

#### **PRELUDE**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

inspired by Psalm 148

Leader: We're here to praise God!

People: Yes! Praise the Lord!

Leader: God's glory is above all creation,

People: God's faithful actions sustain us all.

Leader: Let us praise the Lord our God.

People: Let everything praise the Lord!

\*HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King #62 UMH, vs 1, 5 & 7

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
 O praise ye! Alleluia!
 O brother sun with golden beam,
 O sister moon with silver gleam!
 O praise ye! O praise ye!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O praise ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care!

O praise ye! O praise ye!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise ye! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

O praise ye! O praise ye!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Translator: William Draper (1925), from Francis of Assisi (1225)
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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed #881
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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit,
the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 148:1-5a (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise the Lord in the heights!
<sup>2</sup> Praise God, all angels:

<sup>2</sup> Praise God, all angels; praise the Lord, all hosts!

<sup>3</sup> Praise the Lord, sun and moon, praise God, all you shining stars!

<sup>4</sup> Praise the Lord, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

<sup>5</sup> Let everything praise the name of the Lord!

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.** 

SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20AM

#### **RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**

#### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN—9:40AM

**HYMN**Blessed Be the Name
#63 UMH

Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
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Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Music & Words: USA Campmeeting

#### **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

Adapted from Center for Faith and Giving

God of all times and all places, we turn to you in this hour of worship, eager to offer you our praise.

We remember our ancestors in the faith, gathering in sanctuaries, and temples, in the open fields, by streams of water.

You gave your Son, Jesus, to us.
You offer the wonder of creation
to meet our needs for food and shelter.
You provide your love to all.
You allow us to claim "the repentance that leads to life!"

Thank you for your presence then and for your presence among us now.

Thank you for receiving our prayers, our hymns, our gratitude, our worship.

Open us to hear your Good News in this hour, and to live it out each day.

Receive now the silent prayers of our hearts: (Silent prayers)

We are Your people. Hear us as we pray saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Offer the peace of Christ by saying: The peace of Christ be with you. Respond: And also with you!

HYMN

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#### **GIVING**

#### \*RESPONSE

#95, UMH

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.

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Revelation 21:1-6 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and God will dwell with them. They will be God's people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 'God will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

<sup>5</sup> The One who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then God said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

<sup>6</sup> God said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks Be to God.** 

**MESSAGE** 

Something New Rev. David W. Brown

\*HYMN They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side We will work with each other, we will work side by side And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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#### **BENEDICTION**

from Nancy Townley

May the love of God which was lavished upon you by Jesus Christ be in your hearts, your minds, and your spirits as you go forth into God's world. Be bearers of peace and hope to all you meet, and may God's peace be with you always. AMEN.

#### \*POSTLUDE

\*Stand in body or in spirit

Liturgist at 8:20 – Greg Bailie Liturgist at 9:40 – Victoria Rhodus Greeters at 9:40 – Sally Scheer, Shanon and Galen Mills

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in celebration of Shelley Bamberger's birthday by her grandson, Tom Lake.

Armstrong Bell Choir at 9:40 – directed by Chester Imhausen
Prelude Oh, How Joyfully -arr Behnke
Offertory Amazing Grace -arr Dobrinski
James Vonderschmidt, Violinist



Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium following the 9:40am service!







#### Service of Praise & Patriotism

Featuring River's Edge Brass Band
Sunday, May 25 — 9:40am Worship
No Sunday School. There will be childcare for nursery through age 3.

### 147th Memorial Day Observance

Monday, May 26 — 10:30am Old Armstrong Chapel (outside)





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**Celia Caesar**, daughter of Ann and Mark Caesar, has earned a Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree from Mount Saint Joseph University. Celia works at the UC Cancer Center.



Amanda Johnson, daughter of Ginger Patterson, graduates from Sycamore High School. Amanda will attend Ohio University to study engineering. Her dream is to have a career in biomedical engineering.



**Avery Pearson**, daughter of Kris and Bob Pearson, graduates with a Master of Science degree from the University of North Texas.



**Aidan Rippe**, son of Amy Voss and Joe Rippe, graduates from Indian Hill High School. Aidan will be attending Ohio Dominican University to play football.

Andrew Johnson, son of Ginger Patterson, graduates from Sycamore High School. Andrew will attend the University of Cincinnati to study Sports Medicine (premed). His dream is to work with at professional sports team.

Information was submitted by students or their families. We wish all graduating this spring congratulations, too!



## Outreach— IPM Summer Picnic

Volunteers needed on Monday, June 9 from 9:15am-12:15pm at IPM to grill and prepare bagged picnic lunches.

Our mission partner Inter Parish Ministry (IPM) in the Eastgate area is once again celebrating summer with drive-thru picnics. Guests will be provided with a hot meal that includes a hot dog or hamburger, chips, cookie, and fruit.

Sign up at: https://bit.ly/443si4v

# We cannot have VBS without volunteers!

VBS is July 14-17 with decorating and prep during the weeks before. Visit <a href="mailto:bit.ly/40ZjM4h">bit.ly/40ZjM4h</a> to let us know how you want to help. If you have questions, connect with Jennifer Hock at <a href="mailto:hockkj@yahoo.com">hockkj@yahoo.com</a>.





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