



Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
May 9, 2021

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

May 9, 2021
10:30am
6th Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Alexandre Guilment

Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

People: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

Leader: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

People: By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Leader: Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy. Come let us worship our God.

Hymn 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you,
how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you,
my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly
all that may please you best.

2 Love caused your incarnation;
love brought you down to me;
your thirst for my salvation
procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling,
that led you to embrace
in love, all loves excelling,
our lost and fallen race.

3 You come, O Lord, with gladness,
in mercy and goodwill,
to bring an end to sadness
and bid our fears be still.
In patient expectation
we live for that great day
when your renewed creation
your glory shall display.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

You alone hold the future in your love for us. But too often we lose ourselves in our anxiety and despair. We easily forget that you alone are Lord of life and death and life as we succumb to fear and doubt. We forget your story and your promise to be our God forever. Forgive us our ignorance. Forgive us our fear. Forgive us our sin. Stir up our courage and strengthen our faith. Renew your promises as the core of our lives and send us out to spread your hope abundantly...(silent prayer)...Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

Alleluia!

Celtic Alleluia

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

On Eagles Wings
Darryl Collier, *soloist*

arr. by Mark Hayes

Prayer for Illumination

Reading

Mark 4:2-9, 13-20

Jesus began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: ³“Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.” And he said, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”

And he said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. But they have no

root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Word of the Lord?

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 171

A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

Seachrist

1 A Sower came from ancient hills
and cast good seed abroad:
his field, ten thousand human hearts;
his seed, the word of God.
And some who listened would not hear,
and some who heard forgot.
But some received in fertile soil
the truth the Sower taught.

2 A Sower walked throughout the land
and, everywhere he trod,
he sowed his life because he was
himself the Seed of God.
But then, atop a barren hill,
beneath a darkening sky,
they threw God's Seed on stony ground
and left it there to die.

3 The Seed was buried deep in death
beneath a blood-red sky,
and deeper still was buried hope
for those who watched him die.
But then, in Joseph's garden fair,
as dawn broke o'er the land,
the Seed, from three days' silent sleep,
awoke at God's command!

4 O Christ, you come among us still,
the Sower and the Seed.
As once you sowed the truth of God
in glowing word and deed,
implant your Word in waiting hearts,
and let it there take hold,

until it bears in fruitful lives
a harvest hundredfold.

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 643

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket Alle Gott

1 Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:

the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Karg-Elert

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Within the Fellowship

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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

Kidz 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/86575832345>

Zoom Meeting ID: 865 7583 2345

Fairmont Youth Ministry, Sunday, May 9th: Youth will be meeting in-person this Sunday, May 9th, at church. Because it is Mother's Day we will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge for Pizza, Bible Study, Fellowship, and Fun. Contact Pastor Kelley at kshin@fairmontchurch.org for questions.

"A Study of Six New Testament Women": Join us for Connections on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom as we begin a new study of six New Testament women of faith, unnamed but not forgotten.

May 12: The Woman Who Touched Jesus' Cloak (Mark 5:25-34)

May 19: The Woman Caught in the Act of Adultery (John 7:53-8:11)

May 26: The Woman at the Well (John 4:1-30, 39-42)

Connections: Wednesdays, 7:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84170790852>

Zoom Meeting ID: 841 7079 0852

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 Mark 4:30-33. 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/86422990477>

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 2299 047

Women of Fairmont Spring Gathering

The Magic, Mystery, and Wonder of Music:

From Creation to Fruition

May 15, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom

Featuring Eric Whitacre and Marcia MacCagno Neel

The WOF Spring Gathering is open to ALL members and friends of Fairmont Presbyterian Church regardless of your affiliation with Women of Fairmont. We are especially encouraging anyone with an interest in music to join us for this fascinating discussion. Please RSVP by May 12th to Lisa Shearer or Jennifer Mason (in the church office) by phone or email. We will also record this discussion for those unable to attend.

For more information, please see the flyer insert in The May Call

In-Person Worship: Starting next Sunday, May 16, we will resume in-person worship at our 10:30 traditional service. We will also be moving our casual service on that Sunday back to its regular time of 8:30. We are delighted to welcome you back to in-person worship and we will continue to livecast our 10:30 service on YouTube. To care for each other we will be observing the following safeguards:

Please keep a mask on at all times inside the building

Windows will be open and fans on for ventilation

Please maintain social distancing

Chairs will be arranged to maintain social distancing

The congregation will not be singing in worship

There will be no coffee hour after worship

Offerings will be collected in a central basket

If you feel ill, please join us online

Please be patient and kind

Greet one another with joy and thanksgiving

Wear your nametag

Smile with your eyes and embrace with your words

Always remember that this is a work in progress

Always remember that the safeguards we enact are to help make everyone feel safe and welcome

CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS: ELEVATOR REFURBISHING: Our elevator will be completely refurbished with all new mechanical, electrical, and hydraulic systems in May. **During these weeks, the elevator will not be available for use.** This will be a comprehensive refurbishment of the elevator so that it will be available for years to come. Thank you for your patience.

May Mission: To support SICSA's work, the Mission Team is holding a pet supply drive starting now through mid-June. It's kitten season, so SICSA is most in need of Tidy Cats litter, Purina Pro Plan wet kitten food, paper towels, and Amazon gift cards. SICSA has a full Amazon registry at <https://a.co/0OC6w69> . Please bring collected items to the coat room next to the church office.

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O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
 when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

171 A Sower Came from Ancient Hills



1 A Sow - er came from an - cient hills and cast good
 2 A Sow - er walked through - out the land and, ev - ery -
 3 The Seed was bur - ied deep in death be - neath a
 4 O Christ, you come a - mong us still, the Sow - er



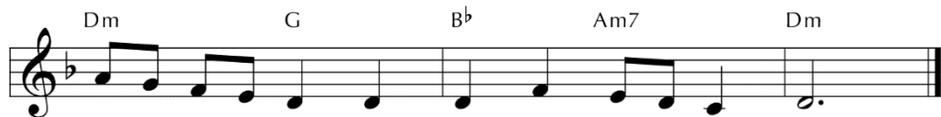
seed a - broad: his field, ten thou - sand hu - man hearts; his
 where he trod, he sowed his life be - cause he was him -
 blood - red sky, and deep - er still was bur - ied hope for
 and the Seed. As once you sowed the truth of God in



seed, the word of God. And some who lis - tened would not
 self the Seed of God. But then, a - top a bar - ren
 those who watched him die. But then, in Jo - seph's gar - den
 glow - ing word and deed, im - plant your Word in wait - ing



hear, and some who heard for - got. But some re - ceived in
 hill, be - neath a dark - ening sky, they threw God's Seed on
 fair, as dawn broke o'er the land, the Seed, from three days'
 hearts, and let it there take hold, un - til it bears in



fer - tile soil the truth the Sow - er taught.
 ston - y ground and left it there to die.
 si - lent sleep, a - woke at God's com - mand!
 fruit - ful lives a har - vest hun - dred - fold.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

All three synoptic gospels record both the telling and the explanation of Jesus' parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:3-8, 18-23/Mark 4:3-8, 14-20/Luke 8:5-8, 11-15). Because the seed equals "the word," Jesus (as the Word made flesh) becomes the Seed in this expansion of the parable.

THANKSGIVING

643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.