

Oxford Presbyterian Church  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 9, 2017

Liturgist: Billie Maynard

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

O Living Water, source of abundant life,  
we stand on the shoreline of faith.  
Give us the courage to immerse  
ourselves into your living waters. Amen.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

*"If You're Happy and You Know It"*  
*"Jesus Loves Me!"*  
*"Deep & Wide"*  
*"Come Into His Presence"*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God, you split rocks in the wilderness,  
and gave your people abundant drink, as from the deep.

**All: Come to us, Lord.  
Give us that abundant water.**

You made streams come out of the rock,  
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

**Come to us, Lord. Send the waters down upon us.**

You turned the desert into pools of water,  
the parched land into springs of water.

**Come to us, Lord. Create springs in the parched desert of our hearts.**

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
Come and fill us, Lord, as we worship you!**

**\*MUSIC AND PRAISE**    *"We Are Marching in the Light of God"*    #853  
                                  *"Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!"*            #390

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgiving God, we are so thirsty for the  
living water that only you can give us.

**We confess that we are dazzled by  
the things of this earth,  
and we seek to satisfy our deepest needs  
with the shallowest of solutions,  
ignoring your gracious offer to us.**

**We fill our lives with busy-ness,  
and we wonder why we are unfulfilled.  
We feed on the 'junk food' of our culture,  
and we wonder why we seem hungry.**

Lord, we know in our hearts that  
we have turned away from you.

**Help us now, this very day, to make a fresh beginning,  
to drink of the living water that you still offer to us,  
and to seek first your kingdom.**

**And so we pray now for strength to begin,  
for the bread of life and living water on the journey,  
and for the fellowship of this community to encourage us.**

**Bind us together, Lord, as true disciples of Jesus our Lord,  
in whose holy name we pray. Amen.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**    *"Spirit of the Living God"*    #288

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The good news no one anywhere on this  
earth is ever outside of God's grace.

Hear the words that God speaks to each  
one through the waters of life,

*"You are my beloved.*

*With you I am well pleased!"*

**Thanks be to God for this gift! Alleluia, Amen!**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**    *"I've Got Peace Like a River"*    #623

**A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES – Jesus and the Woman at the Well  
(John 4)**

**MISSION STORY FROM GHANA – Gifty and Phyllis**

**OFFERING** (Undesignated gifts will be directed toward Living Waters for the World, this year's Vacation Bible School mission partner)

**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 John 4: 1-15

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

**HOMILY**

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

\*HYMN                                    *"Surely, it is God Who Saves Me"*                                    #71

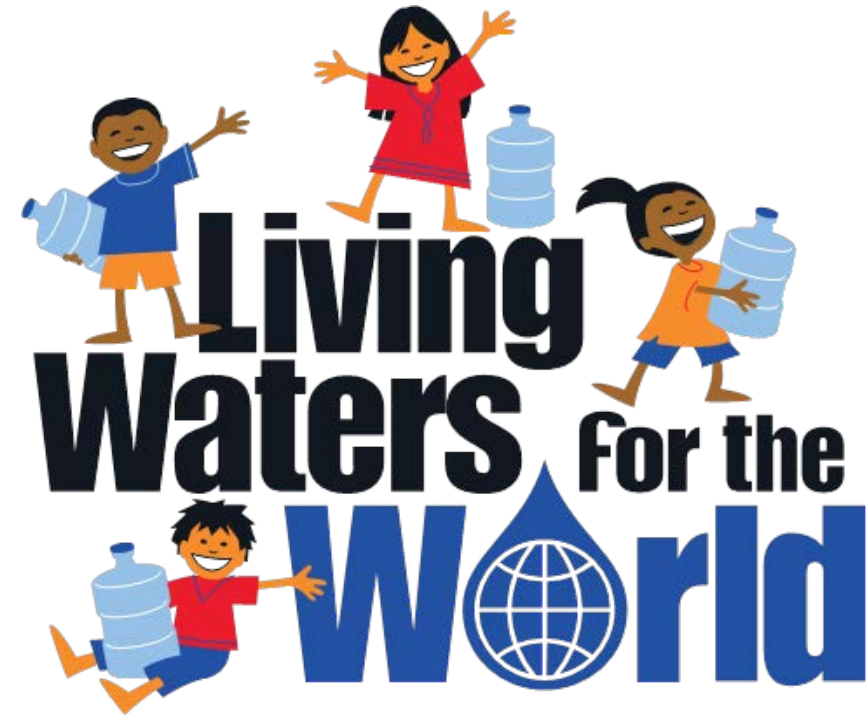
**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (sins...sin)**

\*HYMN                                    *"We Are One in the Spirit"*                                    #300

**\*BLESSING**

Beloved of God,  
wade deep into the living waters.  
Go now into this world that God loves.  
**We seek to bless it with our imagination;  
transform it with our courage;  
renew it with our compassion.**  
And may the Spirit's presence  
fill you with abundant hope  
and everlasting joy. Amen.

*\*Please stand as you are able*



*Vacation Bible School*

*Sunday, July 9, 2017*



**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)**

**Monday, July 10**

7:00 Art Class (Seminary)

**Tuesday, July 11**

10:00 Staff Meeting

7:00 Trustees

**Wednesday, July 12**

**Thursday, July 13**

**Friday, July 14**

**Saturday, July 15**

10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)

**Sunday, July 16**

10:00 Worship

10:20 Nursery and Preschool Available plus Grades K-5 in the Art Room

11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux

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**July 9 - July 16, 2017**

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:** Rachel Mehl and Mary Niehoff

**Acolyte:** Robert Simpson

**The flowers** on the communion table are given by Matt and Molly Todd in celebration of their 6th wedding anniversary.

**The rosebud** on the communion table is given in welcoming our newest granddaughter, Ellie Ann Rezanka, daughter of John and Kristie Rezanka, born July 3, 2017. Maternal grandparents are Danny and Joni Marcum. Paternal grandparents are Mike Rezanka and Sue Rezanka.

**Mission Partners Prayer List: Presbytery of the Miami Valley:** Covenant Presbyterian Church, Springfield

**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 Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Breanna Kinneman, Jan Reinhart, Marilyn Rettig, Sarah Soika, Stacey Winn

Email prayer requests to Jean O'Connell, [oconnelljm17@yahoo.com](mailto:oconnelljm17@yahoo.com), call Pat Roberts, 513-255-0549 or email the church office, [office@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org)



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



**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
SUMMER SCHEDULE**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**Preschool:** Ages 3-5, Preschool area,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**Grades K-5:** Art Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

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



**Thursday, July 20th is the August  
Newsletter Deadline**

Submit articles to  
Nancy Moeckel:  
moeckenj@miamioh.edu



**SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

Giftly Ashirifi, Phyllis Mensah, Lawrence Bartel, Arun Paul, Prue Dana, Katie Saylor, Molly Franklin, Lara Freidline, Sara Palmer, Bonnie Kretschmer, Mary Shinn, Annie Caudill, Melanie Ziegler, Becky Newlin, Gretchen Jones, Leanne Staley, Jeff Douglass, Andrea Johnson, Madeline Marston, Marilyn Curry, Debbie DeGennaro, Mary Jane Roberts, Jennifer Bulanda, Jill Frieden, Amy Bartel, Annmery Katto, Bella Walter, Lydia Bartel, Emily Shoker, Ria Shim, Jens Bartel, Grady Holmes, Zeke Groom, Daniel Mullally, Stephen Mullally, Joseph Franklin, Mike Gillespie, Rick Heflin, Farai Ngorosha, Tendai Mandebvu, Marvita Ngorosha, Sue Wilson, Karen Kullman, Jen Green, Denis Mullally, Cindi Bixler, Linda Schnurr, Phyllis Cox, Bridgite Dickerson, Lynn Cronk, Ben Marks, and Nancy Moeckel.

In case we missed mentioning anyone, we want to say thank you for your help in making this years VBS a success. All your hard work was greatly appreciated!



**GREETERS MINISTRY**

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

Sunday, August 20 and 27

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

**Contact Jan Reinhart  
513.523.4339**

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

**DEACONS  
CHILDREN'S FOOD DRIVE**



**Many Children do  
not get school  
lunches in the  
summer and need  
extra food at  
home.** The

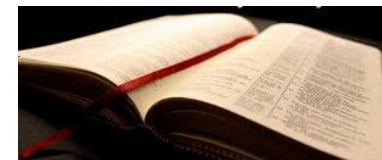
Deacons request  
your donations of  
food and money to make the June  
Food Drive a success. Food and  
Monetary donations may  
continuously be given throughout the  
summer.

If you would like to make a monetary  
donation, please make a check out to  
the Oxford Presbyterian Church with  
Children's Food Drive in the note  
field. The money will be used to  
purchase food for the Oxford Choice  
Food Pantry.

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.

**Do you shop at Kroger's and have a Kroger Plus Card?** If so you can help the  
Deacons of the Oxford Presbyterian Church reach out to those in need in our church  
and community. Here's how! To participate in the Kroger Community Rewards  
Program, one must have a Kroger Plus Card and a Kroger.com account, and will have  
to register with the Rewards Program. To sign up for the Rewards Program:

- ◆ Go to [Kroger.com](http://Kroger.com)
- ◆ Click on "Community"
- ◆ Click on "Kroger Community Rewards"
- ◆ 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



**Journey Through the Bible**

Last week's Questions and Answers

- ◆ What king permits the Jews to return from Babylon to Judah? (Cyrus, the king of Persia - Ezra 1:2-4; 6:1-5)
- ◆ Whose mother-in-law does Jesus heal? (Peter's mother-in-law - Luke 4:38-39)

Next week's Questions

- ◆ What information does Luke give us about Mary Magdalene?
- ◆ Why does Haman wish to have all the Jews in Persia executed?

