

***RESPONSE** “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (vs 1)
708
We give thee but thine Own, what e’er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, you call us to reach out to those in need in kindness rather than judgment; and with generosity, not just good intentions. Bless our gifts and our actions for Christ’s sake, so that our faith in his love will show in the work of the Church that bears his name. Amen.

***HYMN** “I Come with Joy” (vs 4 & 5)

515

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** “There’s a Sweet Sweet Spirit” (vs 1 & chorus)

408

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***POSTLUDE**



OHIO UNITED
Presbyterian Church



***Loving God,
Loving Neighbor;
Helping Our Neighbors to Love God***

September 8, 2024

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Alli Feszko

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kalyn Stevwing

MOMENT FOR MISSION

The 225th Anniversary Committee

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Put your confidence in God.

We have God as our helper and so we rejoice.

God gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.

God frees the prisoners and opens the eyes of the blind.

So put your trust in God’s goodness.

May God’s goodness endure forever! Let us worship God.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

Liturgist Jen Davis

Eternal God,

You are our beginning and our end.

You gave breath to all living things.

By your Spirit, you come among us this day,

breathing new life into our familiar patterns,
as the gift you offer us through Christ Jesus.

By your grace, you open new possibilities for the world you love.

So we offer you our lives in worship and in service,

joining our voices with all your creatures,

to offer you honor and blessing, glory and gratitude, now and always.

Amen

HYMN “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

20

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy,
you keep an eye out for those who dwell on the margins of life. We confess we fail to keep our eyes open for those on the margins. We have been silent when we should have spoken up in the face of injustice. Our generosity to others does not match what you offer us. Forgive us for thinking of ourselves first. Renew our commitment to show others the kindness we meet in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence is kept...

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ – and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

ALL: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!*

RESPONSE “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (chorus, vs 4, chorus) 240

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

CHILDREN’S CHAT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit as we hear the Scriptures read and interpreted. May we hear what you are saying to the Church today, and find the courage to follow your will. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 7:24-37

SERMON “So What?”

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

We believe in God.
Who lights the dawn to chase away the darkness;
Who rolls away each stone of doubt;
Who surprises us with incredible gifts of family and friends,
silence and laughter;

Who raises us from sadness and despair
to the possibilities of blessing and joy.

We believe in Jesus,

Friend of the poor and searcher for the lost,

Who comes to us in our grief and longing,

calls us by name and sends us on the paths of peace
to speak of an awesome love that is not overcome by death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

The hidden partner, the gentle messenger of God,

Who fills our every breath with blessing;

Who guides us in the dark, beckons us to do good,

speaks to us in dream and image,

and watches over us with tender compassion.

We believe in this church,

An instrument of God in this present moment,

striving for justice, celebrating in joy,

clawing at despair, living in hope,

praying for healing and forever proclaiming the

Good News of God’s persistent and redeeming love.

***HYMN** “To the Table”

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School

Children 3 yr–6th grade during worship following children’s chat

Adult Sunday School Resumes @9-9:45pm

Sundays, September 8 thru December 1–Youth Choir rehearsal @9-9:45am

Sunday, September 8–Communion

Sunday, September 8–RALLY DAY–Sunday School Kick-Off

Sunday, September 8–Rally Day Fellowship following worship

Monday, September 9–Property Meeting @6:30pm

Monday, September 9–Youth Group @7-8:30pm (note time change)

Tuesday, September 10–Deacons Meeting @6:30pm

Tuesday, September 10–Session @7pm

Wednesday, September 11–Ruth Circle Bible Study @1pm

Thursday, September 12–Choir Rehearsal

Monday, September 16–Youth Group @7-8:30pm

Wednesday, September 18–Story time resumes @10am

SAVE THESE DATES: Women’s Retreat is on Saturday, October 26th.

Details coming soon.

The 225th Anniversary Celebration is on Sunday, October 27th, starting with 10am service followed by a luncheon!

SESSION TEAM LEADERS

Worship Team Leader: Gina Arzberger

Congregational Care Team Leader: John Martin

Mission Team Leaders: Casey Honess/Rayna Knox

Operations Team Leader: Wendi Rybicki

Keep Them in Your Prayers: Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Paul (Karen Keller’s friend), Lynn Smith, Peter Kerlin, Marcia Davis, Jack Gennaro, Bernie Fedorka (Mark Douglass’s friend), Tom Owczarzak, Paul Kulha, Jim Williams

In the Military: William Barth

Those who are not able to worship regularly: Sarah Jane Shaffer, Dolores Skinner, Lois Davie, Pat & Tony Wozniak, Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Dorothy Elko, Irene Gartley, Libby Urick, Trudy Boggs, Janice Adamski, Betty Solinski

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- Sunday worship 10:00 am
- Sunday School for our younger members (Grades Pre-K - 6th grade) during worship

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Organist Emeritus: Shirley Fluharty

OUR SESSION

CLASS OF 2026: Joe Glatz, Jennifer Davis

Rich Palmer (2T), John Martin (2T)

CLASS OF 2025: Chris Otto (2T), Casey Honess (2T),

Patti Strominger, Chris Mathias

CLASS OF 2024: Gina Arzberger (2T), Rayna Knox

Paul Magee (2T), Wendi Rybicki

OUR DEACONS

CLASS OF 2026: Dave Kocher, Ivonne Holsinger

Greg Holsinger, Dianne Kanitra (2T)

CLASS OF 2025: Dawn Psik, Terri Owczarzak

Denise Matthias, Ken Jones

CLASS OF 2024: Jeff Barth, Bob Hurni

Eleanor Pike, Corinna Petrella

Women's Association is asking if anyone is interested in starting up Prayer Partners. It's an adult member of the church paired with a child from Kindergarten to Sixth grade. The group meets here at the Church twice a year and sends the children Birthday cards and Christmas cards. If interested, please fill out the information below and put in the offering or in Nancy's office

Name of Adult _____

Contact Information _____

Name of Child and Age _____

Contact Information _____