



A joyful church, guided by God, loving our neighbors.

Second Sunday after Pentecost/10:30 AM & Virtual Service
Sunday, 19 June 2022

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Surely the Presence

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Clegern

PRELUDE

Children of the Heavenly Father - Swedish Folk Melody, arr. Diane Bish

Theresa Merrill

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When we long for the special effects we think life should offer,

All: It is enough, for us, that God comes in a soft, summer shower.

One: When our hearts are cracked by the drought of doubt,

All: It is enough, for us, that God opens the fountains of faith for us.

One: When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture,

All: It is enough, for us, that God wraps us in the silence of grace.

One: Receiving streams of living water, Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER: Heavenly Father, Lord of all, we open our hearts to hear your Spirit speaking through your Word today. Those among us who are fathers, in particular on this Father's Day, will be listening. Like you, our heavenly parent, we love our sons and daughters, and we want our children of all ages to be strong, wise, mature, gentle, and loving. Each day, bring to our hearts what and how our roles as fathers and men impacts those younger in our lives who look toward us for direction. For those men among us who are not fathers, give us the vision and the heart to love and support those who might need our wisdom and care. For all of us – children, women and men- accept our thanks for the gift of our own lives in which each of our own fathers played a part. We express our thanks to you for giving us loving fathers and whoever else has loved, guided, and encouraged us throughout our lives. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord!

O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

*CALL TO CONFESSION: O God, sometimes the journey is too much; we can't go on, and we complain that we are all alone. Our strength is gone, and we are ready to give up. In confession we acknowledge our brokenness, and our need for God who is faithful, just, loving and forgiving. In humility and in faith, let us confess our condition to God by praying together...

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **We come seeking God in mighty earthquakes. We come listening for God in resounding thunder. We come expecting God in sweeping victories. Yet God is found in a baby's touch. Yet God speaks in silence. Yet God is found in the least of these. Save us, O God from our aimless wandering. Save us, O God, from seeking the idols in our world. Save us, O God from those things that distract us from your goodness. God, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.**

(Time of Silent Personal Confession)

*PRAYER OF ASSURANCE: Hear the good news of God's love for us; not in the earthquakes, not in the storms, not in the mighty deeds but in the silence, in the gentle touch, in the quiet rain God says, "You are forgiven. You are my Beloved. You are mine." Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI #581: **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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

GIFT OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT TEXT:

Luke 8:26-39

26 Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," 29 for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) 30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. 31 They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. 32 Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus[e] to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. 36 Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. 37 Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus[g] to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
High King of heaven, my victory one,
May I reach heaven's joys. O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SERMON

Out of the Madness

Sharon Clegern

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #318

In Christ There is No East or West

ST. PETER

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.
Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.
In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

BENEDICTION

Sharon Clegern

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - LOBE DEN HERREN, arr. Diane Bish

Theresa Merrill

The flowers are given by Anna Goldhahn in celebration of daughters Miriam's and Lydia's birthdays.

From June 5th Pentecost Worship: Confirmation and Baptism Celebration!



REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Nancy Wickemeyer**, Health concerns
- **All Families who have suffered a loss**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

- **Darryl Davis**, Health concerns, brother of Diana Hargrave
- **Dorothy Fisher**, Health concerns
- **Jen Hargrave**, Daughter of Diana, sister of Wes, health concerns

- **George Horning**, Health concerns
- **Vera Lambert**, Health concerns
- **Barb Stringer**, Recovering from auto accident

Serving in the Armed Forces:

- **Zachary Huffman**, Friend of Barb Imm

Mission Coworkers:

- **Jim McGill**, in Africa

****Please notify the church office of any prayer requests you may have including those of you who have loved ones in the Armed Forces or in Mission.**

BLESSED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Month of June: 3 Nancy Record, Judith Trefzger, 4 Linda Baden, Allison Hatch, 10 Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda, 13 Elizabeth Hammelrath, 19 Kristen Bishop, 21 Lydia Knutson, Miriam Knutson.

SPECIAL WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES

26/Third Sunday after Pentecost*

NO 8:30 AM Service

-Retired Executive Presbyterian Jim Diegidio preaching

*Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda Out of Town

SUMMER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

If anyone would like to provide flowers and make a dedication over the summer months, please call Dee Chavez at 513-413-1178.

SAVE THE DATE!

CINCINNATI CHAMBER ORCHESTRA PRESENTS:

Kissed by the Muse

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 | 4:00pm

PLEASANT RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5950 Montgomery Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45213

We continue to explore the miracle of the muse. Listen to some of the most intriguing love stories of music history. Hear who inspired geniuses like Chopin, Schumann, and Brahms. Pianist Vijay Venkatesh and soprano Victoria Okafor will combine forces with musicians of the CCO to perform some of the most inspirational – and inspired – chamber music of the day.

Eckart Preu, conductor
Vijay Venkatesh, piano
Victoria Okafor, soprano

