



FAIRMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN Church

September 27, 2020

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God, as this new day dawns, may your Spirit guide my feet and reveal you to me in new ways as I walk through your world today. Amen.

PRELUDE

Allemande from Partita in C minor

*Konrad Binienda, organ
by J. S. Bach (Part2)*

WELCOME AND CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY

Jessie MacMillan, Interim Pastor

7:45am - Time for Young Disciples

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

**All: God gathers us from far away and carries us.
With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts,
we receive the abundant mercy God gives.
We respond in praise,
and with our very selves, we worship God!**

HYMN 172 (see page 3)

Blest Are They

BLEST ARE THEY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION From *A Prayer for Vision* by Alison VanBuskirk Philip

Jean Sylak

Near One,
when I turn my eyes from you,
when I get wrapped up in wants and worries,
when I miss signs of your presence,
when I turn my eyes from other people,
when I numb myself to the pain of my neighbor,
when I miss opportunities to love and be loved,
when I lose sight of that place deep within where you guide me,
when I stop trusting that you are the source of my voice,
my vision, and my call,
O God, open my eyes.
Give me light to see as you see,
to see to the heart of things,
to see to the heart.
Amen.

KYRIE: Hymn 579

Lord, Have Mercy

KYRIE ELEISON

1 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Take Heart, God is our rock and our fortress:
The Holy One has stored up an abundance of goodness
for those of us who take refuge in God.
So let us bless our God's steadfast love
by sharing the peace of Christ with one another.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Selections from 2 Samuel 24:1-25

SERMON

Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis, Associate Pastor

"Virus as a Summons to Faith: Pestilence...Mercy? Who Knew?"

SOLO

"Que esta iglesia sea un arbol"

Christine Fader, soloist

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jean Sylak

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN 385 (see page 4)

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Polonaise for Organ

by Konrad Binienda

Session

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Blest Are They

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Gsus *Leader or All* G D C

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -

Dsus D7 Gsus G Gsus G

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause of me. Re - jice, be glad;

D C Dsus D Gsus G

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain All C D7 G D Em G C G

Re - jice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am A D C D7 Em Em7

ho - ly are you! Re - jice and be glad!

C Dsus D C G

Yours is the king - dom of God!

This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–12), the opening portion of Christ’s Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20–23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God’s ways.

TEXT: David Haas, 1985
 MUSIC: David Haas, 1985; arr. David Haas and Michael Joncas, 1985
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BLEST ARE THEY
 Irregular

All People That on Earth Do Dwell 385

(Psalm 100)

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

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, (lindsayhl@fpccle.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.fpccle.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.

Communion Sunday

On **Sunday October 4th come to church between 8:30-9:45 am** to receive communion that you can take home with you. Gluten free elements will be available. Please bring a non-perishable item for the Free Little Pantry, and say hello to members of our community. Also, **Pastor Jessie and Pastor Lindsay will be doing a blessing of the animals.** If you have a pet that would be up for a trip and a blessing in the car, bring them along! We can't wait to see you and your furry friends!

College Care Packages

This is the time of year we want to extend our love to our college age young adults in the form of a care package from our Fairmount Family of Faith and we **NEED YOUR HELP**. First, if you know of a young adult who is ages 19 to 26ish that would appreciate a care package, please follow this link to fill out a form with pertinent information: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rZTrJflazm-DkDg8QRymasxBTP4EdGkylUur8EMQIOE/edit>

Second, starting the week of October 13th the Welcome Center of the church (ramp door entrance) will have empty boxes with postage, names and addresses along with some information about the young adult and some ideas for filling the box. We invite you to fill the box and send it to the young adult along with a card reminding them that they are being prayed for and are loved. Our goal is to have packages mailed out by Halloween.

Extending the Table

Many thanks to those who have been helping us stock the new Little Free Pantry that is located at the church on the Scarborough side of the driveway. We have been thankful for the donations but also become more aware of the need in the community for this food and its availability at any time.

We are going to encourage all of you to donate whenever you can but especially on the **FIRST SUNDAY** of each month when we celebrate communion and can use this opportunity to **EXTEND THE TABLE**. Please bring your donations when you come to drive through communion or when you are in the neighborhood. Donations can be placed directly in the pantry. This is an ongoing outreach opportunity to support all year round. Thank you for all the ways that you give.

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@fpccl.org).

Studies in the Book of Acts

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

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://fpccl.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@fpccl.org.

Sermon Series

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

- 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

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.fpccl.org and click the banner on the homepage. Please contact the church office with any questions.