

**BETHEL MURDOCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
9602 Murdoch-Goshen Road, Loveland, OH 45140  
**February 20, 2022 10:30 a.m.**  
**Celebrating 207 years of Faithful Service to Our God**  
**Scout Sunday**

***We Enter Into God's Presence***

**WELCOME**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**THE PEACE**

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

**“SURELY THE PRESENCE”**

**Surely the presence of the LORD is in this place.**

**I can feel His mighty power and His grace.**

**I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face.**

**Surely the presence of the LORD is in this place.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: But they who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength,

**P: they shall mount up with wings like eagles,**

L: they shall run and not be weary,

**P: they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty and ever-living God, your Son, Jesus Christ, healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life. Look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**HYMN: B-473 “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

**1. For the beauty of the earth,**

**For the glory of the skies**

**For the love which from our birth**

**Over and around us lies**

**Refrain: Lord of all, to Thee we raise,  
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2. For the wonder of each hour  
Of the day and of the night.  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower  
Sun and moon and stars of light. (Refrain)**

**3. For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight. (Refrain)**

**4. For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above  
For all gentle thoughts and mild. (Refrain)**

**5. For Thy church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love. (Refrain)**

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION:**

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another as we pray together saying,

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Lord, we have seen your promise in each rainbow, and in every sunrise, but we have not kept our promises to you. You have called us in a still, small voice, but we have listened only to the babble of the world. Your steadfast love has never departed from us, but we have run away at the slightest distraction. Forgive us. Call us into closer communion with you. Help us to be, and to do, better. We pray humbly before you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

#### **SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**P: We know that we are forgiven and we can be at peace. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE: "Gloria Patri"**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, Amen.

### ***We Hear God's Word***

**SPECIAL MUSIC: W&R-614 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be  
With God as our creator,  
Children all are we  
Let us walk with each other,  
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take,  
Let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live  
Each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth,  
And let it begin with me.

**MESSAGE: *The Scout Law* The Scouts of Troops 53 and 1053**

**Reader 1:** The Scout Law is a guiding light to millions of youth and young adults throughout the world today, but the principles of the law have been

brought to us from ancient days. From the book of Exodus, chapter 20, verse 16 we hear: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**Scouts:** A Scout is trustworthy.

**Reader 2:** From the gospel of Luke, chapter 16, verse 10 we hear: He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.

**Scouts:** A Scout is loyal.

**Reader 3:** From the book of Leviticus, chapter 19, verse 18 we hear: You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

From the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 15, verse 11 we hear: For the poor will never cease out of the land; therefore, I command you, You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to thy needy and to the poor, in the land.

**Scouts:** A Scout is helpful.

**Reader 1:** From the book of Romans, chapter 12, verse 10 we hear: Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

From the book of Psalms, Psalm 133 we hear: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

**Scouts:** A Scout is friendly.

**Reader 2:** From the book of Ephesians, chapter 4, verse 29 we hear: Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear.

**Scouts:** A Scout is courteous.

**Reader 3:** From the book of Proverbs, chapter 12, verse 10 we hear: A righteous man has regard for the life of his beast, but the mercy of the wicked is cruel.

**Scouts:** A Scout is kind.

**Reader 1:** From the book of Ephesians, chapter 6, verses 1 to 3 we hear: Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

**Scouts:** A Scout is obedient.

**Reader 2:** From the book of Proverbs, chapter 15, verses 13 to 15 we hear: A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken. The mind of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly. All the days of the afflicted are evil, but a cheerful heart has a continual feast.

**Scouts:** A Scout is cheerful.

**Reader 3:** From the book of Proverbs, chapter 6, verses 6 to 8 we hear: Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer or ruler, she prepares her food in summer, and gathers her sustenance in harvest.

**Scouts:** A Scout is thrifty.

**Reader 1:** From the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 31, verse 6 we hear: Be strong and of good courage, do not fear or be in dread of them: for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you.

**Scouts:** A Scout is brave.

**Reader 2:** From the book of Psalms, Psalm 24, verses 3 to 5 we hear: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of his salvation.

**Scouts:** A Scout is clean.

**Reader 3:** From the gospel of Mark, chapter 12, verse 30 we hear: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment.

**Scouts:** A Scout is reverent.

### RESPONSIVE READING

**Reader 1:** Blessed are the Scouts who are taught to see beauty in all things around them, for their world will be a place of grace and wonder.

**ALL:** Blessed are the Scouts.

**Reader 2:** Blessed are the Scouts who are led with patience and understanding, for they will learn the strength of endurance and the gift of tolerance.

**ALL:** Blessed are the Scouts.

**Reader 3:** Blessed are the Scouts who have a home where family members live together in love, for they shall become the peacemakers of the world.

**ALL:** Blessed are the Scouts.

**Reader 1:** Blessed are the Scouts who are taught the value and power of truth, for they shall use what they learn to help others.

**ALL:** Blessed are the Scouts.

**Reader 2:** Blessed are the Scouts who are guided by those with faith in a loving God, for they will find God early and will walk with God through life.

**ALL:** Blessed are the Scouts.

**ALL:** Give us clean hands, clean words, and clean thoughts, O God. Teach us to work hard and to play fairly. Forgive us when we are unkind and help us to help others. Send us strength to do a good turn each day and so to live after Thy will. Amen.

### ***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

**HYMN: B-561            “My Country ‘Tis of Thee”**

**1. My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountainside**

**Let freedom ring!**

**2. My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills.  
My heart with rapture thrills  
Like that above.**

**3. Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake;  
Let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.**

**4. Our fathers' God, to Thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God, our King!**

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. (*The Apostles' Creed-Ecumenical*)

**OFFERING (Please remember to mail your offering to the church)**

**JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION – (Please send your joys and concerns to the church email and we will publish them in the weekly ENews)**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us pray,

Almighty God, creator of us all; grant us the patience to wait and listen to your voice. Help us not to seek the answers in the silence of prayer, but rather let your thoughts, God, travel to us and through us as we dare to ascend your mountain of law, your holy hill of truth.

O God, how thankful we are that you have come into our lives through the Holy Spirit. You know, Lord, that we're not perfect, that we want to improve. Show us where we can.

We pray today for God's children—all the children of the world. May they find peace and love in their families and schools and learn the love of Jesus Christ for each and every one of them through our lives as we interact with them on a daily basis.

We also pray for our young people, who are seeking a cause which is worthy of their life's commitment and a leader who is deserving of their devotion. We know that our youth must deal with a host of options. So, we pray that they may choose Jesus Christ.

We pray you will be with our Scouts as they continue to follow the Scout law and work toward being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

May their endurance give us courage and their faithfulness give us hope; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the one who taught us to say as we pray,

## **THE 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.

*We are Sent Out to Love and Serve*

**HYMN: B-564      "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"**

**1. O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!**

**2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet  
Whose stern impassioned stress,  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!  
America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law!**

**3. O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved  
And mercy more than life!  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness,  
And every gain divine!**

**4. O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years,  
Thine alabaster cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!**

### **Charge and Benediction**

And now in your journey, may the trail rise up to meet your stride,  
May the sun shine softly on your backpack,  
May the cool, clean waters carry your canoe safely to your next portage,  
May the wind bring warm blessings to your encampment,  
May your Scouts find in you a fine example of the adult they hope to be.  
Peace be with you this day and forevermore. And as you go out, know that  
you take with you the love of God, the grace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ and  
the *awesome* power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Choral Amen**

### **Postlude**