

BETHEL MURDOCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
9602 Murdoch-Goshen Road, Loveland, OH 45140
May 15, 2022 10:30 a.m.
Celebrating 207 years of Faithful Service to Our God
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment,

P: that you love one another.

L: Just as I have loved you,

P: you also should love one another

OPENING PRAYER

We behold your glory, O God, in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high. Be glorified anew in the love we have for one another as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN: B-455 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

1 All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O sing ye! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye light of evening, find a voice!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest us both warmth and light,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Thou fertile earth, that day by day Unfoldest blessing on your way,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them God's glory also show!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 And everyone of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part.
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and Cast on God your care!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

6 All creatures, your Creator bless, And worship God in humbleness.
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in
One! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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:

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Psalm 66: 3-4

³ Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power
that your enemies cringe before you.
⁴ All the earth bows down to you;
they sing praise to you,
they sing the praises of your name.”

B: 139 “Come, Thou Almighty King” (vs. 1 & 4)

1 Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise: Father, all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

4 To Thee, great One in Three, The highest praises be,
Hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty May we in
glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.

Psalm 66: 5-6

⁵ Come and see what God has done,
his awesome deeds for mankind!
⁶ He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the waters on foot—
come, let us rejoice in him.

B: 485 “To God Be the Glory”

1 To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He has done!

2 Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

Psalm 66: 7

⁷ He rules forever by his power,
his eyes watch the nations—
let not the rebellious rise up against him.

B: 260 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (vs. 1 & 4)

1 A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and
power are great, And armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

4 That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through him Who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also; The body
they may kill: God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

Psalm 66: 10-12

¹⁰ For you, God, tested us;
you refined us like silver.
¹¹ You brought us into prison
and laid burdens on our backs.
¹² You let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water,
but you brought us to a place of abundance.

B: 210 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

1 Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:

2 Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

3 A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

We Respond with Thanksgiving

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 Bethel Murdoch Presbyterian Church, 9602 Murdoch Goshen Road, Loveland, Ohio 45140. Let us give thanks to God as we sing the Doxology.)

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

Gracious God, because we are not strong enough to pray as we should, you provide Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit to intercede for us in power. With this confidence we bring our prayers before you.

Faithful God, you formed your church from the despised of the earth and showed them mercy, that they might proclaim your salvation to all. Strengthen those whom you choose today, that they may faithfully endure all trials by which you conform your church to the cross of Christ.

Creator of all, you entrusted the earth to the human race, yet we have disrupted its peace with violence and corrupt its purity with our greed. Prevent your people from ravaging creation, so that coming generations may inherit lands brimming with life.

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We lift before you those concerns we have as we pray for those in need... We lift before you those things that have brought joy into our lives...

We ask travel mercies on all who are traveling... We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone. Give comfort to those who mourn. We take just a moment to pray for ourselves...

God of glory, you see how all creation groans in labor as it awaits redemption. As we work for and await your new creation, we trust that you will answer our prayers with grace, and fulfill your promise that all things work together for good for those who love you; It is in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord that we pray the prayer he taught us,

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-467 "How Great Thou Art"

1 Oh Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountains grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

3 And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He
bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! *Refrain*

Charge and Benediction

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all of
your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself.
Go out into the world in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Choral Amen

Postlude