

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Matthew 10:40-42

This is the good news.
Glory to you, O Lord.

SERMON *"A Very Gracious Welcome"*

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Bread of the World"* Dennis Eliot

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (on insert)

OFFERING *"This is My Song" (vs. 1-2)* #340

***SUNG PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *"This is My Song" (vs. 3)*

***HYMN** *"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"* #337

***BLESSING**

The Lord sends us out with the proclamation
"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me."

**As prophets of welcome,
we go into this community to share the good news
that breaks down barriers to the freedom we have in Christ.
We go into this world to share the Living Water
that quenches our human thirst for love.
Let us go to proclaim this peace in God's name.**

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

***POSTLUDE** *"Prelude and Fugue in C major"* J.S. Bach

**Please stand as you are able*



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Sunday, July 2, 2017

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Liturgist: Joy Russell

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

O Lord, we welcome your prophets and messengers.
We welcome those that know that they are gifted
and those that want to be.
Let us find your reward in the welcome we hear together.
Satisfy our thirst to feel your love here and now.

(Image on the bulletin cover – Members of First Presbyterian Church Eufaula, Alabama offering a cup of clean water on behalf of Living Waters for the World.)

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"* arr. David Cherwien

CHORAL INTROIT *"My Life Is in You, Lord"* Daniel Gardner

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In the stillness of the morning,
in the calm of the night,
in the hush and the pulse of all that surrounds us,
we call on you, O God.

**All: We call on you knowing that you have already met us here.
We call on you believing that you have already brought us here.
We call on you knowing that you will carry us, we who carry so much.**

And so we take this moment to pause and to praise you;
leaning back into your open arms,
inclining our ears to hear your voice as it moves amongst us,
opening our eyes to behold your grace in every surrounding face.

**Leaping across fields, bounding over hills
gazing through the mist of time, we look and seek God's face.
For Jesus calls us here to meet him,
through word and song and prayer.**

***HYMN** *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* #12

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Welcoming Lord, who knows us each by name,
we call ourselves righteous. We name ourselves your disciples.
We believe that we've been sent to offer your welcome,
but we haven't asked the names of those pains and sorrows.
We haven't considered those pleas and protests.
We have only heard our own answers.**

**Welcoming One, forgive us.
Forgive us for the cup of water we didn't offer.
Forgive us for the name we didn't ask.
Forgive us for the generosity we didn't share.
Cool our tempers by speaking our names
so that we know that we are prophets of your welcome.
Trust us again to offer the hope that we have found in you. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**Most Holy One, who is still speaking through our words,
help us to hear your assurance in the peace we share together.
You will always welcome us by name. Alleluia, Amen!**

***SHARING THE PEACE**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Children in Preschool are dismissed to class
following the children's message.)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Shine upon us, God of glory,
and by your Spirit reveal to us
the grace and truth of Jesus Christ,
your Word made flesh. Amen.**

And now as your daughters and sons whom you have reconciled to yourself,
we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

As you pass the elements to your neighbor please say:

The bread of heaven.

(Please hold the element so we can receive it together as a symbol of our oneness in Christ. The crackers on the communion plates are gluten free. Help yourself to these if you have a gluten allergy.)

As you pass the elements to your neighbor please say:

The cup of salvation.

(Please hold the element so we can receive it together as a symbol of our oneness in Christ.)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Many grains were gathered together to make this bread, many grapes were mixed to make this wine. So we who are many, and come from many places, are one in Christ. May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

One: Loving God,
you who always provide for us our daily bread:
**All: we give you thanks for the many ways
we experience your presence with us.
From the beginning of time
you have sustained your people
with love and care,
with compassionate healing,
with promises of new and everlasting love.**

Regardless of the things we have done, you still love us.
Even when we try to move at the speed of light,
you invite us to slow down and you say,
“Come, the feast is ready; the time of celebration is at hand.”

In a time of great fear
you sent Jesus into our world,
to proclaim in word and deed
your love for all people.
**Even when the world tried to silence
that message, still you declared
it would sound through eternity.
And so, as Pentecost people,
we gather at this table
to have our spirits renewed,
our hearts strengthened,
our longings fed.**

Come to us in this sacred meal.
**As we break bread,
may we be reconnected to the Christ.
As we drink from this cup,
may we be strengthened
to go forth in Christ’s name,
offering your daily bread
to all people.**

Leader *All*

The Lord be with you. _____ And al - so with

Leader *All*

you. _____ Lift up your hearts. _____ We lift them

Leader

up to the Lord. _____ Let us give thanks to the Lord our

All

God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. _____

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, wondrous God,
 for the mystery of creation, for the miracle of life,
 and for seeds of renewal you plant deep
 within all living things.
 We praise you that you continue to create
 and recreate forever,
 mending what is broken,
 and making all things new.

Holy God of mystery, love, and power,
 we bless you for your child Jesus Christ,
 who has come among us
 to restore all things to your purpose,
 to heal the sick and feed the hungry,
 and to offer all people a destiny as
 your daughters and sons.

**Remembering Jesus,
 we offer you our love, our praise,
 and our thanksgiving in joy and suffering,
 in sickness and health,
 in union with Christ in life and death.
 By your Spirit anoint us for a ministry of care,
 that we who have known your healing touch
 may share your love with those in need of your
 grace.**

Holy, Living God, with our lives we give you glory,
 and with our whole hearts we praise you
 in the song of your unending greatness:

All:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of power and

might. _____ Heav - en and earth are full of your glo -

- ry. _____ Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the

high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! _____

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with life, healing, renewing and making us whole.

And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

So we lift up the prayers upon our hearts...
 (Joys and Concerns will be offered up at this time.)



Sunday, July 2

9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship
10:20 Sunday School –
Nursery and Preschool
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux
11:30 Journey Through the Bible
Bible Study and Discussion
(Sanctuary)
12:30-1:30 Vacation Bible School
Training Session
(Molyneaux)

Monday, July 3

7:00 Youth Group (Youth Room)
7:00 Art Class (Seminary)

Tuesday, July 4
OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, July 5

6:30-7:30 Vacation Bible School
Training Session
(Molyneaux)

Thursday, July 6

Friday, July 7

5:00-8:00 Vacation Bible School

Saturday, July 8

9:45-1:00 Vacation Bible School
10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)

Sunday, July 9

9:45-Noon Vacation Bible School
10:00 Worship
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux
**VBS Chicken Dinner following
worship Service (Seminary)**

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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: Richard and Becky Quay

Mission Partners Prayer List:
Presbytery of the Miami Valley:
Seven Mile United 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,
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Email prayer requests to Jean O'Connell,
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Roberts, 513-255-0549 or email the
church office,
office@oxfordpresbychurch.org

Fellowship hour following worship hosted
by the Membership, Evangelism,
Fellowship Committee.



**PLEASE Sign up to be Greeters
in August at OPC!!**

Come around 9:30 or 9:35.
Choir members can be greeters too!

Sunday, August 13
Sunday, August 20
Sunday, August 27

*Individuals (2 singles),
a couple or a family

**Contact Jan Reinhart
513.523.4339**

***Please indicate if you would like
a postcard reminder**

Thank You So Much!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUMMER SCHEDULE**

Sunday, July 2

Nursery and Preschool only

Sunday, July 9

Vacation Bible School

*followed by a potluck chicken dinner
(The Seminary)*

Sunday, July 16, 23, 30

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.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
TRAINING**

Those volunteering for Vacation Bible School Water All Around the World are invited to attend one of the following training sessions.

Sunday, July 2 from 12:30-1:30
or Wednesday, July 5 from 6:30-7:30

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Friday, July 7 - Sunday, July 9**

The Oxford Presbyterian Church is pleased to host this year's Vacation Bible School, in partnership with the Faith Lutheran Church, the Oxford United Methodist Church and the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Our theme for this year is "Water All Around the World." Children ages preschool through 5th grade will be learning about the ways in which clean water access (or lack of access!) affects the lives of children in many parts of the world.

We'll also learn about the ministry of "Living Waters for the World", the water purification project that is providing safe water for many people in places where the water supplies are contaminated. Each day, we will look at a Bible story that tells of God's use of water and hear stories of children in other countries who struggle to have clean water.

You may sign up your child as a **participant** online at: <http://www.123contactform.com/form-1361811/VBS-Registration-Form>

We need many volunteers. Group leaders as well as middle school and high school students are needed. You may sign up as a **volunteer** at the following link: <http://www.123contactform.com/form-1364802/Volunteer-Recruitment>

**VBS Coordinators:
Oxford Presbyterian Church**

- Prue Dana - (513) 461-3404
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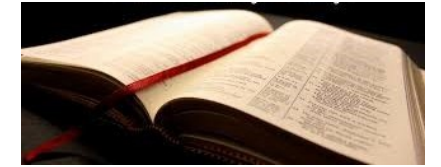
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- ◆ Click on "Create an Account" (if you do not have one) OR Click on "Click Here to sign in"
- ◆ Either way, once enrolled, select Oxford Presbyterian Church as the recipient of Kroger's donations. Our organization ID # is 80717



FREE VHS TAPES

Located on the bench outside of the Christian Education Office.



Journey Through the Bible

Last week's Questions and Answers

- ◆ During the reign of which king is the Book of the Law recovered in the temple? (Josiah - 2 Chronicles 34:14)
- ◆ Why are so many people surprised when Zechariah names his son "John"? (The name is surprising to many since children were usually given a name after another family member - Luke 1:61)

Next week's Questions

- ◆ What king permits the Jews to return from Babylon to Judah?
- ◆ Whose mother-in-law does Jesus heal?



**In Observance of Independence Day
OPC Office Will be Closed
Tuesday, July 4th (Only)**

**Regular Office Hours will resume
on Wednesday, July 5th
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**