

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, and transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be; all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

(Time of Silence)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

One: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God calls to us. This is good news! In Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SONG OF RESPONSE #698

Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take Me as I Am

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

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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 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. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me. Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 138*

One: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

All: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

One: On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.

All: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

One: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

All: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away.

*Please stand as you are able.

One: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

All: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Deep in the Meadow
Soloist: Nancy Sullivan

Collins & Burnett
arr. by Mac Huff

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:13-18

¹³ But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and therefore we also speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and will present us with you in his presence. ¹⁵ Indeed, everything is for your sake, so that grace, when it has extended to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸ because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

SERMON

"We Do Not Lose Heart"

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

Episode in G

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THE CHURCH AT WORK (video)

1001 Worshipping Communities

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***SENDING SONG #2246 (projected)**

Word of God in Human Language
(verse 1)

Beecher

Word of God in human language for this time and in our tongue, tell anew the ageless story, ever ancient, ever young. May our hearts receive the message of God's faithful, loving care; may our lives respond in action, living deed and living prayer.

*Please stand as you are able.

(verse 2)

Everywhere the world is hungry for the liberating Word, food for spirit as for body, to be tasted, felt, and heard. It is thus the Word encounters at God's own appointed hour, bringing knowledge and perception of true justice, peace, and power.

(verse 3)

So God's voice continues speaking in the words we can't deny, sounding out across the ages. Will we answer or defy? As the call becomes still clearer, witness that the Word shall last, may we follow with commitment in the present as the past.

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Two-part Invention in "C"

Bach

*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

Sunday, June 9 — 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

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

Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:
Friday, June 14, 2024 (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)
Saturday, June 15, 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.

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.

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 Princic, 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: Donny Howells, 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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