

Oxford Presbyterian Church
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 13, 2017

Guest Conductor: Jack Liles

Liturgists: Bill King & Eric Staley

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Spirit of Christ, Spirit of Life, come and bless what we do here.
May our worship of you, broaden the way we think,
deepen the way we feel, and send us out with renewed confidence
into the world of your continued creation.
O Lord, receive our gratitude and praise today. Amen.

(Image on the bulletin cover – “Job and his Family Restored to Prosperity”
by William Blake.)

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Progressive Christian Campus Ministry

PRELUDE “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. John Eggert

CHORAL INTROIT “Joyful Psalm of Praise” J. Martin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Generous God, you gave us our voices,
no two the same,
no finer instruments with which to praise you.

All: For these we thank you, Lord.

You gave us words and music,
peculiar gifts, with which to wound or wonder,
bore or bless, inspire or disable.
For these we thank you, Lord.

And in your Church you have gathered us.
In your community
of common folk and complainers,
prophets and puzzled people,
You have made a place for us.
For these we thank you, Lord.

So let what we say and do here,
what we ponder and decide here,
be real for us and honest to you,
and prepare us for the life of the world
in which you are also praised.
Amen. Let us worship the Lord!

***HYMN**

“This Is the Day”

#391

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Inspired by Matthew 14:22-33)

God is here, Christ is present, and the Holy Spirit surrounds you.
**But we have turned our eyes to the challenges of this life,
lost our focus on God and are sinking in sin.**

You can begin again.

Imagine a new way of being.

**We have cast aside our dreams to maintain the familiar.
We have cast aside the dreams of others, fearful of what they might
mean.**

God loves you,

Christ will lift you from the waves of doubt

and the Holy Spirit will rescue you from currents of insecurity and alienation.

In these moments of quiet reflection, confess to God all that separates you
from God and one another. (After a moment of reflection, please join one
another in singing these words from verse 3 of “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”
#159)

O sing a song of Galilee, of lakes and woods and hill,

Of one who walked upon the sea and bade its waves be still:

For though, like waves on Galilee, rough seas of trouble roll,

When faith has heard the Savior's word, falls peace upon the soul.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Take heart, do not be afraid.

Everyone who calls upon God's name will be saved.

We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Alleluia! Amen!

***SHARING THE PEACE**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jesus, in the Spirit of Pentecost, you always come to us.

Whatever point we may find ourselves, you are always waiting for us.

Open our hearts to what you want us to hear in your Word today.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Job 42:1-6; 10-17

pg. 462

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Journey Through the Bible: The Answer Is...”

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #611

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (sins...sin)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "A Time for All Things" D. Wagner

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMISSIONING OF COLOMBIA MISSION TEAM

Invitation

Covenant

One: You have been called on behalf of this congregation to go out as witnesses to the Risen Christ and seek to serve God in Barranquilla, Colombia.

I invite you to now commit yourselves to this mission.

Team: We go to be present with one another and with those who host us.

Love God. Love Neighbor.

Team: We go to make a change for good in our own lives and in the lives of others.

Love God. Love Neighbor.

Team: We go to experience God in new and powerful ways.

Love God. Love Neighbor.

Team: We go so we can come back, transformed by the journey outward and the journey inward.

As you go, we go with you:

present with our prayers

changed by your commitment

and empowered to work together

upon your return that God's kingdom come,

God's will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

(As the Colombia Team returns to the pews, please join one another in singing verses 1 & 4 of "When We Are Living" #822)

*HYMN "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" #546

*BLESSING

We have been raised with Christ.

Now we go to do the work of Christ in the world:

extend a hand to those suffering and in need,

speak up for those others would cast aside,

build bridges of reconciliation,

strengthen bonds of community,

and always share the good news of abundant life.

Alleluia! Amen!

*CHORAL RESPONSE "Go Now in Love and Peace" P. Liebergen

*POSTLUDE "Toccata Postlude on Beethoven Themes" Christopher Uehlein

**Please rise in body or in spirit*



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Sunday, August 13
Congregational Meeting
following immediately
following worship service

- 9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 Worship
- 10:20 Nursery and Preschool
Available plus Grades K-5
in the Art Room
- 11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux
- 12:00 Journey Through the Bible:
Bible Study and Discussion

Monday, August 14
7:00 Art Class (Seminary)

Tuesday, August 15
7:00 Session (Molyneaux)

Wednesday, August 16
7:00 Deacons (Molyneaux)

Thursday, August 17
5:00 PCCM Board Meeting
(Seminary)

Friday, August 18

Saturday, August 19
10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)

- Sunday, August 20**
- 9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 - 10:00 Worship
 - 10:20 Sunday school - Kickoff for
Fall Church School -
Nursery, Preschool,
K-2, Grades 3-5
and Middle School
 - 11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux
 - 11:30 Journey Through the Bible:
Bible Study and Discussion

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Large-print bulletins and hearing assistance units are available from the ushers. **Please sign the friendship pads found at the end of the pew and pass them to your neighbors.**

WELCOME VISITORS! We're so glad you're here! We welcome you to participate in any or all activities of the church. Our congregational vision is to become "a more joyful, passionate, spiritually vibrant, inter-generational community of friends who are intentionally engaged in growing in faith, committed to serving our community and the world, and centered on transforming lives through the Good News of Jesus Christ." As a community of friends in Christ, our mission is: **Seeking God...** We strive to know God and love God. As fellow seekers, we welcome all who wish to learn and grow with us. **Serving others...** Following our Servant Savior, we give our time, talent and resources to help bring fullness of life to others. **Sharing Christ's love with all...** Through our words and actions, we proclaim the unconditional love of Christ. Filled with joy and hope, we build relationships across any boundaries that separate us."



Greeters: Katie, Brady and
Autumn Saylor

Acolyte: Robert Simpson

The flowers on the communion table are given by Brad and Lynn Cronk in honor of our church school children and youth.

Mission Partners Prayer List:
Presbytery of the Miami Valley:
 Bellbrook Presbyterian Church,
Sister Churches: The First Church of
 Zlatoust, Russia and The Seventh
 Church of Barranquilla, Colombia

Congregational Prayer
Concerns: Betty Barnhart, Pris
 Berry, Tracy DeGood, Bob
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 Reinhart, Marilyn Rettig, Sarah
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Email prayer requests to Jean
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 Pat Roberts, 513-255-0549 or
 email the church office,
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Fellowship hour following worship
 hosted by the Trustees

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 13

Nursery: Infants through
age 2, Nursery 1st Floor

Preschool: Ages 3-5, Preschool
area, 1st Floor

Grades K-5: Art Room,
2nd Floor

Children are dismissed to class
following the children's message.

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Sunday school starts up
with the Fall Schedule on
Sunday, August 20th.

The following classes
are available:
Preschool, Grades k-2
Grades 3-5, Middle School 6-8



Youth Group News

A second adult needed for Youth
Group on Monday, August 7 from
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please
report to the AV Room at
Memorial at 6:55 p.m. If you are
available to help, please contact
Lynn Cronk: lcronk@woh.rr.com
or Mary Shinn:
akiikimom@gmail.com.

Backpacks for Kids

The Bethesda
Christian Community
Center is serving
about fifty school
aged children from
the El Por Fin Barrio--
one of the poorest
neighborhoods in the
city. The mission
team traveling to
Barranquilla in August is inviting the
congregation to join us by sponsoring
a backpack filled with school supplies
for each child. Please consider
donating \$25.00 for a backpack that
will contain a notebook, pencils,
crayons, erasers, a ruler and color
markers. You can make out a check to
Oxford Presbyterian Church and in the
memo line write, "Backpacks for
Kids". Muchas Gracias!



HELLO MY NAME IS

<Your Name Here>

AND I TRANSFORM LIVES

I TEACH CHURCH SCHOOL

Can you imagine your name here?
Want to talk more about it?
Contact Lynn.
lcronk@woh.rr.com or sign up in the
Molyneaux Lounge

DEACONS SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

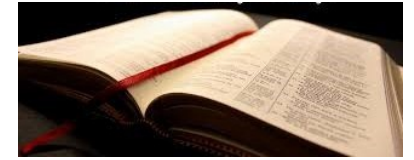


We are pleased with what our
amazing God has done in the Oxford
Presbyterian Church for local families
in need. Our congregation is blessed
to be able to share Christ's love with
all.

Through your generous giving 189
pounds of food was taken to Oxford
Choice Pantry, and \$1487.00 was
collected for the Children's Food
Drive. Currently, \$2569.00 is our
year to date total for the Food
Drives.

Thank you for your commitment in
caring for our community. **Food
and monetary donations may
continuously be given
throughout the summer.**

Oxford Choice Food Pantry needs:
canned fruit, cereal, spaghetti sauce,
canned meals (such as Chef
Boyardee or Kroger meals) and
peanut butter. Toilet paper, child
personal care items like body wash,
deodorant, shampoo and hair
conditioner.



Journey Through the Bible

Last week's Questions and Answers

- When Jesus is dying on the cross, who affirms that he is innocent? (A Roman centurion. - Luke 23:47)
- In what form does God appear to Job when God answer's Job's questions? (God speaks to Job out of a whirlwind. - Job 38:1, 40:6)

Next week's Questions

- What was Luke's vocation?
- Whom did Paul send to Thessalonica to find out how the church he had founded was faring?



**Don't miss the September
newsletter deadline, August 20**

Please submit all articles to
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