

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Welcome *from Psalm 42:1-2, 6*

L You shall love the Lord your God

C with all your heart and with all your soul

L and with all your strength and with all your mind

C and love your neighbor as yourself.

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #263) *"Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise"*

Worship from the Psalms *Psalm 82*

L God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

C "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?

L Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

C Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

L They have neither knowledge nor understanding; they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

C I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;

L nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince."

C Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations belong to you!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and merciful God, your love is steadfast, and your mercy endures forever. Forgive us for not loving as you love. Forgive us for the ways we've oppressed your people and help us to forgive those who've oppressed us. Forgive us for our deeds that have burdened instead of uplifted hearts and minds. Forgive us for our silence to injustice. Free us to minister to and advocate for all who live under the unjust leadership, who live in fear of their lives, and who live in a state of turmoil and

depression. Help us to be agents of peace and reconciliation. Help us to bear one another's burdens and to share your liberating love. Make us prophetic voices for justice and righteousness and mercy. We confess our sins before you silently now, knowing that you are willing to able to cleanse and revive us through Christ's resurrecting power, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayers for Illumination

Special Music *"The Greatest Commandment"*

Sermon Text Reading *Amos 7:7-17, Luke 10:25-37 (NRSVUE)*

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Message *"Reordering Your Heart"* Lance Weismann

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn (Blue #367)

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

*Offering Prayer

*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.

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 (Red #489)

"Christ for the World We Sing"

*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

Our prayer of confession was adapted from a prayer written by Stacey Cole Wilson, The Africana Worship Book, Year C (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2008)

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ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 13th, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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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. Thank you, Mike Whitman for being our liturgist today.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary, you can give online using the **QR code** at right or donate from our **website**.

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

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.



Our guest preacher this morning is **Lance Weismann**, who is a Commissioned Pastor in Maumee Valley Presbytery. He has served as Interim Pastor for rural churches in Ottawa, OH and Adrian, MI (so far).

Bruce was a counselor at **Camp Rejoice** last week, leaving after worship on July 6th and back sometime this afternoon or evening.

After church this Sunday at 1:30 p.m., the Henry County Historical Society will be holding a **Fundraiser Tea** at our church. There will be a free will donation to benefit the Relay for Life.

Together We Can Make a Difference especially needs child sized toothbrushes, and still needs baby wipes, baby shampoo, child sized diapers, and whatever food that can be donated.

Our **Card of the Week** goes to Enoch & Adyē Castro Vásquez, who are Olga's parents in Mexico. Enoch suffers from dementia and Adyē is his caregiver.

Our **special music** today is entitled "The Greatest Commandment" and performed by The Porter's Gate and Paul Zach off the album "Neighbor Songs".

This video can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pEIUWTNSYXU>

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

NORTHCREST NURSING HOME: Harold Badertscher **VANCREST:** Dollie Smith

BROWNING MASONIC: Connie Cobb **ALPINE VILLAGE:** Sandy Johnson

PRAYER LIST: Gene & Carol Detmer, Joe & Linda McOscar, Julie Fogle, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder's sister), Enoch & Adyē Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall's father and mother), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek's Wife)

Christ for the World We Sing

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Samuel Wolcott, 1869

ITALIAN HYMN: 6. 6. 4. 6. 6. 6. 4.
Felice de Giardini, 1769

1. Christ for the world we sing; The world to Christ we bring
2. Christ for the world we sing; The world to Christ we bring
3. Christ for the world we sing; The world to Christ we bring
4. Christ for the world we sing; The world to Christ we bring

With lov - ing zeal; The poor and them that mourn, The faint and
With fer - vent prayer; The way - ward and the lost, By rest - less
With one ac - cord; With us the work to share, With us re -
With joy - ful song; The new - born souls whose days, Re - claimed from

o - ver-borne, Sin - sick and sor - row-worn, Whom Christ doth heal.
pas - sions tossed, Re - deemed at count - less cost From dark de - spair.
proach to dare, With us the cross to bear, For Christ our Lord.
er - ror's ways, In - spired with hope and praise, To Christ be - long. A - MEN.