



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
September 18, 2022**

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

September 18, 2022

10:30am

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

Call to Worship (Psalm 66)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God's name; give glorious praise.

People: Let us say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."

Leader: Come and see what God has done: awesome are God's deeds among mortals.

People: Our God turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in our Lord, who rules in might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of praise of the Lord be heard. Come let us worship our God.

Hymn 393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein

1 O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright;
on you, the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy"
to the great God triune.

2 On you, at earth's creation
the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation
Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious
sent Spirit forth from heaven.
And thus on you, most glorious,
a triple light was given.

3 On you, God's people, meeting,
the Holy Scripture hear,
Christ's living presence greeting,
through bread and wine made near.
New graces ever gaining
from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining
to spirits of the blest.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Sovereign of the universe, you rule over the nations and judge each in its course. You call us to your demands for justice, kindness, and love, both in our own lives and in our world. But we so often prefer to follow our own interests and desires. We succumb to pride and shame rather than your truth. We ignore our vocations for our own pleasures. We judge rather than seek reconciliation. Forgive our sin and change us so that we might grow into your love and in our community we might demonstrate the coming of your Kingdom... (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
After the Time with Children, children may leave for their Sunday School classes. Children will be directed to the appropriate class in the Sunday School wing.

Anthem *Do, Lord* Norman Luboff
Chancel Choir

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 2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from

the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.' He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.'

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Who Shall Be Washed Clean?

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

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1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God

are surely kin to me.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

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

Lord, Speak to Me
Chancel Choir

Jeffrey H. Rickard

Prayer of Discipleship

Hymn 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

The Servant Song

1 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

2 We are pilgrims on a journey;
we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear.

I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
4 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

5 When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in G

William Pachelbel

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Within the Fellowship

The flowers are given by Deborah Beebe in memory of Bob and Mary Sybil Beebe.

Nursery care is provided from 8am-12pm on Sunday mornings. As a reminder, only children birth - 3 years old may stay in the nursery for the safety of our youngest.

Pastor Kelley is recovering from surgery at home. We anticipate her return in 2-3 weeks.

For prayer concerns or if you would like to be part of the Email Prayer Chain Team, please contact: Rev. Brian Maguire at bmaguire@fairmontchurch.org.

For emergencies, contact Rev. Brian Maguire at (937) 269-2864.

Announcements

Fairmont Membership Class

Are you interested in finding out more about Fairmont? Are you considering joining as a member? Join Pastor Brian today immediately after both services in our chapel to learn more about Fairmont, the Presbyterian tradition, and ways you might find a spiritual home here.

Connections on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. We will be continuing our series *What They Never Told Me In Church: The Old Testament* in which we examine those stories of the Old Testament that we prefer to avoid altogether. Come and explore the curious, confusing, and sometimes disturbing texts of

the Hebrew scripture with us and bring your questions.

Wednesdays, 7:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82945327813>

Meeting ID: 829 4532 7813

September 21

Numbers 21:1-9 Snake on a Stick

September 28

Deuteronomy 34 Death of Moses and the Problem of Leadership

Bible Study Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom we will be prayerfully considering the text for the following Sunday morning. You do not need any preparations and everyone is welcome. We read through a few different translations together, talk about funny words and contexts, and then consider what it may mean both to people long ago and for us today. Most of all, questions are invited. In fact, the questions are the best part! This week we will be reflecting on 2 Kings 21:1-21. You are invited.

Thursdays, 7:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82002536057>

Meeting ID: 820 0253 6057

Fairmont Men's Group will meet at MCL Cafeteria on Wednesday, September 21st at 11:30 am. Sign "Lunch" on the attendance pad Sunday or call the church office (937) 299-3539 or email at office@fairmontchurch.org by noon on Tuesday, September 20th, to make a reservation. All the men of the church are invited.

Fairmont Family Night is this Friday, September 23, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Fairmont children, youth, and their families will be meeting **once-a-month** for a fun evening of dinner, games, and fellowship. *September's Family Night meal will be a Taco Bar!* Let Loralei know if you plan to attend!

Do you like to sing? Try the Choir! If you like to sing (no experience, training, or notation reading necessary) then come and try our chancel choir. The choir meets to practice every Thursday night from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. in the choir room downstairs. Come and experience the shared beauty of raising our voices together in song. Everybody is welcome!

FIT 4 YOU-Do you find yourself reaching for the pew in front of you when standing to sing in church? Then, you may want to consider joining Fairmont's wellness program, FIT 4 YOU. This program is a progressive strength, balance, and flexibility exercise program for adult men and women of all levels of ability. FIT 4 YOU meets every Tuesday and Friday from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, and in addition to exercise, the group instruction fosters social interaction, fellowship, and support. We have a great time. Join us!

Women of Fairmont will be hosting a Gathering on Saturday, October 1, 2022, at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall, the. This includes a delicious brunch with an egg casserole, a blueberry coffee cake, and a fruit parfait. Our associate pastor, Kelley Shin, will be talking about her hike in Spain along the Camino de Santiago Trail. Please contact Jennifer Mason in the church office at 937-299-3539 or office@fairmontchurch.org, your circle leader, or Wynn Adam, email wwygaladam@gmail.com with your reservation by Wednesday, September 28.

Trunk or Treat: October 29, 4pm

Get your costumes ready! Our annual Trunk-or-Treat will be held in the church parking lot on Saturday, October 29th from 4 to 5 pm!

Volunteers are needed to provide and hand out treats from their cars! Sign up by contacting Loralei Harding.

The Art, Antique, & Craft Show committee is collecting items for the fall Art, Antique and Craft show. If you are willing to sort out your jewelry, broken gold chains, seasonal items, cookbooks, 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.

Back-to-School Supplies! We are collecting school supplies for John F. Kennedy Elementary School. Please leave your donations in the Black & White Narthex. Thank you!

box of 24 Crayola crayons	Red pens
various highlighters	large glue sticks
scissors	erasers
pocket folders	wide-ruled paper
boxes of tissues	Clorox wipes
gallon Ziploc bags	paper towels

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!

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GATHERING

393 O Day of Rest and Gladness

1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion the light first had its birth;
 3 On you, God's peo - ple, meet - ing, the Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear,

O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
 on you, for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
 Christ's liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through bread and wine made near.

on you, the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious sent Spir - it forth from heaven.
 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" to the great God tri - une.
 And thus on you, most glo - rious, a tri - ple light was given.
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

In this text the first day of the week represents a threefold commemoration of Creation, Resurrection, and Pentecost—each an encounter with Trinitarian activity centered on one of the Three Persons. The tune name recalls the secular German song adapted for use with several hymns.

THE CHURCH

317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
race may be. All chil - dren of the
south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

TEXT: John Oxenham, 1908, alt.
MUSIC: African American spiritual; *Jubilee Songs*, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940

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(alternate tune: ST. PETER, 318)

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song

1, 6 Will you let me be your servant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
 (repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

