



FAIRMOUNT

PRESBYTERIAN Church

Sunday, February 18, 2024
11:00 a.m.



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~Everything Good about God Is True

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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PRELUDE

The Welsh Tune "Rhosymedre"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME

Grounded in God's Presence

STATIO

Statio is a "holy pause" – a period of intentional quiet before worship to gather together as one body with one spirit.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God stirs my soul.

All: In the morning, life-giving first breath fills my lungs.

One: God stills my spirit.

All: In the evening, the calm of the night flows through my body.

One: With every tender breath, I am reminded of God's hoping, yearning, and dreaming

All: that I grow into all I am intended to become.

***HYMN 49**

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

PRAYER OF LAMENT AND CONFESSION

One: We have lost our way. We have turned and been turned away from God's intentions and hopes for humanity. We have brought pain upon my body, your body, our bodies.

All: From ancestors and saints past to misfits and strangers of today, we live in a world that feeds on destruction, rewards hatred, reinforces oppression, dismisses grief, denies accountability, and manipulates vulnerability. Born from anger, disappointment, and mourning, God weeps with and for me, with and for you, with and for us.

One: Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Hymn 447

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

Inspired by God's Story

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 24:14-15

SOLO (*text on back page*)

En Prière (In Prayer)

Gabriel Fauré

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 14:7-9

SERMON

Everything Good About God Is True: Choosing Faith

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Grateful for God's Grace

HYMN 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

CHOOSING FAITH:

Why do I choose to be a Christian?

Bryan Seekely

One: We belong to one another, and in turn we belong to God.

All: **You are known by God. You are loved by God.
That is enough. You are enough.**

CALL TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

We Belong to God

Stephen Sturk

(Commissioned by Fairmount Presbyterian Church in celebration of the Church's 90th Anniversary, October 2006. Text on back page.)

*DOXOLOGY 608: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Our Beloved Creator,
who lives in the eternal,
your name is Love.
May Love rule our hearts
here and now,
as it will in the eternal.
Give us the gift of enough for today.
Release us from our burdens and lead us back to you,
that we may liberate others by our love.
Protect our hearts from other desires,
and rescue us from suffering.
Amen.

Sent to Love God's Creation

*HYMN 822

When We Are Living

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

(Stanza 1 in Spanish, Stanza 1 in English, Stanza 2 in English)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prière (Prayer)

Jean Langlais

Participating in Worship

Rev. Ryan Wallace, Senior Pastor
Rev. Carmen Cox Harwell
Jim Riggs, Director of Music Ministries
The Fairmount Choir
Lauren Vanden Broeck, soloist

This Morning at Fairmount

Nursery Care: While children are always welcome in our worship services, parents can also drop their children ages 0-5 in our Nursery (located on the 2nd floor above Andersen Hall) before worship. The nursery will be open at 10:45 a.m. most Sundays and parents can pick up their children after worship.

Around the sanctuary, you'll find worship bags, books, and pages to color. The "wigggle room" is located in the narthex. You can change a diaper, nurse your child, and little ones can experience a change of pace.

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour in Andersen Hall is where we extend the fellowship that begins in worship; it's a time for us to visit with one another, deepen our relationships, and welcome newcomers. Join us!

Ways to Give

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Worship Notes

- Today's Call to Worship, Prayer of Lament and Confession, and Charge and Blessing come from *Everything Good about God Is True*, by Bruce Reyes-Chow.
- The Prayer of Jesus that we're using this Lent is a translation of Matthew 6:9-13, translated by Rev. Ryan Wallace.

Special Announcements

This Lenten season our worship themes and daily devotions are grounded in *Everything Good about God Is True: Choosing Faith*, a brand new book by Rev. Dr. Bruce Reyes-Chow. Bruce is a Presbyterian pastor in California. He's pastored several congregations, written 6 books, and served as the youngest moderator of our national denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA). Bruce wrote this latest book as a guide for progressive Christians to claim and proclaim "a more complex, nuanced, loving, and just version of the gospel." We have created a daily devotion which is available in Andersen Hall that picks up on the questions and ideas that Bruce puts forward and invites you to engage in your understanding of faith and belief more deeply. We invite you to take one home with you as you prepare to begin this Lenten season. We also encourage you to pick one up for anyone you know who might benefit from this offering.

In addition we have a family devotion kit entitled "I'm a Theologian!" This kit comes in a jar and has everything you need to engage in theological questions with your family – because while that may sound daunting, we are all theologians! Only 1 kit is needed per family.

Copies of the book, *Everything Good about God Is True: Choosing Faith*, are available in Andersen Hall. \$10 suggested donation. Rev. Dr. Bruce Reyes-Chow will lead a book discussion after our April 7th worship.

Midweek Sabbatical/Taizé

Wednesdays, 5:30p.m. to 6:00p.m., February 21st – March 20th

This 30-minute contemplative worship service features singing, meditative prayer, and communion to offer a midweek rest.

Faith In Action

GCC Candidate Forum for Judicial and County Prosecutor Candidates

Tuesday, February 20th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - This forum will feature March 19th Primary Election candidates for contested judicial seats and the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's race. This forum will address issues of concern to GCC and its members, particularly the issues of pretrial criminal justice and youth bindovers. Hear from the candidates, and learn how they would address GCC's priorities in elections that have a direct impact on our community. If you plan to attend and/or wish to carpool, scan the QR code.



Learn About Our Solar Proposal

Join us for an information session on the proposal to put solar panels on the Andersen Hall roof. Susan Kent and Keith Mills, along with other members of Fairmount's Earth Stewards group, will be describing the plan and answering your questions. The session will be held in the chapel immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, February 25th. All are welcome!

Silent Saturday Retreat: March 9, 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Join Fairmount Presbyterian Church for a full day retreat organized by the Fairmount 20s/30s group to enjoy quiet reflection and healing. Take this day to ease built-up stress and fatigue. If you're new to spending time in silence, there will be opportunities to calm your mind through supported practices, including a variety of arts and crafts. This retreat will be hosted mostly in silence (*including a screen detox – no phones!*) with many nourishing spiritual offerings. Learn more about the Silent Saturday Retreat by scanning the QR code.



Music Ministry

Solo Lyrics

En Priere (In Prayer)

Gabriel Faure

(Sung in French) If the voice of a child can rise up to You, O my Father, from Jesus before You on his knees, listen to the prayer! If you have chosen me to teach Your law upon earth, I will know how to serve You, august King of Kings, O Light! Upon my lips, Lord, put the truth that gives salvation, in order that he who doubts, with humility may revere You! Do not abandon me, give me the gentleness necessary to alleviate misfortunes, to relieve pain and wretchedness! Reveal Yourself to me, Lord in whom I believe and I hope: for you I want to suffer and die on the cross, at Calvary!

Offertory Lyrics

We Belong to God

Stephen Sturk

We belong to God. In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom we worship and serve.

Rush Hour Concert -Tuesday, February 27th at 5:30 p.m.

Our new staff members Jim Riggs and Tyler Young launch our Rush Hour Concert series with a 50 minute program of varied music. Join us in the sanctuary for a good way to give your mind and soul a rest!

The Kenyon College Chamber Singers Concert

The Kenyon College Chamber Singers will perform at Fairmount on Friday, March 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Chamber Singers will present an eclectic mix of a cappella choral repertoire on their 2024 Spring Tour.

Full Announcements and registration links can be found at <https://bit.ly/fpc-announcements> or scan the QR code

