifts your love has planned,  
that all in every land  
be clothed and fed.

2 We would be stewards true,  
holding in trust from you  
all that you give;  
help us in love to share,  
teach us like you to care  
for people everywhere,  
that all may live.

4 God of the countryside,  
dear to the Christ who died  
to make us one:  
we pledge our lives anew  
in faithful love to you.  
Guide all we say and do.  
Your will be done.

#### 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 and Prayer of Discipleship

#### Hymn 366

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hyfrydol

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

### **Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Raymond Haan

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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**

**Children's Sunday School Summer Break:** Parents, thank you for a successful year+ of virtual activities in Children's Ministries. We will be taking our customary summer break from Children's Sunday School beginning May 16th. We will resume in the Fall. More information to come!  
If you would like to receive our weekly Kidz Korner emails which contain faith-based printable activities and information regarding upcoming activities, please email Loralei Harding at [lharding@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:lharding@fairmontchurch.org).

**Fairmont Youth Ministry, Sunday, May 16th:** The youth will be meeting in-person this Sunday, May 16th, at church. We will meet at our usual gathering time at 1:30 p.m. in the Youth Lounge for Food, Bible Study, Fellowship, and Fun. Contact Pastor Kelley at [kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org) for questions.

**"A Study of Six New Testament Women": Join us for Connections on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** via Zoom as we continue a study of six New Testament women of faith, unnamed but not forgotten.

**May 19:** The Woman Caught in the Act of Adultery (John 7:53-8:11)

**May 26:** The Woman at the Well (John 4:1-30, 39-42)

**Connections:** Wednesdays, 7:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84170790852>

Zoom Meeting ID: 841 7079 0852

**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 Mark 4:30-33. 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/86422990477>

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 2299 047

**Theology on Tap:** Join us for Theology on Tap this Friday, May 21st 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, May 21st at 5:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89247878247>

Zoom Meeting ID: 892 4787 8247

**CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS: ELEVATOR REFURBISHING:** Our elevator will be completely refurbished with all new mechanical, electrical, and hydraulic systems in May. **During these weeks, the elevator will not be available for use.** This will be a comprehensive refurbishment of the elevator so that it will be available for years to come. Thank you for your patience.

**May Mission:** To support SICSA's work, the Mission Team is holding a pet supply drive starting now through mid-June. It's kitten season, so SICSA is most in need of Tidy Cats litter, Purina Pro Plan wet kitten food, paper towels, and Amazon gift cards. SICSA has a full Amazon registry at <https://a.co/0OC6w69>. Please bring collected items to the coat room next to the church office.

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## JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

## 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Descant*

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time, key signature of one flat. The top staff is in treble clef, the middle staff in bass clef, and the bottom staff in bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the vocal parts of the descant and bass staves.

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,  
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball  
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 to him all maj - es - ty as - ccribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
 We'll join the ev - er - last-ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 To him all maj - es - ty as - ccribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
 We'll join the ev - er - last-ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

## DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

## God of the Fertile Fields 714

1 God of the fertile fields, shape - er of  
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in  
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that  
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your  
trust from you all that you give; help us in  
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our  
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
love to share, teach us like you to care  
toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,  
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.  
for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.  
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.  
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

## CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

## 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell-ing; all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

The musical score consists of two staves of music in common time, featuring a treble clef and a bass clef. The key signature is one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth-note pairs. The second staff begins with a half note followed by eighth-note pairs.

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

