

***Please stand if you are able**

Scripture for August 30: Exodus 3:1-22

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies.
for the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light
Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye
For the heart and mind's delight
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight
Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love
Brother sister parent child
Friends of earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise

For thyself best gift divine
To the world so freely given
For that great great love of thine
Peace on earth and joy in heaven
Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.



OHIO UNITED
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***Loving God;
Loving Neighbors;
Helping Our Neighbors to Love God***
August 23, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 133)

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.

For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

Heavenly Father, we come to you today with joyful hearts.

Thank you for the grass beneath our feet, the open sky, and the company of our brothers and sisters. As we open this picnic, we ask for your presence to be with us. Thank you for the hands that prepared the food and those who organized this day. Watch over us in our fellowship, and help us leave refreshed in spirit and closer as a church family. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***HYMN** "For the Beauty of the Earth" (last page)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Silence is kept for a time of personal confession

DECLARATION OF PARDON

As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart,
humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as
God has forgiven us. And above everything else, be loving,
and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for us

***RESPONSE** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Lord, I lift your name on high.
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky.
Lord, I lift your name on high.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

Eternal God, Your love for us is everlasting; you alone can turn the
shadow of death into the brightness of the morning light. Help
us to turn to you with believing hearts. In the stillness of this hour
speak to us of eternal things, so that, hearing the promises in
scripture, we may have hope and be lifted above our distress
into the peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 Judges 6 (various)

SERMON "One Last Request"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(The Apostle's Creed)

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived
by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended
into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic
Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

***HYMN** "Blest be the Tie that Binds"

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** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** "There's a Sweet Sweet Spirit" 408

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

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers
Our fears our hopes our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares

We share our mutual woes
Our mutual burdens bear
And often for each other
Flows the sympathizing tear

When we are called to part
It gives us inward pain
But we shall still be joined in heart
And hope to meet again.

From sorrow toil and pain
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity

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Garden of Knowledge

On Sunday, September 13, we will hold a special collection to support the Garden of Knowledge Library and help us automate our book collection and lending process. Our children's library continues to grow and now includes more than 1,300 books. Last year, over 50 children participated in Storytime, with more than 20 children regularly checking out books to enjoy at home each week .

Automating our library will allow us to better organize and track our growing inventory, manage book checkouts and returns, and ensure that our collection remains a valuable resource for the children and families we serve. Please consider making a special contribution on September 13 to help us continue growing and improving this important ministry. If making your donation by check, please write "Library Automation" on the memo line.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in Prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer,

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In his arms he'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there