



## ENTRANCE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad you have joined us today!

*\* Please stand as you are able; join together in reading/singing the boldface type and the hymns.*

*\* UMH United Methodist Hymnal*

*\* TFWS The Faith We Sing*

The altar flowers today are in loving memory of Bill Fee from his family.

Liturgist: Kathy Thornton-Keith

PRELUDE *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* Edwin T. Childs  
Dr. Brenda Portman, organ

### SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*God of all Creation, open my heart and mind to receive You this morning. Breathe Your Holy Spirit into my soul and make me new. Amen.*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

To You, O Lord, we lift up our souls.  
**O God, in You we trust.**

Your steadfast love, O Lord, is before our eyes.  
**And we walk in Your faithfulness.**

\* HYMN *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* [UMH 632](#)

### \* OPENING PRAYER

**God of our lives, to whom our stories are as important as those persons who have gone before us, help us to learn from their experiences and to value our own. Help us to understand that Your word is one of communion and not of domination; of welcome and not of exclusions; of liberation to new life, and not of oppression in old ways. We thank You, that in Christ You have given us this good news of hope and release from bondage and despair. We pray through the Christ. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

ANTHEM *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Brenda Portman  
The Cathedral Choir, Ben Owen conducting

*Commissioned by the Cathedral Choir in memory of William Fee*

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea. There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly with your God.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind. And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word. And our loves reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 [Pew Bible NT p. 181](#)

This is the Gospel of our Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE RESPONSE *Help Us Accept Each Other*, vs.1 & 3 [UMH 560](#)

SERMON *A Letter From Christ: Acceptance* Rev. Doug Johns

OFFERTORY *Strengthen for Service, Lord, the Hands* Healey Willan  
The Cathedral Choir  
Dr. Brenda Portman, organ; Ben Owen conducting

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands That holy things have taken; Let ears that now have heard Thy songs To clamor never waken.

Lord, may the songs which "Holy" sang Keep free from all deceiving; The eyes which saw Thy love be bright, Thy blessed hope perceiving.

The feet that tread Thy holy courts From light to Thou not banish; The bodies by Thy body fed With Thy new life replenish.

### \* THE PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY

[UMH 94](#)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

[UMH 17](#)

### 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Please use the bread and cup provided in the pews and participate as directed by the pastor.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

\* HYMN *Christ for the World We Sing* vs. 1 and 3

[UMH 568](#)

### \* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Lani Smith



**PRE-SCHOOL: @9:30am - Room 9**

We welcome any preschooler (who attends a weekday preschool) to come learn about God's love for us, make friends and have fun! Class will have a weekly Bible lesson, playtime, snacks and activities.

**ELEMENTARY: @9:30am - 2nd floor Little Theater**

We welcome all children in K-5th grade to come learn more about God's stories, make friends and have fun! Class will have a weekly Bible lesson, fun activities, games and more!



**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: @9:30am - 3rd floor Youth Lobby**

All youth in grades 6th-12th are welcome to join us for weekly Bible study and fellowship. We split Middle School and High School classes to dive into scripture and apply it to our daily lives.



**YOUTH GROUP: 4:00-6:00pm - 3rd floor Youth Lobby**

All youth in grades 6th-12th grade are welcome to join us weekly for food, fellowship and fun. Come be surrounded by other Christian teens and deepen your relationship with God!

**Masks are required for leaders and youth.**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**(Current class information, please contact class leader)**

**9:30am**

Adult Bible Study Ron Purdon, [purdon@mail.com](mailto:purdon@mail.com)  
 Faith Weavers Micheal Hickerson, [mikehickerson@gmail.com](mailto:mikehickerson@gmail.com)  
 Let's Get Real Jason Burgess, [JasonBurgess13@gmail.com](mailto:JasonBurgess13@gmail.com)

**11:00am**

New Ventures Mike Vilardo, [mpvilardo@gmail.com](mailto:mpvilardo@gmail.com)  
 Soul Builders Ronda Deel, [rodeel@fuse.net](mailto:rodeel@fuse.net)

**Current COVID-19 Protocols**

- Require social safe distancing, per CDC guidelines, which will include every other pew seating in the sanctuary
- Refreshments between services will continue to be suspended until further notice.
- At the discretion of the Director of Music Ministry, choirs can resume singing in worship if singers are masked and socially distanced.
- Masks are highly recommended for public indoor gatherings and for congregational singing.
- Classes and small groups can continue to meet in person; however, it is strongly recommended that individuals wear masks.

In addition, the COVID-19 Task Force affirms the following CDC guidelines for protecting individuals and communities:

- Get fully vaccinated
- Wearing masks
- Safe social distancing
- Hand sanitizer

**Invitation to Pray:**

**Celebrations:** Bob and Heidi Messinger are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, October 6, 2021. Please help them celebrate by sending cards to their address at 7334 Leisure Lane, Mason, OH 45040.

**Sympathy:** To the family of Richard Enghouser: Mary Ann Purdon (brother) and Donna Ellis (father) on September 22.

To the family of Rev. Richard (Rick) Adams who died on September 23, 2021—husband of Terri Adams and father of Philip, Casey and Faith Adams.

**Hospitalized:** Ginny Kordons at Christ Hospital

**Discharged:** Marie Nicholson and Karen Malone

**Men & Women in the Military:** We are praying for all men and women serving in the military.

**Our Church Ministries:** Our classes meeting online and in person.

**Our Global Ministries:** Haiti, Romania, Russia and Mexico

**Next Sunday, October 10th.**

Pastor Cathy continues our sermon series on Second Corinthians: *A Letter From Christ*.

Her sermon, *Compassion*, is based on 2 Corinthians 1:3-11. Join us and invite a friend, relative, acquaintance, or neighbor.



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**Hyde Park Community Worship:**

**Sundays 8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am**

**Recordings of the sermons are updated weekly on our website in both video and audio formats.**

**Holy Communion:**

**Hyde Park Community**

**1st Sunday of the month**  
 All Services (9:30 & 11:00am)  
 Every Sunday (8:00)



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