

***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**



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church



Loving God;

Loving Neighbors;

Helping Our Neighbors to Love God

August 16, 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** (from Psalm 105:1-11,45b)

Liturgist

Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he pronounced, O descendants of Abraham his servant, O sons of Jacob, his chosen ones.

He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.

He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant: "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit." Praise the LORD.

***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** “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)” 837

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, you have given us the gift of life and we do not choose it. We turn our backs on each other; turn away from the gifts of love and mercy Christ taught us. Our world is filled with hate and bitterness, with war and hurt. You bring light to our world and yet we stay in darkness. Forgive us God and help us to grasp the new life you offer in Jesus Christ. Amen

Silence is kept for a time of personal confession

DECLARATION OF PARDON

“Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land...” 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, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

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 29:15-28

SERMON “Not According to Plan”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from *The Heidelberg Catechism* 4.028)

What advantage comes from acknowledging God’s creation and providence? We learn that we are to be patient in adversity, grateful in the midst of blessing, and to trust our faithful God and Father for the future, assured that no creature shall separate us from his love, since all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot even move.

***HYMN** “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

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THE LORD’S PRAYER AND THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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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** “I Surrender All”

(insert)

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

***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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monday, August 17—Finance Committee Meeting @6pm

Sunday, August 23—CHURCH PICNIC

Keep Them in Your Prayers: Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Peter Kerlin,
Jack Gennaro, Paul Kulha, Jim Williams, Cherryl 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 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

CLASS OF 2027: Eleanor Pike (2T), Bob Hurni (2T)

Chris Hurni, Ginny Adams

CLASS OF 2026: Dave Kocher, Ivonne Holsinger

Greg Holsinger, Dianne Kanitra (2T)

