



Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
September 4, 2022

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

September 4, 2022

10:30am

13th Sunday after Pentecost

To safeguard the health of everyone:

1. Wearing of protective masks are recommended 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

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Albert Travis

Call to Worship (Psalm 23)

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Leader: Even though I walk through the valley of shadow of death,

People: I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Leader: Come and let us worship the Good Shepherd.

Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

1 I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord
who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,

where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of love and light, we gather to confess that we have not beheld your truth let alone acted upon it. We see the world through lenses of pride and shame failing to behold your invitation and mission. We see the world according to our own desires and fears and fail to follow. Help us to see your truth and act upon it. Give us courage to follow you into life
...(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 Children

Rev. Kelley Shin

Anthem

Living Sacrifice
Coleman Clark, soloist

by Brandon Lake

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

I Samuel 15:35-16:13

The LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and

set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Chosen One

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 428

Before I Take the Body of My Lord

Laying Down

1 Before I take the body of my Lord,
before I share his life in bread and wine,
I recognize the sorry things within:
these I lay down.

2 The words of hope I often failed to give,
the prayers of kindness buried by my pride,
the signs of care I argued out of sight:
these I lay down.

3 The narrowness of vision and of mind,
the need for other folk to serve my will,
and every word and silence meant to hurt:
these I lay down.

4 Of those around in whom I meet my Lord,
I ask their pardon and I grant them mine,
that every contradiction of Christ's peace
might be laid down.

5 Lord Jesus Christ, companion at this feast,

I empty now my heart and stretch my hands,
and ask to meet you here in bread and wine
which you lay down.

Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**
**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**
**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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

Sacrament of Holy Communion (*unison responses in bold*)

Invitation to the Table

We Call Upon the Lord

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We Give Thanks to God for all that God Has Done

. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might, heaven and earth are full of your Glory. Hosanna in highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice for Us

. . . Great is the Mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We Ask God to be Present with Us in the Sharing of This Meal

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.

We Remember How Jesus Instituted this Meal

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- I Corinthians 11:23-26

We Share Together in the Sacrament

Prayer After Communion (in unison)

We thank you O God that through Word and Sacrament you have shared with us life and belonging in your Covenant through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Strengthen us by these your gifts so at that we may courageously live into the fullness of our identity as your children. Amen

Hymn 774

There Is Now a New Creation

Stuttgart

1 There is now a new creation
through the grace of Jesus Christ,
peace and reconciliation
with the God of endless life.

2 Call the lost and found together;
tell the news to everyone:
now the past is gone forever
and a new life has begun.

3 Wrap the prodigal in welcome;
run to greet the wayward child.
All is finished and forgiven;
let us now be reconciled.

4 Come and join the celebration;
come and join this happy feast;
Jesus makes an invitation
to the greatest and the least.

5 There is now a new creation
through the grace of Jesus Christ.
Sing, with thanks and adoration,
to the God of endless life!

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Jonathan Reuss

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Within the Fellowship

The flowers are given by Mary Haffner in loving memory of her husband, Bill.

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

Join us tomorrow on Labor Day to share hospitality with our whole community during the Holiday at Home Parade. We need volunteers to help distribute water to parade goers and you get the best seats in town for the Holiday at Home Parade right at Fairmont! If you are able to help, please be at the church by

9:45am. The parade starts at 10:00am but they start closing streets earlier in the morning. Join us for a fun-filled celebration of community on Labor Day!

The office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 5th.

Kick-Off Sunday for the new church year is Sunday, September 11, 2022. There will be a single service of worship at 10:30 a.m. with an all-church picnic following worship provided by the Deacons. Join us for a special Sunday as we kick-off the new church year.

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

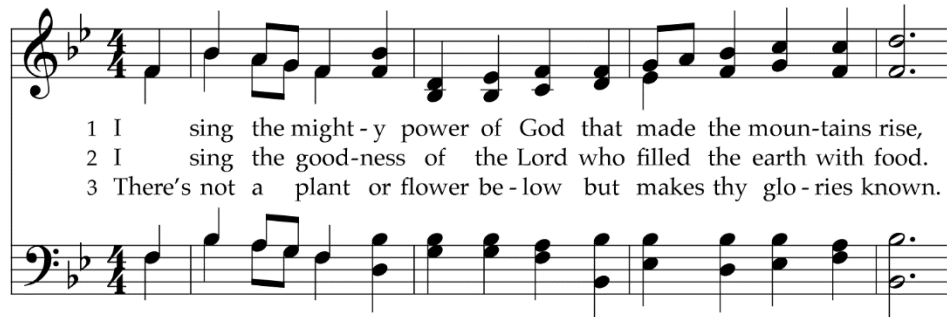
On Saturday, October 1, 2022, at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall, the Women of Fairmont will be hosting a Gathering. This includes a delicious brunch with an egg casserole, a blueberry coffee cake, and a fruit parfait. Our associate pastor, Kelley Shin, will be talking about her hike in Spain along the Camino 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 wwwgaladam@gmail.com with your reservation by Wednesday, September 28.

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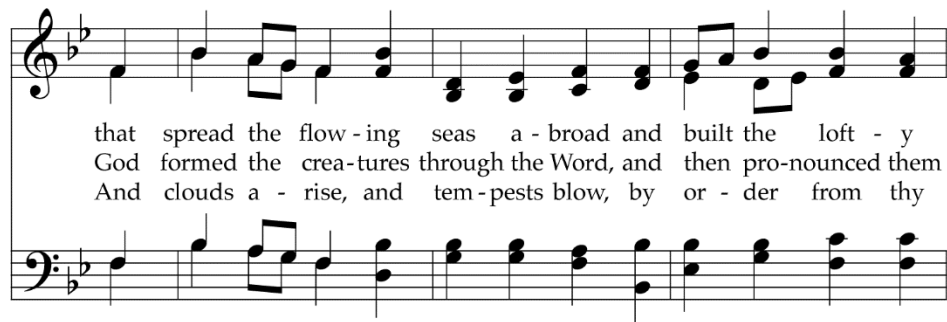
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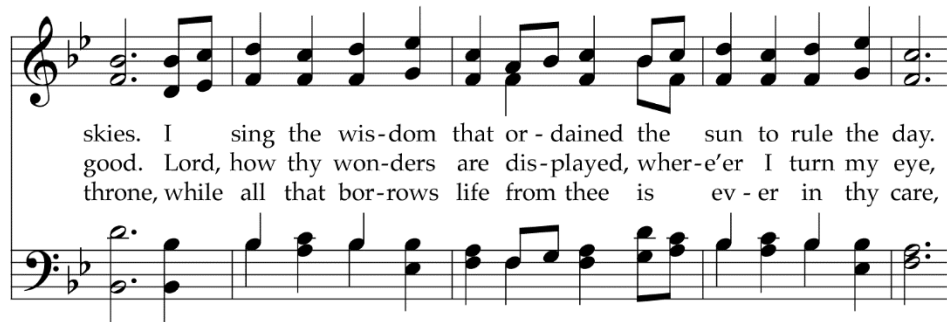
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



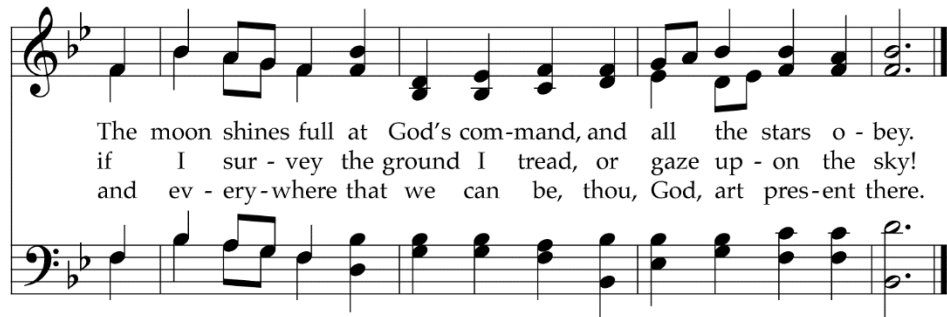
1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

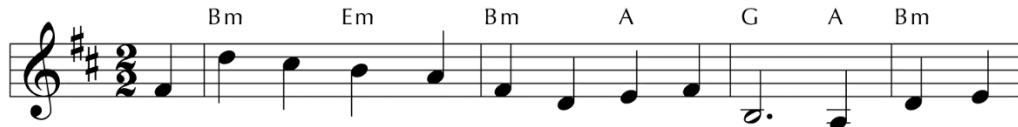


The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

CONFESSION

428 Before I Take the Body of My Lord



1 Be - fore I take the bod - y of my Lord, be - fore I
 2 The words of hope I of - ten failed to give, the prayers of
 3 The nar - row - ness of vi - sion and of mind, the need for
 4 Of those a - round in whom I meet my Lord, I ask their
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, com - pan - ion at this feast, I emp - ty



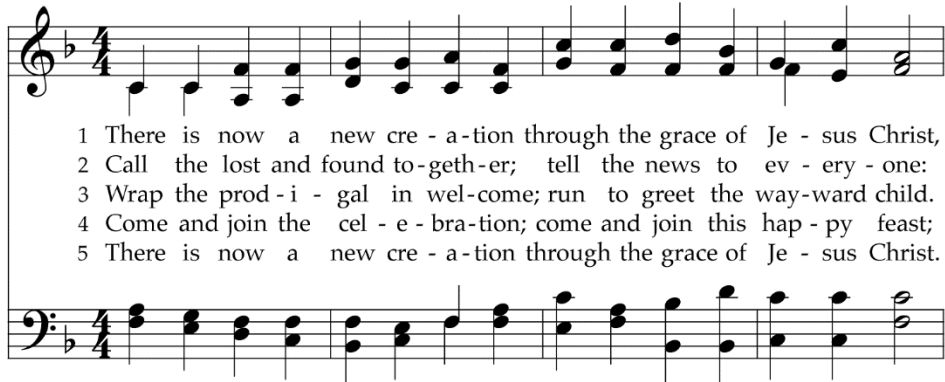
share his life in bread and wine, I rec - og - nize the
 kind - ness bur - ied by my pride, the signs of care I
 oth - er folk to serve my will, and ev - ery word and
 par - don and I grant them mine, that ev - ery con - tra -
 now my heart and stretch my hands, and ask to meet you



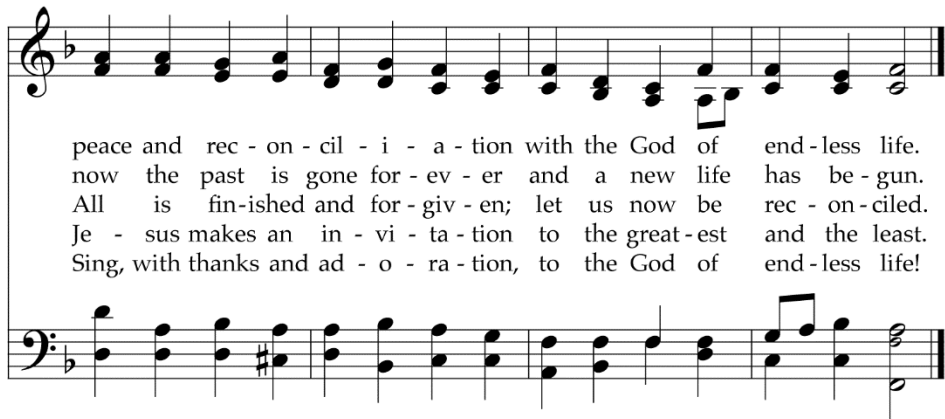
sor - ry things with - in: these I lay down.
 ar - gued out of sight: these I lay down.
 si - lence meant to hurt: these I lay down.
 dic - tion of Christ's peace might be laid down.
 here in bread and wine which you lay down.

As this text acknowledges, the sins that separate us from God and from each other can be both things done and things left undone, as well as attitudes and habits that keep us from living in harmony. Letting go of our self-sufficiency enables us to receive Christ's gracious gifts.

774 There Is Now a New Creation



1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.
Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.
Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!

At the center of this text stands a reference to the well-known parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11–32), and the fourth stanza forms an effective bridge between that gospel story and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The first and last stanzas draw on 2 Corinthians 5:17.