



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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April 21, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

This Joyful Eastertide

Arr. Lee Dingler

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

Psalm 23:1-6

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

*** Hymn #396**

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Holy Manna

*** Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Gracious God, we confess that at times we stray like lost sheep. We overlook Your guidance and fail to love others as Jesus has loved us. We have not laid down our lives in service, nor have we trusted fully in Your paths of righteousness. In moments of fear and uncertainty, we have not recognized the voice of our Good Shepherd calling us home. Forgive us for our wanderings and our hesitations. Teach us to follow more faithfully, to love more sacrificially, and to rely on the comfort you provide.

*** Assurance of Forgiveness**

In Christ, our Good Shepherd, we find forgiveness and are led back to the fold. Hear and believe the good news

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*** Gloria Patri**

Hymnal #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!

*** Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

1 John 3:16-24

Scripture

John 10:11-18

Sermon

Justin Miller

*** Hymn #488** *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

Waterlife

*** Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; on the third day He rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

The Shepherd's Psalm
Sanctuary Choir

Allen Pote

*** Doxology**

Hymnal #606

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.

Prayer Cards

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

* **Hymn #775** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* Walk With Me

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Jason D. Payne

* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Justin Miller, Pastor; Ken Thomas, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Janet Scott, Director/Pianist; Sanctuary Choir; Jim Harris, Sound Technician; Sharon Perkins, Barista.

The deacons have placed a white carnation on the chancel rail in loving memory of **Rebecca Hillshafer**, who died on April 13. Becky's Memorial Service will be held at Anderson Funeral Home in Springboro on Wednesday, April 24, at 10:00 a.m.

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available for use during the worship services. Please contact an usher for assistance.

Wiggle bags are available at each Sanctuary entrance to help children feel included and engaged during the worship service.

Join us for Fellowship Hour in the Gathering Area before and after today's service. Stop by for fellowship and refreshments.

Announcements

New Members: Have you been thinking about joining this church that you have come to enjoy and love so much? If so, please contact the office (513-422-6365) so we can put together a group of new members.

Sanctuary Choir will rehearse on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study "If you are interested in diving deeper into God's Word in a different, more casual, setting as compared to Sunday morning, join us for the Tuesday Morning Bible Study. It is a time to gather, discuss, and learn from one another how God's Word is speaking to and through each of us. We will be hosting Bible studies at the church, meeting tentatively each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. For the next several weeks we will be going through the book of Ruth. If you are interested in receiving weekly email reminders send an email to justin@fpcmiddletown.com and you will get added to the Bible Study list. We look forward to seeing you there!"

Prayer list

To submit prayer requests, please use the prayer card found in the pew in front of you. These may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed. The submitted requests will be included here next week.

Donna Bailey	Family of Beckie	Larry Quinlan
Sue Bowling	Hillshafer	Thelma & Julie
Mary Brehm	Fiona Smillie Hunter	Ramsey
Mary Sue Edwards	Family of Kim Jackson	Family of Gene
Yolanda Fitzpatrick	Corrin Maure	Schaefer
Helen Haass	Paul McNulty	Geneva Shea
Mike Hamlin	Minge family	Darryl Spansky
Dorothy Hare	Family of Karen Powers	Helen Taylor
Evelyn Hensler	Bill & Lynn Price	Carol Waggoner
	Larry Price	Nettie Washington

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