

***RESPONSE** “There’s a Sweet Sweet Spirit”

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Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another

(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you)

***POSTLUDE**

***Please stand if you are able**

Scripture for August 9: Psalm 23
John 10:11-18



OHIO UNITED
Presbyterian Church



***Loving God;
Loving Neighbors;***

Helping Our Neighbors to Love God

August 2, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**As we prepare our hearts and minds to spread the good news of
Christ’s salvation**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Skye Lanham

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 36:5-9)

Liturgist

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the
skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your
justice like the great deep.

You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge
in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of
your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.

For with you in the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

**Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one Body.
Join us with those who in all times and places have praised
your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show
the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and
Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen**

***HYMN** “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and
crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed
before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have
gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give**

him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

Silence is kept for a time of personal confession

DECLARATION OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. My friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel – I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

. Amen

***RESPONSE** “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

God of mercy, your faithfulness to your covenant frees us to live together in the security of your powerful love. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises by living in faith and obedience; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC “You Say” by Lauren Daigle Skye Lanham

CHILDREN’S CHAT

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Now we are all [sitting] here in the presence of God, to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us (Acts 10:33)

SCRIPTURE Genesis 32:22-31
 Romans 9:1-5

SERMON “Sorrow and Struggle”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from The Brief Statement of Faith, 10.3)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator, ignoring God’s commandments; we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

***HYMN** “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” 829

THE LORD’S PRAYER AND THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” (insert)

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School Children 3 yr - 6th grade during worship following
Children's chat

Monday, August 3—Property Meeting @6:30

Sunday, August 9—Communion

Tuesday, August 11—Session @7pm

Wednesday, August 12—Ruth Circle @1pm

Sunday, August 23—CHURCH PICNIC

Keep Them in Your Prayers: Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Peter Kerlin,
Jack Gennaro, Paul Kulha, Jim Williams, Cherryll Lachowicz, Joanie McCowin

In the Military: William Barth, Nick Hoth

Those who are not able to worship regularly: Dolores Skinner,
Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Dorothy Elko, Betty Solinski,
Ed & Evelyn Lawson, Everitt Laird, Betty Martin, Brenda Jones

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- Sunday worship 10:00 am
- Sunday School for our younger members
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OUR SESSION

CLASS OF 2028: Chris Mathias (2T), Patti Strominger (2T)

Cathy Kapton, Amy Muslin

CLASS OF 2027: Marcus McCowin, Christina Palmer

Michael Kamenski, Charles Hendrick

CLASS OF 2026: Joe Glatz, Jennifer Davis

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

OUR DEACONS

CLASS OF 2028: Denise Mathias (2T), Ken Jones (2T)

Jeff Barth, Missy Sardo

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Chris Hurni, Ginny Adams

CLASS OF 2026: Dave Kocher, Ivonne Holsinger

Greg Holsinger, Dianne Kanitra (2T)

