



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
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FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

September 27, 2020

10:30am

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Michael Burkhardt

Call to Worship (Psalm 114)

Vicki Ramga

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: God will not always accuse, nor hold onto anger forever.

Leader: The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

People: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is our God's steadfast love towards those who fear the Lord;

Leader: as far as the east is from the west, so far our transgressions are removed from us. As a parent has compassion for a child, so the Lord has compassion. Come let us worship our God.

Hymn 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Grosser Gott Wir Loben Dich

1 Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim;
all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

3 All apostles join the strain
as your sacred name they hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the blessed martyrs follow,
and from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.

4 Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name you,
while in essence only one;
undivided God we claim you,
and adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Mighty God, you stretch out your hand and wipe away the evil that mars your creation. But we are slow to hear your calling or heed your summons. We prefer to fulfill our own wants and resign ourselves to life in bondage of our own making. We prefer the familiar comforts of Pharaoh's yoke to your transforming freedom. Forgive us our failures, our sloth, and our gluttonies. Forgive us our sin. Break the chains that bind us, especially those we forge from our fear and shame. And then lead us out into your journey into life...*(silent confession)*...Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

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

O, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
Jazz Trio

Larry Dalton

Prayer for Illumination

Reading

Exodus 14:19-31

¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵ He clogged^[a] their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the

sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Stuck in the Mud

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 52

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

Go Down Moses

1 When Israel was in Egypt's land,
let my people go;
oppressed so hard they could not stand,
let my people go!

Refrain:

Go down, Moses,
way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh:
let my people go!

2 "Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said,
"Let my people go!
If not, I'll smite your firstborn dead.
Let my people go!"
(Refrain)

3 "No more shall they in bondage toil:
let my people go!
Let them come out with Egypt's spoil:
let my people go!"
(Refrain)

4 O let us all from bondage flee;
let my people go!
And let us all in Christ be free:
let my people go!

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 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Festal Song

1 Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.

2 Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives' liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

3 Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

4 Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Guide Me Oh, Thou Great Jehovah
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Paul Manz

Within the Fellowship

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

Kids 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/85778268480>

Zoom Meeting ID: 857 7826 8480

Connections: Healing Our Pain - Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom we will be sharing together in Resmaa Menakem's work on trauma and race. Each class will include video presentations and discussion. If you want to go deeper, copies of Menakem's companion book, *My Grandmother's Hands*, are available for purchase in the church office for \$16.00. Additional copies are available for borrowing in the church library. Please join us for this important work so that we can all be a part of the healing.

Connections: Wednesday, 7:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81271879988>

Zoom Meeting ID: 812 7187 9988

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 Exodus 16:2-15. 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/86541370912>

Zoom Meeting ID: 865 4137 0912

Theology on Tap: Join us for Theology on Tap every first and third Friday of each month at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom. Just because we do not have a bar does not mean we cannot still get together and share. Bring your favorite beverage and join us for our virtual "Theology on Tap." Watch for the link in our weekly Beside Still Waters email or here:

Theology on Tap: Friday, 5:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81031782239>

Zoom Meeting ID: 810 3178 2239

World Communion Sunday Preparation: Next Sunday, October 4th, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. You are invited to share in the celebration of communion at home on October 4th by obtaining some bread (bread, roll, cracker, etc...) and/or some liquid grape juice (fermented wine or unfermented juice) and have those present for worship. You are not required to do both the cup and the bread in order to celebrate this sacrament. One element is enough for it to be communion. We will then share in the prayers of thanksgiving and partake of the elements together.

Would You Like to Get Fairmont's Newsletters?

Would you or someone you know like to receive our twice-weekly email newsletter? In addition to our monthly Call newsletter, every Tuesday we send out Besides Still Waters with brief devotions by the staff and members along with invitations upcoming ministry events. Every Friday we send out Fridays from Fairmont with reflections on that Sunday's Bible lesson and information about weekend programs. If you or

someone you know would like to receive these emails please send your email address to Jennifer Mason at jmason@fairmontchurch.org. As always you can opt out at any time.

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THE TRIUNE GOD

4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

TEXT: Attr. Ignaz Franz, c. 1774; trans. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1858, alt.

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MUSIC: *Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch*, c. 1774; harm. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819

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When Israel Was in Egypt's Land 52

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;
 2 "Thus saith the Lord," bold Mo - ses said, "Let my peo - ple go!
 3 "No more shall they in bond - age toil: let my peo - ple go!
 4 O let us all from bond - age flee; let my peo - ple go!

op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo - ple go!
 If not, I'll smite your first - born dead. Let my peo - ple go!"
 Let them come out with E - gypt's spoil: let my peo - ple go!"
 And let us all in Christ be free: let my peo - ple go!

Refrain

Go down, (go down,) Mo - ses, (Mo - ses,) way down in E - gypt's

land; tell old Pha - raoh: let my peo - ple go!

Nothing in Hebrew Scripture resonated more deeply with the experience of African Americans in North America than Israel's slavery in Egypt. In this spiritual's recurring line, "Let my people go," past and present became one, as they still do for all who are oppressed.

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line contains four verses of lyrics. The second system also has a vocal line and a bass line, with lyrics underneath. The music is a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and a steady rhythm.

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1–2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
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(this tune in a lower key, 815)