



Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
March 7, 2021

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

March 7, 2021
10:30am
3rd Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Hal Hopson

Call to Worship (Psalm 19)

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

People: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

Leader: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

People: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Leader: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of all our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and redeemer.

Hymn 805

Come Sing to God
(verses 1 and 4)

Ellacombe

1 Come sing to God, O living saints;
sing praises to God's name.
God's anger is not permanent;
God's love will never wane.
Though tears may tarry for the night
with sighs of deepest pain,
yet joy comes with the morning sun,
a peace that is not vain.

4 You change my grief to joy-filled dance;
my sorrows you destroy.
In faithfulness you hear my cry
and fill my life with joy.
And so to you my heart shall sing;
my voice your goodness raise.
You are my God, forevermore.
My life shall sing your praise.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

Loving God of new creation, we confess we cannot imagine the audacious scope of your redeeming work. We presume judgment because we judge. We presume limitation because our imaginations are limited. We presume that your love is rationed because our hearts are too small. We lose ourselves in anxieties because we trust our fears more than you. Forgive us our ignorance and our cowardice. Forgive us our lack of vision. Forgive us our sin. Open the vast horizon of your saving work to us so that we too may participate in it...(silent prayer)...Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri No. 581

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

I Follow with Gladness
Loralei Harding, *soprano*

from the St. John Passion by J S Bach

Prayer for Illumination

Reading

Mark 12:18-27

¹⁸ Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, saying, ¹⁹“Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no child, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁰ There were seven brothers; the first married and, when he died, left no children; ²¹ and the second married the widow and died, leaving no children; and the third likewise; ²² none of the seven left children. Last of all the woman herself died. ²³ In the resurrection whose wife will she be? For the seven had married her.”

²⁴ Jesus said to them, “Is not this the reason you are wrong, that you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God? ²⁵ For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. ²⁶ And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? ²⁷ He is God not of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Confirmation Bias

Rev. Brian Maguire

1 Now there is no male or female;
now there is no free or slave;
now there is no Jew or Gentile
in the earth Christ died to save.
Christ has set us free for freedom:
we no more sing slavery's creed;
old submissions cannot claim us;
Christ has set us free indeed.

2 Crucified with Christ the Savior,
baptized in his holy death,
and as Christ was raised to glory
we have new life on this earth.
Power of water and God's naming,
turning us from dark to light,
joins us to those who, before us,
ran the race and fought the fight.

3 Death has no dominion o'er him,
so for us death holds no power;
life's own waters now have marked us,
born to God this very hour.
From this moment and forever
dead to sin, alive in Christ,
born of water and the Spirit,
now in Christ we find our life.

Affirmation of Faith

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.

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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We Call Upon the Lord

We Give Thanks to God for all that God Has Done

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice for Us

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

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)

Holy God, even when all of this is over, may we never forget how you held us together while we were apart, how you built a table across the miles, and how you call us to continue the work of inviting everyone to come to your table. We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
(verses 1 and 4)

Mit Freuden Zart

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

4 Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Old 113th

Gilbert Martin

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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:

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

PYC Fairmont Youth: Sunday 1:30pm Fairmont's Youth meet every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom for a time of Bible Study, Fellowship, and Fun.

PYC Fairmont Youth (6th – 12th grade): Sunday, 1:30pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85978434870>

Zoom Meeting ID: 859 7843 4870

Lenten School: The 24 Hours That Changed the World: Come join us on Monday or Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom as we learn about luminaries from our tradition who have guided our path.

Connections: Monday or Wednesday, 7:00pm

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 841 7079 0852

Using Adam Hamilton's Book, *The 24 Hours That Changed The World*, we will be exploring what happened, why, and what it means for us and for our world. Each class will include a short video presentation, comparative Bible study and discussion led by Pastor Kelley and Pastor Brian. This course is intended for adults as well as teenagers and older elementary age children. Come and join us on Zoom and invite your friends.

There are two ways you can participate in this course and you can do both. First, please simply come. For those who do not wish to do any preparation the Monday and Wednesday courses will provide more than enough to stir your imagination. Second, if you want to go deeper in your understanding, we invite you to follow along with the companion book, *The 24 Hours That Changed The World*, available from Amazon and other booksellers for around \$9.00. Additionally, there are age-appropriate books for children as well. If you would like the church to order any of these for you, please contact the church office.

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 12:28-44. 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, WORD, AND WINE All women of Fairmont church are invited to "Women, Word, and Wine" on **Friday, March 12, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.** via Zoom. Pastor Kelley will lead a short time of spiritual direction, we will share faith conversations together, and share a glass of wine. BYOW (bring your own wine) and join us as we share faith, hope, and love together in this time of social distancing. You can find the Zoom link in our weekly *Beside Still Waters* and *Fridays from Fairmont* emails or here:

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81389450071>

Zoom Meeting ID: 813 8945 0071

The annual Cookie Walk held in December by the Women of Fairmont organization was not able to be held this past year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Cookie Walk is one of the Women of Fairmont's most profitable fund raisers, with proceeds used to support various charitable missions. With that in mind, a "modified Cookie Walk", or Cookie Drive-By, will be held on Sunday, April 11 from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Cookies will be homemade by Circle members and will be packaged in one- or two-pound boxes. You may order cookies by calling or texting Cindy Cavey at 937-245-1787 or emailing to ccavey@roadrunner.com, or you may place your order with Jennifer Mason at the church by calling 937-299-3539 or emailing jmason@fairmontchurch.org.

Please indicate the number of pounds you would like to purchase at \$8.00/pound. Please place your order by Wednesday, April 7, to allow ample baking time. We will meet you at your car in the church parking lot on April 11 between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. with your cookies. Please follow CDC guidelines by wearing a mask.

Please note, that the boxes will contain an assortment of homemade cookies, and we are not able to provide ingredients for allergy consideration.

If you would prefer to support the Cookie Drive-By by making a donation, those will be gratefully accepted by mailing them to the church office and referencing Women of Fairmont Cookie Drive-By.

3rd Sunday Mission Project for March: Community Medical Staff Thank You!

For this month's project of sharing our Love and Appreciation, we are recognizing our local Medical/Hospital Personnel. We would like folks to send a note or card to a local hospital, or medical staff that you know personally. You might also consider Fairmont Members who work in health care. I bet that they would love drawings created by your children! Certainly, you can send to whichever local hospital or medical person you desire but here are addresses for those closest to church:

Foundation Office at Miami Valley Hospital
1 Wyoming Street
Dayton, OH 45409

Patient Relations (for Staff)
Kettering Medical Center
3535 Southern Blvd
Dayton, OH 45429

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Come Sing to God 805

(Psalm 30)

1 Come sing to God, O liv - ing saints; sing prais - es to God's name.
 2 In my suc-cess I felt se - cure; how good you've been to me.
 3 What good is gained by my dis - grace, what prof - it in de - feat?
 4 You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sor - rows you de - stroy.

God's an - ger is not per - ma - nent; God's love will nev - er wane.
 I said that this is my own work, as - crib - ing all to me.
 My grave can - not con - fess your name, nor praise for you re - peat.
 In faith - ful - ness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy.


Though tears may tar - ry for the night with sighs of deep - est pain,
 But when you turned a - side your face, my life was filled with fears.
 Now hear, O Lord, my plain - tive cry; be mer - ci - ful to me.
 And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your good - ness raise.

yet joy comes with the morn - ing sun, a peace that is not vain.
 I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bit - ter tears.
 Ac - cept my long - ing heart's re - quest and from death set me free.
 You are my God, for - ev - er - more. My life shall sing your praise.



In effect, the first stanza of this paraphrase of Psalm 30 states the general truth that has been learned from the personal experience described in the last three stanzas. It is set to an 18th-century German tune brought into use with English hymnody in the 19th century.

BAPTISM



493 Now There Is No Male or Female





1 Now there is no male or fe-male; now there is no free or slave;
2 Cru - ci - fied with Christ the Sav-ior, bap-tized in his ho - ly death,
3 Death has no do - min-ion o'er him, so for us death holds no power;


now there is no Jew or Gen-tile in the earth Christ died to save.
and as Christ was raised to glo - ry we have new life on this earth.
life's own wa-ters now have marked us, born to God this ver - y hour.

Christ has set us free for free-dom: we no more sing slav-ery's creed;
Power of wa-ter and God's nam-ing, turn - ing us from dark to light,
From this mo-ment and for - ev - er dead to sin, a - live in Christ,

old sub - mis-sions can - not claim us; Christ has set us free in - deed.
joins us to those who, be - fore us, ran the race and fought the fight.
born of wa - ter and the Spir-it, now in Christ we find our life.



Opening with an allusion to Galatians 3:28 and closing with one to John 3:5, this text is filled with specific scriptural phrases related to baptism. It also includes larger themes like the parallels with the deliverance of Israel from slavery through the waters of the Red Sea.

THANKSGIVING

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

THANKSGIVING

mur - mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:

The image shows a musical score for a Thanksgiving song. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written between the two staves. The treble staff contains a melody with notes and rests, while the bass staff contains a bass line with chords and notes. The lyrics are: 'mur - mur stilled: all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry! cho - sen band: take your part:'. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble staff.