



Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
May 29, 2022

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

May 29, 2022

10:30am

7th Sunday of Easter

To safeguard the health of everyone:

1. Wearing of protective masks is optional 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

America the Beautiful

David Lowe

Call to Worship (Psalm 46)

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

People: God is in the midst of the people; they shall not be moved; God will help them when the morning dawns.

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

People: Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what wonders he has brought on the earth.

Leader: Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations. Come and let us worship our God who is with us.

Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.

We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Abiding God, you travel alongside your people through the changes and chances of this life, but we so often wander away to seek our own ends. You offer us truth and meaning in your embrace, yet we prefer our own pleasures. You invite us into communion, but we lose ourselves in alienation and separation. Forgive us our sin. Bridge our separation. Lead us back to your presence at the heart of our lives and from there lead us into your future alongside you every step of the way...(time for silent prayer)...Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response 589

Alleluia

Honduras Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Now the Lord is risen in-deed.

Passing of Christ's Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Time with Our Children

Loralei Harding

Children will be released to Sunday School after the Children's Time.

Anthem

The 23rd Psalm

Albert Malotte

Coleman Clark, *soloist*

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

Exodus 40:16-19; 34-38

Moses did everything just as the Lord had commanded him. In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was set up. Moses set up the tabernacle; he laid its bases and set up its frames and put in its poles and raised up its pillars, and he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Moses was

not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled upon it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Whenever the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, the Israelites would set out on each stage of their journey, but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, before the eyes of all the house of Israel at each stage of their journey

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Growing Up

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,
to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on the rock that nought can move.

2 Only be still, and wait God's leisure
in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure
and all-discerning love hath sent.
No doubt our inmost wants are clear
to One who holds us always dear.

3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways,
but do thine own part faithfully.
Trust the rich promises of grace;
so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need
the soul secured by trust indeed.

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

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.*

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.)*

Ben Shive and Andrew Peterson

National Hymn

4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

David Cherwien

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

The office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

Midweek adult education classes will be taking a summer sabbath. There will be no midweek evening Connections and Bible Study classes during June through August. But do not worry, all our classes will be returning and expanding in September.

We will hold a short congregational meeting on Sunday June 12 at 10:00 a.m. (to permit people from both services to participate) to elect congregational officers for the next year.

The month of June will bring changes to Theology on Tap. We will meet in person at The Brewery at Carillon Park at 5:00 on Friday, June 17th. We will be on the back patio if the weather is nice, and inside if the weather is not cooperating. Please RSVP to Marilyn Dickey 937-657-3122. **We will not have Theology on Tap June 3rd.** Hope to see you there!

Membership Inquirer Class: Want to find out more about Fairmont and the Presbyterian tradition? Would you like to learn about what congregational membership means? Join Pastor Brian for a class for everyone considering getting more deeply involved in the life and ministry of Fairmont on Sunday, June 5 at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel or at 11:30 a.m. in the upper room just behind the sanctuary.

Dinners for 8 sign-ups in Fellowship Hall. Sign-up with a friend, a spouse or by yourself and you will be put into groups of 8 or 9 to meet each month for a meal together. It's a lot of fun and a great way to get to know your church family better! Questions? Call Christy Maynard at (937) 232-2757 or Kelly Coan at (937) 470-3427.

Prayer Bead Workshop – Saturday June 4th, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

You may continue give to The World Central Kitchen through Fairmont's online Portal of Giving at www.fairmontchurch.org (note Ukraine in the "Other" box) or by mailing a check to Fairmont Presbyterian Church with "Ukraine" in the memo line. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

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 Lorelei Harding if you have any interest at all - let's chat!

Sunday School will take its customary summer break and will resume in the fall!

Nursery will continue throughout the summer.



Vacation Bible School 2022

June 13-17, 9:00am-11:30am

Families step back in time at *Jerusalem Marketplace*, exploring traditions, food, and activities. Kids participate in the marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into Bible-times snacks, visit the Synagogue School, and collect Bible Memory Makers to remind them of God's Word. Visit www.fairmontchurch.org/vbs to register!

We still need volunteers to lead groups of children from station to station each morning, as well as leaders and assistants for some of our marketplace tents. Please see Lorelei if you are able to help—VBS is our largest community outreach and educational program for children, but we need **your** help!

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Brian's Nerdy Bible Notes: Did the Exodus Happen?

The Book of Exodus may be the most important book of the Hebrew Bible. It is simultaneously a book of history, theology, law, and national origins. It provides the underlying pattern for the rest of Israel's history and the themes that Jesus will embody in the New Testament. Moreover, it is a universal human story of liberation and relationship between God and humanity that honestly addresses human failings.

The Book of Exodus is about an event, the Exodus, a migration out of Egypt through the desert wilderness of Sinai and the Negev that lasted forty years. The actual Book of Exodus only recounts events from the first year of that journey. The Book of Numbers then picks up the narrative.

During the twentieth century, many scholars doubted whether any such migration from Egypt to Canaan occurred. In the past 25 years, an increasing number of scholars have concluded that there is a historical basis for the Exodus, although perhaps not involving as many people as the Book of Numbers suggests.

The historical window for the Exodus coincides with precisely with the breakdown of the late Bronze Age civilizations around the year 1187. Archeological records indicate a collapse of international trade, the disappearance of written records, the destruction of numerous city states, and declining economic activity around this time. What prompted the onset of this "Dark Age" nobody knows for certain. The most likely cause is a cascade failure initiated by sudden climactic change.

The consequence of this collapse is that it created a unique historical window when the Holy Land was not under the domination of the more powerful neighboring Egyptian or Mesopotamian Empires. Into this window, Israel emerged.

The other important lesson from archeology comes from comparing material culture. The new early Israelite communities in the central hills of Judea appear to have incorporated large populations of disaffected Canaanites fleeing from the Canaanite city states. In other words, a sizeable share of the people we would later call Israelites had ancestors who were once Canaanites. What held them together was not their genetic heritage tracing back to Abraham, but their commitment to live into a story of liberation and companionship with a liberating God leading them into a new, more egalitarian community. We call that commitment covenant.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

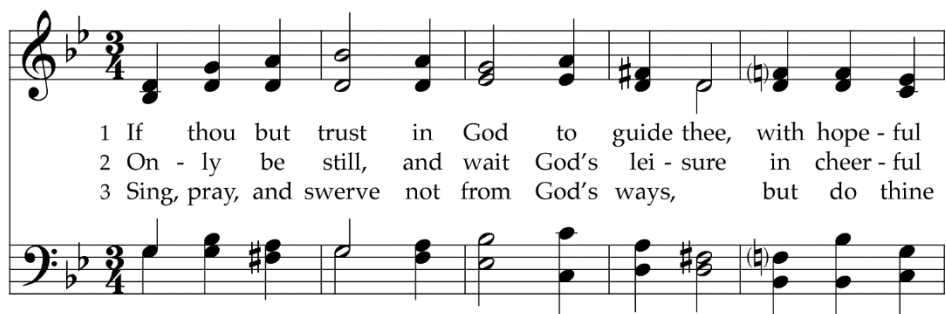
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

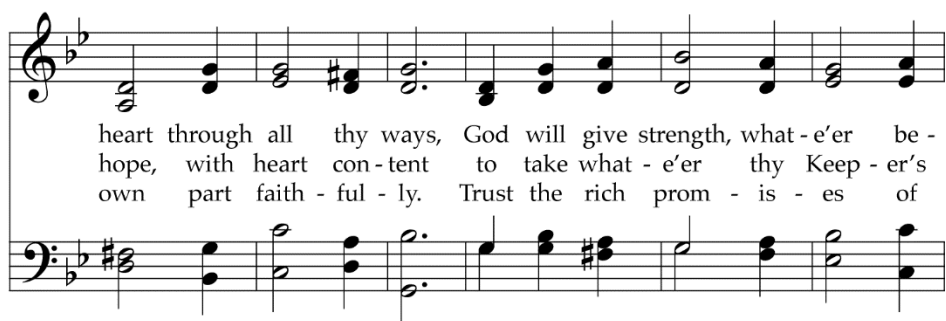
al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

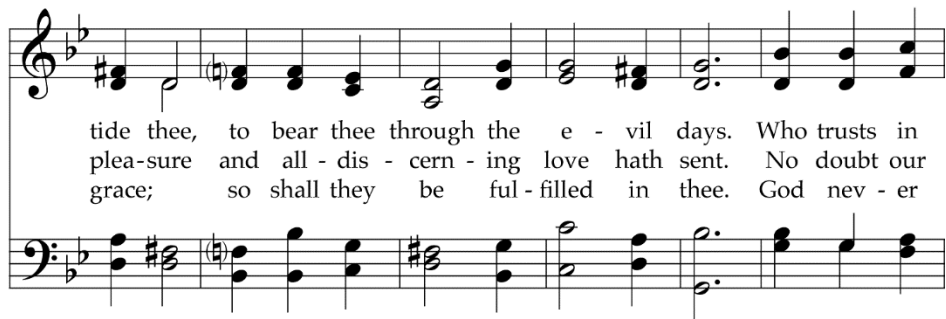
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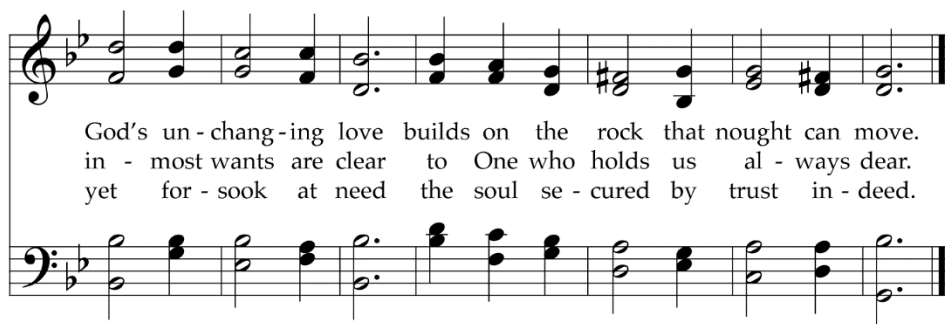
1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine



heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's
 own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of



tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our
 grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er



God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.
 yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil-some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star-ry band
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de-fense.
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er-end-ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun-teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.