

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Welcome *from Hebrews 13:15-16*

L Through Jesus, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God.

C Let the fruit of our lips confess his name.

L Do good and to share what you have,

C for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #485) *"To God Be the Glory"*

Worship from the Psalms *Psalms 81:1-5, 10-16*

L Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

C I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

L Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

C Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

L Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.

C For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.

L He made it a decree in Joseph, when he went out over the land of Egypt.

C "But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.

L So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

C O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

L Then I would quickly subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes.

C Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever.

L I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

Prayer of Confession

Lord, forgive our stubbornness, our self-centeredness, and our unwillingness to follow your will. Forgive us when we unthinkingly wander from you and forgive us when we deliberately choose to do the wrong. Forgive our resentment when things don't go our own way and forgive our silence toward the unfairness of our world. Teach us when to speak and when to be silent, when to act and when to be patient. Help us reflect on our decisions and bring them to you in prayer. By your grace and mercy, soften our wills, so we may more readily follow your Son and live in our reign. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayers for Illumination

Special Music

"Humble Yourself"

Scripture *Jeremiah 2:4-13, Luke 14:1, 7-14 (NRSVUE)*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Message

Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn (*Blue #379*)

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

*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 (sing twice)

"Make Me a Servant"

**Make me a servant, humble and meek
Lord let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.**

*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

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August 31th, 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.

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 **bring cookies**.

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.



Connect to the Community meets at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2nd.

We will be distributing **door hangers** after the Connect to the Community meeting on Tuesday, September 2nd.

Congregational Life meets at 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 4th.

Operations meets at 4:00 p.m. on September 9th.

The **NW MVP pastors** meet at noon on Wednesday, September 10th in our church.

Session meets at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15th.

Our **Friendship Luncheon** returns to Hill's, meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 16th.

Maumee Valley Presbytery meets on Tuesday, September 16th at 3 p.m. at Cadmus Presbyterian Church in Adrian Michigan.

Together We Can Make a Difference could use whatever you are willing to donate. They going through a lot of cereal and could always use cans of no-sugar fruit.

Our **Card of the Week** goes to Joe and Linda McOscar, who have moved to Waterville. Their new address is 5817 Del Lane, Waterville OH 43566.

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)

Humble Yourself

By Maranatha Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAnjQ7kyAVk>

Who is the man for whom the Lord will have regard
He who is broken and has a humble heart
God is not impressed with the loftiness of man
For everything was made for Him,
And comes from His own hand.

(Chorus)

So... Humble yourself before your Lord and King
Give Him your heart, offer your everything
There's no limit, on the love He has for you
So humble yourself and see what God will do.

Who are the people that the Lord will bless
Those who love and fear Him and seek His righteousness
Nothing else in all the world can satisfy your soul
But the One who made the universe
He longs to make you whole.

(Chorus)

If My people humble themselves and pray,
I will hear them, lead them in My ways.
Humble yourself and let Him have His way.
Love His Word and His will obey.

For His eyes are on the one whose heart is true
So humble yourself and see what God will do.

(Chorus)