



FAIRMOUNT

PRESBYTERIAN Church

Sunday, February 4, 2024

11:00 a.m.



Creator Sets Free (Jesus) said: "Come close to my side, you whose hearts are on the ground, you who are pushed down and worn out, and I will refresh you. Follow my teachings and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest from your troubled thoughts. Walk side by side with me and I will share in your heavy load and make it light."

-Matthew 11:28-30

First Nations Version;

An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, February 4, 11:00am

PRELUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Standing in the Need of Prayer

Negro Spiritual/arr. Sondra K. Tucker

Negro Spiritual/arr. Valerie W. Stephenson

WELCOME

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**

adapted from Matthew 11 and Luke 4

One: Jesus said: "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

All: We come to you, God; ready to rest in your loving presence.

One: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

All: Lay your yoke upon our shoulders, Christ; a Gospel that promises liberation for us and for all creation.

One: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

All: The Jubilee has arrived at last! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***HYMN 32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Through grace, God seeks reconciliation with us.

All: With humility and gratitude, we seek to restore our relationship with God.

One: Let us confess our sin together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God, you called us to love our neighbors, and to care for the wonder of your creation,

All: but we often act in ways that defile the Earth, and bring negative effects on your people.

One: You gave us plenty of clean water and instructed us to till and keep your verdant land,

All: but time and again we have polluted the water and depleted the land.

One: We need to rest and to allow the Earth to rest.

All: Help us to find ways to refresh and regenerate the land, and in so doing, our very selves.

One: Reconcile us, renew our souls, restore right relationships.

All: Change our hearts and our lives.

KYRIE #764

For the Troubles and the Sufferings

PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: *Hymn #458 (refrain only)*

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 25:1-7, 19-23

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:16-21

SERMON

Jubilee and Creation Care

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

PC(USA) Study Catechism, Question 19

One: As creatures made in God's image, what responsibility do we have for the earth?

All: **God commands us to care for the earth in ways that reflect God's loving care for us. We are responsible for ensuring that earth's gifts be used fairly and wisely, that no creature suffers from the abuse of what we are given, and that future generations may continue to enjoy the abundance and goodness of the earth in praise to God.**

**HYMN 772 (stanza 4)*

Live Into Hope

TRURO

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Earth Stewards

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works

Dakota chant/arr. Jim Riggs

Many and great, O God, are thy works, Maker of earth and sky. Thy hands have set the heavens with stars; thy fingers spread the mountains and plains. Lo, at the word the waters were formed. Deep seas obey thy voice. Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star abiding One. Come unto us and dwell with us. With thee are found the gifts of life. Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee. (Jeremiah 10:12-13, Joseph R. Renville, Philip Frazier)

***DOXOLOGY #609:**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SACRAMENT OF LORD'S SUPPER (see last page)

Holy One, our only Home,

blessed be your name, may your day dawn,

your will be done, here, as in heaven.

Feed us today, and forgive us, as we forgive each other.

Do not forsake us at the test, but deliver us from evil.

For the glory, the power, and the mercy are yours now and forever. Amen.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Lotus Blossom

Billy Strayhorn/arr. Alec Wyton

***HYMN 713**

Touch the Earth Lightly

TENDERNESS

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION:** Hymn 547 (stanza 1 only)

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

*The Sanctuary Flowers are given in loving memory of
Sally Bonebrake by Jim Bonebrake on their wedding anniversary.*

Participating in Worship

Rev. Ryan Wallace, Senior Pastor

Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis, Associate Pastor

Jim Riggs, Director of Music Ministries

The Canterbury and Covenant Bell Choirs, Amy Carlson, Director

Tyler Young, saxophone

Intergenerational Pop Up Choir

Members of Fairmount's Earth Stewards

Ushers: Pamela MacWilliams, Todd Imbler, Steve Chapman

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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Text "FPCCLE" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

Realm

<https://onrealm.org/FairmountPresby/give/now>

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Special Announcements

Medical Debt Forgiveness

Greater Cleveland Congregations has organized a fundraiser in partnership with "RIP Medical Debt" to pay off the medical debt of our neighbors here in Cuyahoga County. Last fall, Serve Council gave \$1000 on behalf of Fairmount, and collectively we have raised about \$30,000 at GCC congregations. If you'd like learn more about the campaign or make an individual donation, scan the QR code.



The 2024 Faithful Lives Film Series: Friday, February 9th

Please arrive by 6:30pm. All films begin promptly at 6:45pm. Enjoy pizza, salad, and fellowship. For more information, contact Bryan Seekely, bseek57@aol.com. Our February Faithful Lives Film Series movie is [*Brittany Runs a Marathon*](#).

Mardi Gras Celebration, Tuesday, February 13th, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Enjoy gumbo, music, a magician, crafts, and the burning of the palms. We invite you to wear a silly hat! Fairmounters and interfaith community partners are all welcome!

Lent at Fairmount

This Lent at Fairmount, our worship and spiritual life will be centered around Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow's *Everything Good About God Is True: Choosing Faith*. A calendar of Lenten opportunities and events will be available soon, beginning with our Ash Wednesday service on February 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

EDWINS Fish Fry Friday @ Fairmount Presbyterian Church

Join EDWINS at Fairmount Presbyterian Church on Friday, February 16th as EDWINS lights up the fryers for a classic Lenten Fish Fry, featuring their house-made beer battered cod, french fries, coleslaw & tartar sauce for \$15.99. Take out only, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Place your order today! Scan the QR code.



January 20th Session Update

- Session welcomed new Elders Steve Chapman, Nancy Gillombardo, Jerry Parker, and Ruth Wasem at our first meeting of 2024, which was also a day-long Session retreat.
- Sarah Stone was elected Clerk of Session, and Gordon Landefeld, Peter Scheid, Sarah Stone and Ruth Wasem were elected as Ruling Elder Commissioners to the Presbytery of the Western Reserve.
- Session received a staffing update from Rev. Wallace. Tyler Young will transition to full-time status as Digital Engineer, overseeing external communications and graphic design. Christine Winters title has been updated to Project Manager to reflect her new role overseeing communications between councils, supporting pastoral staff, and managing office volunteers.
- Session approved terms of call for pastoral staff, which were subsequently approved in a congregational meeting held on January 21.
- Rev. Wallace reported on positive results of 2023 and 2024 stewardship campaigns. 2023 closed the year by surpassing the stewardship campaign goal of \$750,000 by over \$30,000. The 2024 stewardship campaign has received pledges of \$705,000 to date toward a \$750,000 goal.

Faith In Action

Donations to the Little Free Pantry are Always Welcome

Fairmount's Little Free Pantry sees visitors daily, so donations of non-perishable food and personal care items are always needed. Popular items are hearty soups, shelf-stable protein/dairy, cereals/oatmeal, pasta/grains, canned fruits/vegetables, baby food, and personal care items. Donations are welcomed daily. Please bring your contributions to Anderson Hall marked LFP. Scan the QR code to sign up to help keep the pantry stocked every week.



GCC Candidate Forum for Judicial and County Prosecutor Candidates

On 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. It is an important opportunity to hear from the candidates specifically, and learn how they would address GCC's priorities in elections that have a direct impact on our community. If you plan to attend, scan the QR code.



Send Love this Valentine's Day with a College Care Package

Each year, Fairmounters send care packages to alumni of our church youth program. As the new semester has begun, these care packages can mean the world. Young adult/college life can be stressful and lonely. A care package is a great way to help our young adults, even at a distance, feel connected and valued. Spread some love and encouragement to a student who needs to be reminded: their faith family loves them! **How to Get Involved?** Scan the QR code. Questions? Contact Kate Bouldin:

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Music Ministry

Music at Communion Note

Lotus Blossom

Billy Strayhorn/arr. Alec Wyton

Played during communion at the funeral of Duke Ellington 50 years ago, Ellington's sister, Ruth writes, "During his "Rainbow Grill " engagements, Duke would play "Lotus" as a little private prelude to each show. It was like a little whispered tribute to Billy--perhaps even a little prayer for his soul--knowing that God was listening. Duke titled one of his sacred songs, "Every Man Prays in His Own Language" and there is no language that God does not understand."

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



Communion Liturgy

Pastor: We gather at this table to break bread together and come near to God.

Children: Who is invited to eat at this table?

All: This table belongs to Jesus Christ, and all are welcome at it.

Children: Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?

All: We give thanks for God's work of creation and salvation.

Pastor: It is our greatest joy, creator God, to give you thanks in every time and place...
We praise you that before he died, our Savior gave us this holy meal to eat together until he comes again.

Children: Why do we eat bread at this table?

Pastor: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Children: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

Pastor: On the same night, Jesus took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

Children: What do we remember at this table?

Pastor: We remember God's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us. And remembering, we offer ourselves and our gifts for the world. According to our Lord's commandment:

All: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

Children: What do we ask at this table

Pastor: Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and cup, that in eating and drinking together we may be made one with Christ and with one another. At this table we ask for unity in Christ our Lord, and we ask for strength to serve the world in his name until the day you make all things new.

All: All glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit, through Christ who taught us to pray: Holy One, our only Home, blessed be your name. May your day dawn, your will be done, here as in heaven. Feed us today, and forgive us, as we forgive each other. Do not forsake us at the test, but deliver us from evil. For the glory, the power, and the mercy are yours, now and forever. Amen.