



Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
April 25, 2021

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

April 25, 2021

10:30am

4th Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

Jesus Shall Reign

Michael Albrecht

Call to Worship (Psalm 81)

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

People: Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

Leader: Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.

People: For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.

Leader: In distress you called, and I rescued you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it. Come let us worship our Redeemer.

Hymn 255

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

O Filii Et Filiae

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1 O sons and daughters, let us sing
with heavenly hosts to Christ our King;
today the grave has lost its sting!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 That night the apostles met in fear;
among them came their Lord most dear,
and said, "My peace be with you here."

Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see;
and look upon my hands, my feet;
not faithless, but believing be."

Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of belonging and liberation, you invite us into new life amid all the fears and failures of this world. You hallow time so that even amid the kingdoms of this world, we may glimpse the peace and joy of your Kingdom. But we lose ourselves in self-important busyness. We presume our actions matter more than your invitation and our agency more than your grace. Forgive our ignorance. Forgive our sin. Help us to live into your invitation into Kingdom life and share it with all people...*(silent prayer)*...Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

Alleluia!

Celtic Alleluia

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

Shepherd Me, O God
Amber Voss, *soloist*

Haugen/Hayes

Prayer for Illumination

Reading

Mark 2:23-3:6

One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had

the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

When Religion Gets in the Way

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 796

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

Land Of Rest

1 We come to you for healing, Lord,
of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch
we may again be whole.

2 As once you walked through ancient streets
and reached toward those in pain,
we know you come among us still
with power to heal again.

3 You touch us through physicians' skills,
through nurses' gifts of care,
and through the love of faithful friends
who lift our lives in prayer.

4 Through nights of pain and wakefulness,
through days when strength runs low,
grant us your gift of patience, Lord,
your calming peace to know.

5 We come to you, O loving Lord,
in our distress and pain,
in trust that through our nights and days
your grace will heal, sustain.

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 821

My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep From Singing

1 My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

3 What though my joys and comforts die?
I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. (Refrain)

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Lani Smith

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.

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

Announcements

Kidz 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/86575832345>

Zoom Meeting ID: 865 7583 2345

There will be no Fairmont Youth today.

"A Study of Six New Testament Women": Join us for Connections on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning April 21st via Zoom as we begin a new study of six New Testament women of faith, unnamed but not forgotten.

April 28: The Syrophenician Woman (Mark 7:24-30)

May 5: The Bent-Over Woman (Luke 13:10-17)

May 12: The Woman Who Touched Jesus' Cloak (Mark 5:25-34)

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. 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

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O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing 255

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al -

1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing with
le - lu - ia!
2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; a -
3 When Thom - as first the ti - dings heard, how
4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see; and

heaven - ly hosts to Christ our King; to - day the grave has
mong them came their Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be
they had seen the ris - en Lord, he doubt - ed the dis -
look up - on my hands, my feet; not faith - less, but be -

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Alleluia! Alleluia!
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and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
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These stanzas from a 19th-century translation of a longer 15th-century Latin text are the continuation of hymn no. 235 and are based on the traditional gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Easter. They are sung to a 15th-century French tune adapted for church use.

We Come to You for Healing, Lord 796

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 Through nights of pain and wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, we know you come a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with power to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Unlike many hymns on the theme of healing, this text appropriately includes the ministry of medical personnel as instruments of God's healing activity. It also acknowledges that illness is not limited to physical symptoms, but involves mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions.

821

My Life Flows On How Can I Keep from Singing?

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.