



PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God, our source and our salvation,
in love you made us and by love you have redeemed us.
Make your love for us bear fruit in our forgiveness of others,
that in this life we may know your all-embracing compassion
and in the world to come receive the everlasting joy of fellowship you share
with your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Ave Maria"

*Robin Blake, soloist; Konrad Binienda, organ
by Franz Schubert adapted for Organ and Saxophone*

WELCOME AND CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY

Amy Kim Kyremes-Parks, Director of Spiritual Formation

7:45am - Time for Young Disciples

Worship Enrichment Resources can be found here: <https://fpccl.org/home/faith-formationhome>

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, bless the Lord,

All: Bless God's holy name.

One: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

All: So great is God's steadfast love for us.

HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis, associate Pastor

One: As loving parents have compassion for their children,

God has compassion for us.

Confident in God's love, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God,

**We confess that we have failed to live in harmony
with our sisters and brothers.**

**We have been self-righteous in our attitudes,
closed-minded in our beliefs,**

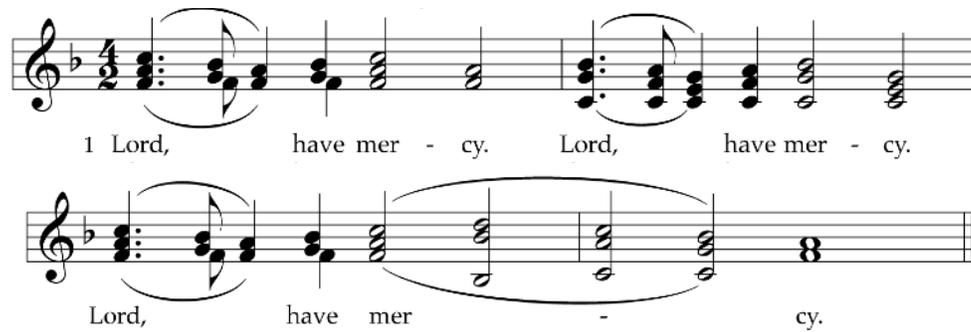
And judgmental in our opinions.

**We have shunned those whose ways
we do not understand,**

**and we have despised those who do not
endorse our convictions.**

**Forgive our sins of discord and conceit,
and heal our divisiveness and quarreling.**

**Help us to be charitable in our regard for others
that we may dwell in peace with Christ,
who is Lord of all. Amen.**



DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, the Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SOLO

"The Infinite Shining Heaven"

Xiaoyang Zhang
by Vaughn Williams

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 103:1-14

SERMON

"Celebrate Sunday"

Rev. Jessie MacMillan, Interim Pastor

COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Waltz in A-flat major Opus 42

Konrad Binienda, organ
by Fryderyk Chopino

HYMN 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CELEBRATION VIDEO

Our postlude this morning will be a video compilation of the ways that members and friends of Fairmount have been celebrating in this past year. Let's join in celebrating together!

Session

Clerk of Session, Bourbon Zeigler
Matt Hrubey, Treasurer

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Class of 2021

Peter Bush, Mary Ann Conn-Brody, Kathy Imbler, Martha Lee, Joyce Pope, Judy Steehler, Julia Swanson

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1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

TEXT: Brian Dill, 1988
 MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770
 Text © 1989 Brian Dill

DARWALL'S 148TH
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Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

'This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

TEXT: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; adapt. Ecumenical Women's Center, 1974
 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869
 Text Adapt. © 1974 Ecumenical Women's Center

LAUDA ANIMA
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SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Peace

According to John's Gospel, the Risen Christ appeared to his disciples as they huddled behind locked doors and offered them the gift of peace (John 20:19). We invite you to share signs of Christ's peace with those with whom you are gathered, or to pass the peace virtually by calling, emailing, or texting your family and friends in our congregation and beyond.

Prayer Requests During This Difficult Time

If you would like your prayer listed in our weekly Fairmount Prayer List which is sent to our prayer community, [fill out this form](#). You can also call or email Pastor Lindsay, (lindsayahl@fpcclle.org, 216-321-5800 ext. 105) with prayer concerns or to talk to a Pastor.

Going Forth: Offering Our Gifts and Our Lives to God

With gratitude for the grace we have received, we go forth from worship to offer our energy, our hands, and part of our income in service to God. One way we respond to Christ's call is by giving our financial gifts to further God's mission in the world. You may mail a check to the church or make an online offering to support the many ministries of Fairmount Presbyterian Church by clicking the Giving tab on the homepage of our website (www.fpcclle.org).

Service by Phone

We want to let you know of a new way you can connect to our weekly worship services – by phone! **All you have to do is call 216-255-9353 and you will be able to hear a recording of our Sunday worship service.** Each Sunday's service will be available by 8 am that Sunday morning.

A Survey of FPC Programs and Services

The link below is to a brief survey that is intended to help our Staff, Session and Councils better understand your practices, thoughts and hopes around church life in the midst of pandemic. Thank you for taking a few minutes to answer this survey. Your input will help guide decisions about worship re-entry, spiritual formation offerings, care needed, and more! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HXHTNWQ>

Congregation-Wide Summit on Saturday, September 26th

Please join us on Saturday, September 26, from 9:00am-11:00am, for a very important virtual Summit where we will talk about the small groups process we engaged in this summer and next steps for our congregation.

Part of the Summit will be time in small group conversation on specific topics. When you register, <https://forms.gle/ypQYRK9H6f7RSHYi8>, you will self-select one of the groups for this focused conversation:

- External Communication and Welcoming Our Neighbors
- Internal Communication and Member Care
- Incorporation of Members in Mission and Ministry
- What is the Scope of our Mission and Justice Ministries?
- What Do We Mean by Diversity and Welcome, and How Can We Address Systematic Racism?

Our hope is that these conversations will be the start of working groups that will continue to work through these questions and topics this fall. Our Re-Vision consultant, Rev. Gregg Carlson, will be on hand to facilitate the process as we move toward needed directions for our congregation's next phase of life and the search for a new pastor.

A Zoom link will be mailed out after we receive your registration. We can't wait to see you on Saturday Sept 26th!

Supplies Collection for the Homeless: Thursday, September 17th, 10am-1pm

[John Knox Presbyterian Church](#) and [Fairmount Presbyterian Church](#) are two collection points for items to help people experiencing homelessness. Items include sealed new toothbrushes, other toiletry items, paper towels and canned goods with a pop top. We are not asking for folks to go out and purchase items, but to round up things they already have at home - or to include them in their next grocery/goods order or purchase if they wish.

At the same time, **we will be collecting all sizes of shirts, hats and socks.** These should be clean or new and in a separate bag. After a holding period, we will get the goods to those in need and thank you in advance for your participation. This bimonthly project is being organized by our presbytery's [Ministry Advocating for Homeless Persons](#). Thank you!

Bringing our Prayers Together

We are all starting this season in ways we could have never imagined. Marking this time has been difficult for many with schools closed physically, many people working at home, continuing to social distance, not to mention figuring what day it is anyway.

We thought it would be great to have a place where we can write our prayers: our hopes, words of thanksgiving, fears, grief, really whatever is on your heart and mind. We have a tote with strips of fabric and markers. Please come at any time, write your prayers and tie your fabric to the fence. We will be creating a wall of prayers where we can put our own and also pray for others. Help us fill this up. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us with their prayers. For questions, please contact Amy Kim (amykim@fpccle.org).

Black Lives Matter Yard Signs and Magnets

To show support for the Presbyterian Church's Week of Action and to show support and solidarity for our Black Siblings during this particular time in our nation, we still have Black Lives Matter sign for your lawn (\$11) and magnets for your car or fridge(\$5). Please go to www.fpccle.org and click the banner on the homepage. Please contact the church office with any questions.

Studies in the Book of Acts

Join Pastor Jessie for Bible Study Thursdays from 9:00 -10:00am. Email her, jmacmillan@fpccle.org, for a Zoom link to this weekly gathering. All are welcome.

Sermon Series to Begin September 20th

"Virus as a Summons to Faith" (Based on the book of the same title written by Walter Brueggemann)

- September 20
Reaping the Whirlwind Leviticus, Exodus, Job
- September 27
Pestilence...Mercy? Who Knew? 2 Samuel 24:1-25
- October 4
Until the Dancing Begins Again Jeremiah
- October 11
Praying Amid the Virus I Kings 8:23-53
- October 18
The "Turn" from Self to God Psalm 77
- October 25
God's New Thing Isaiah 43:18-19
- November 1
The Matrix of Groan Isaiah 42:14-15

Fall 2020 FPC Adult Book Study, *Virus as a Summons to Faith*

Join Pastor Jessie, Pastor Lindsay and Amy Kim for a weekly discussion of this book beginning the week of September 20th. Each week we will dig deeper into the material that is the theme of our weekly worship. Each book discussion will cover the same material so you are welcome to stick with one time slot/ facilitator or attend as your schedule permits.

Sunday 2:00pm- Amy Kim

Monday 7:00pm- Pastor Jessie

Tuesday 9:00am-Pastor Lindsay

All discussions will be held via Zoom. Once you register, <https://fpccle.org/home/fall-2020-adult-book-study>, you will be added to the email list for everyone participating in the discussion, and will receive information for all of the weekly discussion opportunities. Books are available in the Church Office for \$15.00.

For questions, please contact Amy Kim Kyremes-Parks, Director of Spiritual Formation, 216.321.5800 x121 or amykim@fpccle.org.

The Little Free Pantry

The Little Free Pantry is a place where anyone can put free food items and other things for anyone to take. The Youth Group feels it is very important during these hard times for everyone to have access to the food and supplies they need! The Little Free Pantry is conveniently located right off Scarborough Road near the parking lot. Please feel free to drop off items (see the list in our upcoming newsletter). And please spread the word with your family and friends,