

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements

I believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

GATHERING

Welcome (from HC #53)

L What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

C I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #411) “Arise, Your Light Is Come”

Worship from the Psalms (Psalm 84, ESV)

L How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

C My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

L Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

C Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

L Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

C As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

L They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

C O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

L Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!

C For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

L I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

C For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.

L No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

C O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin, and the sin of our church. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves, as we cling to the values of a broken world. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set Christian against Christian. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please take a moment and offer your silent prayers to God...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Prayers for Illumination

Special Music “One Spirit, One Church”

The Heidelberg Catechism (from HC #70)

L What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

C First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

Sermon Text Reading Romans 12:1-7

John 10:14-18, 25-29

Message Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* Hymn (Blue #438) “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*Offering Prayer

Our offering is received in the offering plate on the back table in the sanctuary.

*Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are responsive. When you hear the leader say:

Lord in your mercy,

Please respond,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying:

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

SENDING OUT

*Closing Hymn (Blue #430)

“Come Sing, O Church in Joy!”

*Blessing and Benediction

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

VANCREST: Dollie Smith

BEACHWOOD: Connie Cobb

ALPINE VILLAGE: Sandy Johnson

PRAYER LIST: Carol Detmer, Sandee Scheweter, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder’s sister), Enoch Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall’s father), Jacob Clegg (Brenda Stough’s friend), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek’s Wife)

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Welcome to our Worship!

We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship after worship.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary.

You can give online using the **QR code** or donate from our **website**.

Please volunteer to be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signups are on the table in the south alcove.



Today we recognize **Bruce's 30th** year of being ordained.

Our **Session** will meet tomorrow on Monday, August 17th at 4:00 p.m.

Friendship Luncheon at Hill's Family Restaurant is this week on Tuesday, August 18th at 11:00 a.m. Please sign up if you can make it.

Toledo Mud Hens will have **Faith in the Stadium** on Sunday, August 23rd. The game starts at 2:00 p.m. and will be followed with a concert in the stadium. We will order tickets this week, please sign up if you are coming.

We are tentatively moving **worship** back upstairs on September 6th depending on weather conditions.

One Spirit, One Church

Written by Kevin Keil

Written for the dedication of the St. Monica Parish Church in Garfield Heights, Ohio on the eve of the Pentecost on June 2, 1990, the song is a representation of the Feast of the Pentecost as the birth of the Catholic Church, directly quoting "Veni, Creator Spiritus," or what is also known as the Pentecost Sequence. The moving refrain was written by Ursuline sister Maryanne Quinlivan of the Ursulines of Cleveland.

Sung by Chris Brunell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvjCwZs3SUQ>

We are a pilgrim people,
we are the Church of God
A fam'ly of believers,
disciples of the Lord
United in one spirit,
ignited by the fire
Still burning through the ages, still
present in our lives

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest
And in our hearts take up thy rest
Come with thy Grace,
and Hea'vly aid
To fill the hearts which thou hast
made

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O Comforter,
to thee we cry
Thou gift of God sent from on high
Thou font of life and fire of love
The soul's anointing from above
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Amen.