

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Welcome

(from Romans 13:9-10)

L Every commandment is summed up in this teaching:

P “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

L Love does no wrong to a neighbor;

P Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #599)

“We Gather Together”

Worship from the Psalms

(Psalm 149)

L Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

P Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

L Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

P For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

L Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

P Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,

L to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

P to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron,

L to execute on them the judgment decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones.

P Praise the Lord!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have called us for a purpose, that we might bear lasting fruit for your kingdom. You call us to walk humbly before you, to share the struggle of the least of these, and we fail to live up to this call. Forgive us when our outrage and anger overwhelm our humility. Forgive us when our frustration leads us to force or even violence. Forgive the church for the times when we did not act out of love for our neighbor, did not show the grace you offer in Jesus Christ, and did not forgive, but acted out of hatred through violence. Call us back to your purposes, to share your love through what we say and how we live. In Jesus’ name we pray.

Please take a moment and offer your silent personal confessions to God ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Prayers for Illumination

Special Music

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Sermon Text Reading

Exodus 12:1-14 (ESV, p. 63)

Romans 13:8-14 (ESV, p. 1127)

Message

Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn (Blue #555)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Call to the Table

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L It is truly right and our greatest joy ... Christ is the bread of life:

C When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord until he comes in glory.

L We give you thanks, that on the night before he died, ... Let us pray the prayer our Lord 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

Distribution

Prayer after Communion

SENDING OUT

*Closing Hymn (Red #269)

"Jesus Calls Us"

*Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

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ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 6th, 2026

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. The card of the week is for Dollie Smith

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.



Connect to the Community meets on Thursday, September 10th at 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, September 13th, there will be a **potluck** here after worship to kick off the fall season.

The **Friendship Luncheon** at Hill's Family Restaurant is Tuesday, September 15th at 11:00 a.m.

Bruce and Jana will be going to **Maumee Valley Presbytery** on Tuesday, September 15th at 3:00 p.m.

Bible Study resumes Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30 p.m. The book currently being studied is "Respectable Sins", by Jerry Bridges and for this study group date everyone will be meeting at Lynn Yarnell's home.

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" is an adaptation by Sebastian Temple of a prayer attributed to St Francis of Assisi, but these words never appear in any of his writings.

Around 1920, the prayer was printed by a French Franciscan priest on the back of an image of St. Francis with the title "Priere pour la paix" ("Prayer for Peace"), but without attribution to the saint. Between the two world wars, the prayer circulated in Europe and was translated into English. One such translation appeared in 1936 in Living Courageously, a book by Kirby Page (1890-1957), a Disciples of Christ minister. Page attributed the text to St. Francis of Assisi.

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" with lyrics for congregations

Adaption by Sebastian Temple

This arrangement is by Martin Neary and is performed by the Westminster Abbey Choir.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8eorCEMIK4>

Make me a channel
of Your peace
Where there is hatred,
let me bring Your love
Where there is injury,
Your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt,
true faith in You

Oh master, grant that
I may never seek
So much to be consoled
as to console
To be understood
as to understand
To be loved
as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel
of Your peace
Where there's despair in life,
let me bring hope
Where there is darkness,
only light
And where there's sadness,
ever joy

Oh master, grant that
I may never seek
So much to be consoled
as to console
To be understood
as to understand
To be loved as
to love with all my soul

Make me a channel
of Your peace
It is in pardoning
that we are pardoned
In giving to all men
that we receive
And in dying that
we're born into eternal life

Oh master, grant that
I may never seek
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