

June 23, 2024
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

PRELUDES

Flute Tune *Thomas Augustine Arne,*
arr. by Dale Wood
Meditation on a Camp Meeting Spiritual *Gilbert M. Martin*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CONCERNS AND REQUESTS

***CHORAL INTROIT #658** *God Is So Good* *God Is So Good*
(verse 1)

God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to us.

(verse 2)

God cares for us; God cares for us; God cares for us; God's so good to us.

(verse 3)

God loves us so; God loves us so; God loves us so; God's so good to us.

(verse 4)

God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to us.

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 96:1-3)**

One: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth.

All: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

One: Declare his glory among the nations,

All: His marvelous works among the peoples.

***OPENING SONG #705** *You Are Holy* *You Are Holy*
(refrain)

You are holy; you are mighty; you are worthy, worthy of praise. I will follow; I will listen; I will love you all of my days.

(voice 1)

I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy. I will love and adore him; I will bow down before him. I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy. I will love and adore him; I will bow down before him. You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for you.

(voice 2)

You are the Lord of lords; you are King of kings; you are mighty God, Lord of everything. You're Emmanuel; you're the great I AM; you're the Prince of Peace, who is the Lamb. You're the living God; you're my saving grace; you will reign forever; you are Ancient of Days. You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End. You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer, and Friend. You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for you.

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*Please stand as you are able.

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, we are sometimes people of little faith. When the circumstances of our lives overwhelm and the tragedy of the news leaves us lamenting the state of our world, we wonder where you are or if you even exist. Does the universe really bend toward justice? Does this justice include us and those we love? Does this justice include the innocent caught in the crosshairs of war? Forgive us, God, for the unjust systems we perpetuate, and the evil to which we turn a blind eye. Claim us and guide us in working toward the Beloved Community you so desire for us, where all your children can 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 #71

Surely, It is God Who Saves Me (refrain)

First Song

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

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*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 FOR ILLUMINATION #455

Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken

Listen

Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that began creation; listen even if you don't understand.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 96:7-13*

One: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

One: Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

All: Say among the nations, "The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."

*Please stand as you are able.

(verse 3)

Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child. All is finished and forgiven; let us now be reconciled.

(verse 4)

Come and join the celebration; come and join this happy feast; Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.

(verse 5)

There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ. Sing, with thanks and adoration, to the God of endless life!

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Gerhard Krapf

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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):

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



Flowers

The flowers today are given in celebration of MaryAnn & Jerry Moreno's 60th wedding anniversary.

Caring for God's Creation

Fridays: 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:**

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/RUdqXTpUN5hwitAY6>

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>

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.

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.

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