



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
March 17, 2024**

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

March 17, 2024
10:30am
5th Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Kelley Shin

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: In times of joy and in times of sorrow,

People: O Lord, you hear our prayers.

Leader: We praise you for your lovingkindness.

People: O God, we will ever praise your name.

Leader: Through the abundance of your steadfast love, you have gathered us into your house.

People: In the holiness of your presence, we bow down to worship you.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of love.

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) (Psalm 51)

Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me...(time for silent prayer)...Amen.

Congregational Response 284

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

Tui Amoris Ignem

First time by Choir

Second Time by Congregation

Passing of Christ's Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Time with Our Children

Anthem

Blest Spirit, One With God Above
Chancel Choir

J. Brahms

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Heaven and earth will pass away, but your word will not pass away.

People: **Your word is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path.**

Leader: Through your patient Spirit, open our hearts and minds to perceive your truth.

People: **So that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.**

Leader: We ask this all in the name of Jesus our Teacher. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

While We Wait

Rev. Kelley Shin

Hymn 850

In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness

Divinum Mysterium

1 In a deep, unbounded darkness,
long before the first light shone,
you, O God, beyond all merit
worked a wonder faith makes known:
in your mercy, in your mercy,
you embraced us as your own,
evermore and evermore.

2 Though our world is ever-changing,
you are constant, firm, and sure,
faithful to your covenant promise.
Trusting you, we live, secure:
singing praises, singing praises,
long as heart and breath endure,
evermore and evermore.

3 Joy transforms our lips to boasting
only in your matchless grace,
sending Christ to dwell among us,
Word made flesh in time and space:
Friend and Savior, Friend and Savior,
in whose life we glimpse your face,
evermore and evermore.

4 God of Hagar, God of Sarah,
God of nomad Abraham;
God of Miryam, God of Moses,
Fiery Pillar, great I am:
lead us homeward, lead us homeward,
to the love-feast of the Lamb,
evermore and evermore.

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.

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.*

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.

Anthem

O Come to the Altar
Coleman Clark and Deanna Ullery, *soloists*

Elevation Worship

Invitation and Prayer of Discipleship

Hymn 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Spirit

Refrain:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters;
you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons
you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings." (Refrain)

2 You swept through the desert;
you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land.
When they were confounded
with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes. (Refrain)

3 You sang in a stable;
you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still.
And down in the city,
you called once again
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. (Refrain)

4 You call from tomorrow;
you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions;
our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
your people arise. (Refrain)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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Within the Fellowship

For prayer concerns or if you would like to be part of the Email Prayer Chain Team, please contact:
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For emergencies, contact Rev. Brian Maguire at (937) 269-2864 or Rev. Kelley Shin at (937) 751-0752.

Announcements

March Fairmont Children's Choir practice is today from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Children's Choir room. The children will be singing in the 10:30 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, March 24** for Palm Sunday. *Mark your calendars: March 17, March 24* Ages 4 - grade 5 are invited to participate. We are pleased to have Deanna Ullery leading the Children's Choir. Contact Pastor Kelley for questions.

Lenten Book Discussion: Pastor Brian will be leading a Lenten Book Discussion on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the chapel on Martin Laird's *Into the Silent Land: a guide to the Christian practice of contemplation*. You may obtain the book through Amazon or your preferred bookstore. The church office also has a few copies for purchase.

Fairmont Youth Ministry (Grades 6th-12th). Fairmont Youth Ministry will meet on Sundays in-person from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. There will be faith conversations, games, and lunch! Contact Pastor Kelley for questions.

Fairmont Men's Group will meet at MCL Cafeteria on Wednesday, March 20th at 11:30 am. Sign "Lunch" on the attendance pad on Sunday or call the church office at (937) 299-3539 or you may email the church at office@fairmontchurch.org by noon on Tuesday, March 19th, to make a reservation. All the men of the church are invited!

Connections: The Foundations of Christian Mystical Spirituality: Wednesday Nights at 7:00 pm on ZOOM. Beneath the shared traditions we call religion lies something deeper and more powerful—actual

encounter with God. From the very earliest centuries of the church, the quest for the experience of God, as opposed to information about God (theology) has driven our faith but is often spoken about in hushed whispers. We will be examining the shared history of these experiences, the spiritual quest for God, and the tradition of reflections upon all of this in our Connections classes every Wednesday night.

March 20 Dionysius

March 27 No Connections for Holy Week

Bible Study: Join us on Thursdays at 12:00pm. We will be convening hybrid Bible Study in person in the Upper Room for those who wish to participate in person and simultaneously on Zoom for those who wish to share virtually. In this way we hope to make Bible Study as accessible as possible. This week we will be studying Romans 8:28-30.

Easter Egg Hunt: Mark your calendars for Fairmont's annual **Easter Egg Hunt** this Saturday, March 23rd at 10:30am! Join us for crafts, activities, and an egg hunt followed by a hot dog lunch!

Congregational Lenten Practice: Dayton Food Bank & FISH Food Pantry

As a Lenten practice for the Sundays in March, the congregation is invited to bring non-perishable food items for the Dayton Food Bank and FISH Food Pantry each week in March. Pasta, canned green beans and soup are in short supply this month. Laundry detergent, toothpaste, and toothbrushes are always in need! See "The Call" for additional suggestions. There are baskets in the Fellowship Hall, Black & White Narthex, and first floor elevator.

Women's Spring Retreat 2024: Mark your calendars for Spring 2024 Women's Retreat at Hueston Woods on April 26 & 27, 2024! Watch for Registration information in the Fellowship Hall and Narthex.

Theme: Mary and Martha: Waiting on God

Leaders: Rev. Kelley Shin, CRE Rev. Gidget Collins and Lisa M. Hess

Date: Friday, April 26, 5:00 p.m. to Saturday, April 27, 3:00 p.m.

Place: Hueston Woods Lodge & Conference Center

Registration: Sign-up Sheets and Brochures are at the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall doors or email Pastor Kelley at kshin@fairmontchurch.org. **Registration deadline is March 20, 2024.** Fairmont Women! Join us for a time of spiritual, physical, and emotional renewal at Fairmont's overnight Women's Retreat. There will be time for small and large group sessions, worship, hikes, meditation and prayer, fellowship, food, and fun! Pick up a brochure at church for information on housing, meals, and cost.

Vacation Bible School "Splash: Waters of Baptism!"

Save the date!

VBS June 10 - 13, 2024

9:00am – 12:00pm

Contact Pastor Kelley to volunteer. More information to come!

Art, Antique & Craft Show: Please consider donating jewelry, Seasonal decorations, pottery, decorative items, collectibles, puzzles, cookbooks, earlier toys, linens, antiques, artwork. This year we are going to have a bookshelf where you can donate good condition used books, soft or hardback.

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The poster features a background of green grass with several colorful Easter eggs (green, blue, pink, yellow, and purple) scattered across it. On the right side, there is a circular logo for Fairmont Presbyterian Church, which includes a stylized steeple and a dove. The text is centered on the left side of the poster, enclosed in an orange, rounded rectangular box with a yellow border.

Children's
Easter
Egg Hunt
March 23
10:30am - 12:00pm
Please join us for a fun-filled
day of activities, egg-hunting,
and a hot dog lunch!
All ages are welcome!

850 In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness



1 In a deep, un-bound-ed dark - ness, long be - fore the first
2 Though our world is ev - er - chang-ing, you are con-stant, firm,
3 Joy trans-forms our lips to boast - ing on - ly in your match -
4 God of Ha - gar, God of Sa - rah, God of no - mad A -



light shone, you, O God, be - yond all mer - it worked a
and sure, faith - ful to your cov-enant prom - ise. Trust - ing
less grace, send - ing Christ to dwell a - mong us, Word made
bra - ham; God of Mir - yam, God of Mo - ses, Fi - ery



won - der faith makes known: in your mer - cy, in your
you, we live, se - cure: sing - ing prais - es, sing - ing
flesh in time and space: Friend and Sav - ior, Friend and
Pil - lar, great I AM: lead us home - ward, lead us



mer - cy, you em-braced us as your own,
prais - es, long as heart and breath en - dure,
Sav - ior, in whose life we glimpse your face,
home - ward, to the love - feast of the Lamb,



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

Setting this translation of a Chinese hymn to Western plainsong enhances the universal context of the opening stanza. The familiar pattern of creation, covenant, and incarnation in the first three stanzas leads to a far-reaching final stanza that looks both backward and forward.

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.

291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain



Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the



wil - der-ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,



spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,



wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis-pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



