

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: God our Creator gathers and prepares us for worship. Let us confess the sins that detract and distract us from God's path:

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you are the source and blessing to all people, yet we choose sides and pit "us" against "them." Forgive our divisiveness. Forgive our exclusion. Forgive the ways we fail to seek and share your abundance. Help us build the Beloved Community you desire for us, where all your children may live in peace.

(Time of Silence)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

One: Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace. Respond with love. In Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SONG OF RESPONSE #442

*Just as I Am, without One Plea
(verse 4)*

Woodworth

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: Our peace comes from knowing how much God loves us in Jesus Christ. With God's help, we try to love and forgive one another as Christ loves and forgives us. Peace be with you.

All: And, also, with you.

WORD

CHORAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION #458

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

Thy Word

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

One: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

All: To declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night,

One: To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

All: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

One: The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

All: They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.

*Please stand as you are able.

One: In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap,

All: Showing that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Glorious Is Thy Name
Performed by: Ron Cechner

Tom Fettke

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this tent we groan, longing to be further clothed with our heavenly dwelling, ³ for surely when we have been clothed in it we will not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are in this tent, we groan under our burden because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ The one who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a down payment.

⁶ So we are always confident, even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight.

⁸ Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to him. ¹⁰ For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive due recompense for actions done in the body, whether good or evil.

SERMON

“By Faith, Not by Sight”

Rev. Dr. John Wahl

WITNESS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We take this time to reflect and recognize all contributions of time, talent, and treasure. A basket is available for making monetary donations.

OFFERTORY

Bring Him Home *Claude-Michel Schonberg,*
Herbert Kretzmer, Alain Boublil
Performed by: Ron Cechner

THE CHURCH AT WORK (video)

1001 Worshipping Communities

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

***SENDING SONG #450**

Be Thou My Vision
(verse 1)

Slane

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

*Please stand as you are able.

(verse 2)

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

(verse 3)

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

(verse 4)

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

A Trumpet Air

David Paxton

*Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Garden

We believe that it is a good thing to spend time in God's creation, and to be faithful stewards of the good gifts that God provides.

All the produce raised in the Valley Faith Garden is donated to the food pantry at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center.

You are invited to come and spend time in and around the Faith Garden – weeding, planting, picking, or just sitting for a rest – at these times (from May – September):

First and third Tuesdays of each month – 6-7 p.m.

Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month – 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Knitting For Others



Inviting all folks from 12-100 years of age, who like to knit or who would like to learn, to be a part of Valley's Knitting Group. We will be knitting special items like prayer shawls, blankets, and other helpful and comforting items for our members and people in our community.

The group will meet (come when your schedule allows):

June

Tuesday, June 18 — 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

July

Sunday, July 14 — 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 23 — 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

For questions, please call one of our Co-Chairs, Beverly or Bev:

Beverly Wahl
502-553-7255

Bev Keough
330-888-5385

Rise Against Hunger Food-packaging Event

Saturday, June 22

10:00 a.m. - noon

We will, again, be working with Rise Against Hunger to package meals for hungry people around the world. This is a wonderful opportunity for people of all ages to get involved in a hands-on mission while learning more about the goal of eradicating hunger in our lifetime.

This month, we will be partnering with members of Christ Presbyterian Church in Chesterland, who will join us in our Fellowship Hall to package thousands of meals. All the materials are provided by Rise Against Hunger. We just need your hands to help!

The meal-packaging process engages volunteers to combine rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and a packet of 18 essential vitamins and minerals into small meal packages. These meal packages are shipped around the world to support school feeding programs and crisis relief. The food stores easily, transports quickly, and has a shelf-life of two years. Your impact starts with a meal, and leads to self-sufficiency, sustainability, and brighter futures!

Each meal package – including materials and shipping – costs approximately 40 cents; so, for two dollars, you can support 5 meals; ten dollars = 25 meals; twenty dollars = 50 meals. Our portion for the event will be \$2,000-3,000.

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 22 for setup (8:30 – 10 a.m.) and meal packaging (10 a.m. – noon). Please sign up on the church website, through the June Valley Voice, or call the church office, if you would like to help.

CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Please consider donating the following items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center:



Flour, ramen noodles, mustard, ketchup, eggs, milk, butter, or anything you would like to donate.

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations.

Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:

Friday, July 19, 2024 (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

Saturday, July 20, 2024 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Pass-it-on is accepting donations. Please contact Brenda Wahl at 440-829-7841 or passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com.

Caring for God's Creation

Fridays: June 21, July 12, August 9
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (lunch included)
Cost is \$5 per child / \$10 per family per session
Children age 3 - entering 5th grade

God created an amazing world, and - as God's children - we have been called to care for it.

Join youth and adult volunteers from Valley as we learn about the mysteries and science of our natural world; and how we can participate in nurturing and healing the earth and all its creatures.

Activities will include music, movement, science lessons, working in the garden, service projects, and bible story time.

Register on the church website, through the June Valley Voice, or call the church office.

Faith & Love: Building Up Our Community with Fellowship, Meals, and Acts of Kindness

Coinciding with each of our **Caring for God's Creation** events for children is a meal for all ages featuring a speaker from the community who will share their expertise, along with a related activity. We would love for you to join us at our **Table Together Meals. Although it is not necessary, if you know you're coming, please sign up below:**

Friday, June 21 - Table Together Dinner - 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Spreading Love

Guest Speaker: Christine Prinic, Beekeeper
Spread love by assembling snack packs for Homeless Hookup
RSVP: <https://forms.gle/kwYqQexZwLUvL6fr8>

Sunday, July 14 - Table Together Lunch - after Chapel in the Woods

Nurture God's Loving Nature

Guest Speaker: Agricultural Farmer
Plant a small herb garden in a 2-liter soda bottle
RSVP: <https://forms.gle/RUdqXTpUN5hwhitAY6>

Friday, August 9 - Table Together Dinner - 5:30-7:00 p.m.

God's plan needs all of us

Guest Speaker: To be announced
Bloom where you are planted
RSVP: <https://forms.gle/bCahwwBNGWBe6BCG8>

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