

Oxford Presbyterian Church
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 10, 2017

Liturgist: Susan Lipnickey

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

God, you are made known to us in the rustling wind that blows,
in the blazing fire that does not consume.
We meet you here. We accept your greeting. We welcome your inspiration.
We await the change you have in store for us.
Bring us to you – you who are already with us.
Help us to be as you would have us be.
Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
here and everywhere, now and always. Amen.

(Image on the bulletin cover – The sculpture “Reconciliation” by Vasconcellos showing two former enemies embracing each other. The artwork bears witness to the gospel in the remains of the Coventry Cathedral (England) destroyed by the German Blitz in November 1940.)

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Rummage Sale

PRELUDE *“Jesus, Still Lead On”* arr. Jacob B. Weber

CHORAL INTROIT *“Make A Joyful Noise”* Allen Pote

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Inspired by Psalm 119)
One: We who dwell in the shelter of the Most High
All: **Seek God here.**

We who come to be inspired and changed
Seek God's Spirit here.

We who know how little we know
Seek God's Word here.

***HYMN** *“Come All You People”* #388

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

As we prepare for confession, let us consider questions inspired by the apostle Paul.
Is our love always genuine? *(brief moment of silence)*
Do we resist the evil we see? *(brief moment of silence)*
Do we consistently seek to serve the Lord? *(brief moment of silence)*
Are we hospitable to strangers? *(brief moment of silence)*
Do we offer blessings to our enemies? *(brief moment of silence)*
Do we have close relationships with people who are really different from us?
(brief moment of silence)
Do we seek revenge on those who have wronged us?
(brief moment of silence)

Good friends, we do these things – maybe not all at once.
But they are actions that are part of the human condition.
They are also actions that turn us away from the love God always offers us.

In this time of worship, God invites us to examine all this, and to repent –
which really just means to turn back.
Let us confess our sins and, as we do, let us turn around and embrace the Lord.

God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that:

**our love isn't always genuine
we see evil and wring our hands instead of resisting it
we forget to consider more ways to serve you
we turn our back on strangers who could benefit from our hospitality
we do not pray enough for our enemies
we associate with our own kind, fearing the “other”
we relish in fantasies of revenge.**

**For all this, and for all that burdens our heart today,
O Christ, we seek your forgiveness.
Have mercy on us and hear our prayers. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

God's mercy extends beyond the bounds of even our collective imagination.
Jesus' love pours through any wall we could ever put up.
The Holy Spirit's grace holds more power than the sum of all sin.

It is because of that extensive, pouring, powerful and bold love
I declare to you in the name of the blessed and holy Trinity:
That the Lord forgives us all our sins. **Alleluia! Amen!**

***SHARING THE PEACE**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, the Three in One, you draw us into your community of love with people across the ages and around the world.
By the same Spirit that binds us together speak to us that what we read and ponder may enliven us and inspire us to trust and follow you; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Matthew 18: 15-20

pg. 19

For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Rabbi's Yoke: Pulling Together"

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*HYMN

"Woke Up This Morning"

#2082 (Sing the Faith)

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Esto Les Digo"

Kinley Lange, adapted Jack Liles

("Where two or three are gathered there will I be also")

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

#36

*BLESSING

We turn towards each other, and see the face of Christ.

**We share the burdens of each other,
and know the generosity of the Spirit.**

We share the love of each other, and celebrate the love of God.

Today we go with the Lord. Amen!

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"God Be in My Head"

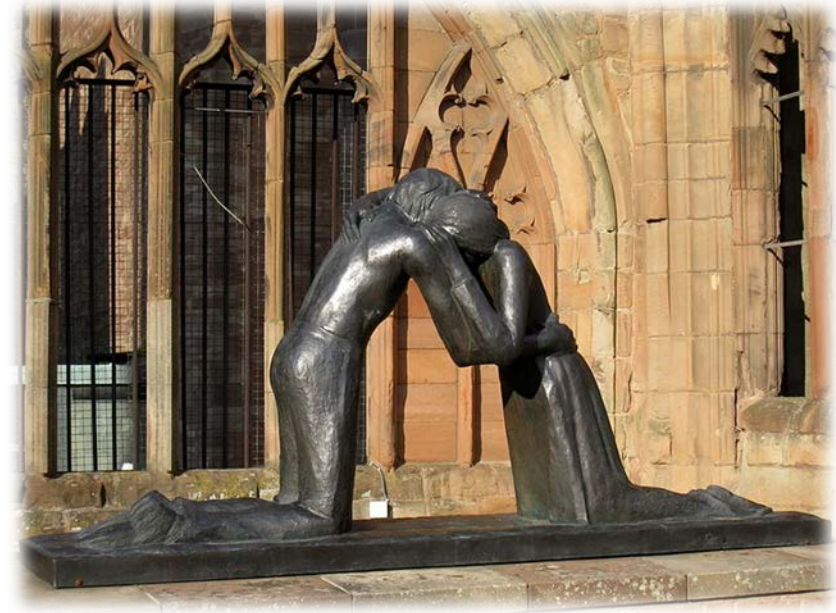
Old English Prayer

*POSTLUDE

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

arr. Jason D. Payne

**Please rise in body or in spirit*



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CALENDAR

Sunday, September 10

Welcome Back Picnic

9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship
10:20 Sunday school
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux
12:00 Journey Through the Bible:
Bible Study and Discussion

Monday, September 11

OPW Fall Rummage (Seminary)

Sorting, Display pricing
10:00am-1:00 and 3:00-7:00pm
7:00 Art Class (Seminary)

Tuesday, September 12

10:00 Church Showing (Knolls)

OPW Fall Rummage

Sorting, Display pricing (Seminary)
10:00am-1:00 and 3:00-7:00pm
5:30 Worship and Music (Molyneaux)
7:00 Trustees (Old Pastor's Office)

Wednesday, September 13

OPW Fall Rummage (Seminary)

Sorting, Display pricing
10:00am-1:00 and 3:00-7:00pm
6:30 Christian Education (AV Room)

Thursday, September 14

OPW Fall Rummage (Seminary)

Sorting, Display pricing
10:00am-1:00 and 3:00-7:00pm
6:30 APNC (Old Pastor's Office)
7:00 Youth Group (Youth Room)
7:30 Chancel Choir (Geneva)

Friday, September 15

OPW Fall Rummage (Seminary)

Sorting, Display pricing
10:00am-1:00 and 3:00-7:00pm
4:30 Journey Through the Bible
Fellowship (Molyneaux)
5:30 Race and Ethnicity Forum:
Waking Up White (Molyneaux)

Saturday, September 16

10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)
5:30 PCCM Fellowship and Worship
(Seminary)

Sunday, September 17

9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship
10:20 Sunday school
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux
12:30 Crop Hunger Walk
(Uptown Parks)
5:00 Nominating Committee
(Molyneaux)

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September 10 - September 17, 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."

WELCOME MIAMI STUDENTS! We're so glad you're here! We invite you to make this church your church home away from home during your time at Miami.

Greeters: Pam Deahl
and Mary Jo McFadden

Acolyte: Lydia Bartel

The flowers on the communion table are given by Steve and Carol Flee in celebration of their grandchildren, Courtney Willis and Carter and Carys Flee.

Mission Partners Prayer List:

Presbytery of the Miami Valley:

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

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

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Fellowship hour following worship hosted by Mission and Outreach



"WELCOME BACK PICNIC"

Join us in the Courtyard
following worship for
Food, Fun and Fellowship

Sponsored by MEF

OPC Nominating Church Officers (for Class of 2020)

The OPC Nominating Committee invites your suggestions for officers who will lead our congregation over the next few years.

Name submissions will be accepted until September 24th. **Nominations ballots are located in the mailbox labeled Nominating Committee.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Prior to the Children's Message, Children's Bulletins are available in the Narthex next to the Activity Bibles. Following the Children's Message, our teachers are waiting to welcome our students. Members of the Christian Education Committee will be available to escort students to their perspective rooms following the children's story.

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Room Assignments:

Nursery: Infants through age 2, Nursery 1st Floor

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

Grades K through 2: K-1 Room, 2nd Floor

Grades 3-5: Art Room, 2nd Floor

Grades 6-8: Geneva Room, 2nd Floor

**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

Tomorrow (September 11) is OPENING DAY!



It's opening day for Fall Rummage Season and we need YOU on the team! The stadium (seminary building) is open from 10am to 7pm, (closed from 1-3 for that 7th inning stretch) each day this week. (That's Monday September 11 to Friday September 15. And don't forget: Drop off at the Church office: Any of these weekdays: 8:30 -4:30.

Come pitch in by intentionally walking (or driving) over to the Seminary to assist with donations, sorting, placing and pricing (touch all the bases!). Don't balk on helping out. Let me be bunt, we need you, your stuff and your help! Saturday (Sept. 16) drop-offs are available by appointment. Call Nancy at 523-6003 to make arrangements.

It's a short season this year, so get on-deck and get swinging! Do your part to be sure there is joy in Mudville!

ALL proceeds support OPW local, state, national and international missions.

CHURCH SERVICES AT THE KNOLLS

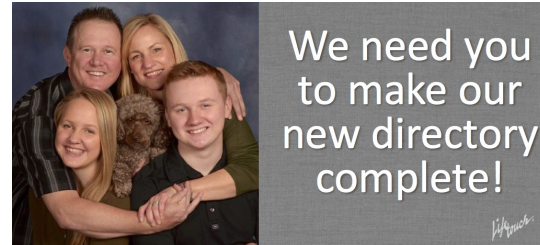


Come and join Becky Quay in the Country Kitchen as we view recent Presbyterian Church services on DVD. We will meet on September 12 &

26 at 10:00 A.M. As a special treat, on Sept. 12, Pastor Lawrence will be joining us for worship and fellowship. If anyone needs a ride, please call Becky Quay at 523-5747.

WALK, GIVE, CHANGE THE WORLD

The CROP Hunger Walk is set for September 17, 12:30 p.m. beginning and ending at the Uptown Parks. Signup and pledge envelopes are available during fellowship time following the service September 10 and 17.



Get your hair done, brush your teeth & shine your shoes! Well, the shoes might not matter, but do that other stuff because it's picture time! We start photography for our new directory in just a few weeks. You are part of the family and we want you to be in the directory.

Three ways to schedule your appointment:

- Use the link on our website (oxfordpresbychurch.org)
- Sign up after Church (Molyneaux Lounge)
- Call the Church Office (513-523-6364)

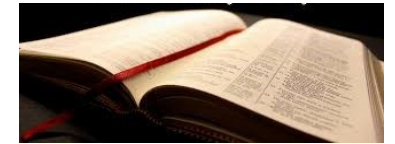
Photography dates:
Sept. 21-23 in the Memorial Church
Sept. 28-30 in the Seminary Building
Weekdays 2- 9 p.m.
Saturdays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



OPC CHANCEL CHOIR

Join Us Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the Geneva Room. Sunday morning rehearsals start at 9:00 a.m.

Interested students, please email Kent Peterson at dlckwp@aol.com or just show up. All are welcome!



Journey Through the Bible

Last week's Questions and Answers

- Who was Timothy's grandmother? (Lois. - 2 Tim. 1:5)
- In what chapter is Isaiah's vision of God's holiness and his call to be a prophet recorded? (Isaiah 6)

Next week's Questions

- How long will the psalmist sing praises to the Lord?
- What was the name of Philemon's runaway slave who had become one of Paul's helpers?



THE TUESDAY AFTERNOON CIRCLE

will have its first meeting of the year on Tuesday the 19th of September at the Knolls beginning with an optional lunch at 12 noon. The study Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews, will begin at 1:30 in the Country Kitchen led by Lynn Cronk. Study books will be available for \$10. Visitors are always welcome! Luncheon costs have changed and are now \$8 with reservations due the Friday before, (Sept 15) to Rosemary Fisher at 524-7748. Call Prue Dana or Lynn Cronk if you are interested in joining this group. Bring your pennies because the Least Coin is always collected during the meeting and the Mission Yearbook is also read.