



Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
January 17, 2021

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

January 17, 2021

10:30am

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

Benjamin Culli

Call to Worship (*Psalm 32*)

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

People: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Leader: Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart. Come let us worship our God.

Hymn 410

God Is Calling through the Whisper

W ŻLobie Leży

1 God is calling through the whisper
of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties
that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder;
hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling—can you hear?
God is calling—can you hear?

2 God is calling through the voices
of our neighbors' urgent prayers,
through their longing for redemption
and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needing;
strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling—can you hear?
God is calling—can you hear?

3 God is calling through the music
of sublime and human arts,

through the hymns of earth and angels,
and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing;
days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling—and we hear!
God is calling—and we hear!

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

God in whom alone we find our rest, we confess that we often turn from your gifts of identity, purpose, and meaning. Instead of serving others, we serve ourselves. Instead of being motivated by love, we are motivated by fear. Instead of seeking wisdom, we seek possessions. Instead of working for peace, we work for security. Forgive us our foolishness. Forgive us our sin in walking away from your embrace. Draw us back to you and remind us that all that we need we find in relationship with you and with each other...*(time for silent prayer)*...Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri No. 581

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

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Sharon Kohnle, *pianist*

J. Rosamond Johnson

Prayer for Illumination

Reading

Mark 1:12-13

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Testing, Temptation, and Truth

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Restoration

1 Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

2 Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome;
God's free bounty glorify,
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)

3 Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all. (Refrain)

4 Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel your need of him. (Refrain)

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 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows

are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

2 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

In Babilone

Gordon Young

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Within the Fellowship

The church office will be closed Monday, January 18, 2021 for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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

PYC Fairmont Youth: Sunday 1:30pm Fairmont's Youth meet every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom for a time of Bible Study, Fellowship, and Fun.

PYC Fairmont Youth (6th – 12th grade): Sunday, 1:30pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85978434870>

Zoom Meeting ID: 859 7843 4870

CONNECTIONS IN JANUARY: Luminaries (part two)

Join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in January as we continue our series learning about the lives and work of Christians who have illuminated our way of following Christ in the world.

January 20: Howard Thurman and the mysticism of non-violence

January 27: Reinhold Niebuhr and Christian realism

Connections: Wednesday, 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 1:14-20. 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 0477

Fourth Friday Family Pizza: Mark your calendar for this Friday, January 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Order pizza to be delivered to your home, make your own pizza, or pop a frozen pizza in the oven! We will post the Zoom link in Fairmont's weekly *Beside Still Waters* and there will be an email reminder to our Fairmont families. Contact Pastor Kelley for questions at kshin@fairmontchurch.org.

ONLINE DOCUMENTARY: "Redlining in the Making of Dayton"

Friday, January 29th at 8:00pm | Zoom Link to Come

Dayton is home to some of the most economically segregated school districts in the country. How did that happen? What helped shape the economic and racial composition of cities across the U.S.? And how can the Presbyterian faith tradition help us navigate Christian discipleship in the context of such segregation? Please join us as we learn about and discuss the history of redlining and blockbusting in the U.S. and in the Dayton area. The evening will begin with a brief 30-minute documentary on redlining and blockbusting, followed by small group discussions that will be facilitated by Pastor Brian, Pastor Kelley, and Reverend Lisa Hess.

Please watch for the Zoom link for this event, which will be included in the Tuesday "Beside Still Waters" and "Fridays at Fairmont" emails during the week of.

Feeding Our Community - 2021

A Time of Great Need Continues...Feeding Families, Children and Youth in our community.

In 2020, Fairmont members donated close to \$16,000 dollars for local food relief. That is amazing, but the need continues.

How can you help during this challenging time?

We are continuing to focus our attention on two organizations striving to meet the food needs for area families. We are seeking financial donations to support **Dayton Foodbank** and **Kettering Backpack**. You may donate through Fairmont's online donation site, send a check to the church office, or online at thefoodbankdayton.org and ketteringbackpack.org.

What is Per Capita and why is it \$52.23? The Presbyterian Church is a connectional church. That means that we share in mutual ministry and accountability with and for each other. One of the ways we do that is by sharing in the cost of the denomination. This is done through individual assessments based on the number of members in each church. These assessments, called "per capita," are mandatory and are used to support the work of the General Assembly and the Synod. Those funds are obtained either from our general Fairmont revenues or from special offerings of individuals who wish to pay their share individually. The total per member assessment for 2021 is \$52.23. That is the cost of being a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) denomination as opposed to the local congregation. If you would like to

directly pay your share of our commitment to the greater church, the amount per member is \$52.23.

2021 Stewardship Update

As of this week, Fairmont has received \$518,481 of a total of \$550,000 pledged for 2021. Thank you so much for your faithful generosity! All contributions received by or postmarked by January 31st will be credited to 2020.

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GATHERING

410 God Is Calling through the Whisper

1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,

through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
 through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
 through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.

Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:

God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

CONFESSION

415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

All or Leader

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef and a bass clef, both in 4/4 time. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed,
2 Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty
3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined
4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness

The differing voices of this text indicate that its parts were not created together. The stanzas are cast in the voice of a preacher or exhorter, but the refrain (added later) takes the voice of a penitent heeding that call in language like that of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:18).

TEXT: Stanzas, Joseph Hart, 1759, alt.; refrain, anon.
MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

RESTORATION
8.7.8.7 with refrain

CONFESSION

sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,
 glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,
 by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,
 fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

Refrain
All

full of pit - y, love, and power.
 ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and
 you will nev - er come at all.
 is to feel your need of him.

go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me in his arms. In the

arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou-sand charms.

FORGIVENESS

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
 2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures
 of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal
 which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more
 sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-
 where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
 flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

