



HUDSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Those who are able are welcome to stand.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 84:1-2 & 11 Lay Reader, Jo Wooldredge

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

People: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

People: No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Crown Him With Many Crowns Hymn No. 45

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and Sovereign God, we confess that like Haman, we often seek our own glory, choosing to rely on our own clever strategies instead of trusting Your sovereign will. Forgive us for the times we tremble before the pressures of this world while treating Your holy presence with casual indifference. We rejoice that through the blood of Jesus Christ, our King, we approach a throne of grace offering life. Deliver us from our pride, clothe us in His perfect righteousness, and grant us the grace to serve You with clean hands and pure hearts. Amen.

(Please take a moment to silently confess your sins to the Lord)

***PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS** Isaiah 44:22

[22] I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud
and your sins like mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you. (ESV)

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

(A time to share our Thanksgiving and Requests to the Lord and with our Church family)

The Lord's Prayer: *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 glory forever. Amen.*

OFFERTORY Reflections on the Spirit arr. Joel Raney

***DOXOLOGY**

*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!*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** I Sing Praises Hymn No. 5

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Approaching the King"
Esther 5:1-14 Pastor Shawn Carafa

***CLOSING HYMN** Rejoice, the Lord Is King Hymn No. 370

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer J.S. Bach

***FELLOWSHIP** Please join us downstairs in the fellowship hall.

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Esther 5

[1] On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, in front of the king's quarters, while the king was sitting on his royal throne inside the throne room opposite the entrance to the palace. [2] And when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, she won favor in his sight, and he held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter. [3] And the king said to her, "What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given you, even to the half of my kingdom." [4] And Esther said, "If it please the king, let the king and Haman come today to a feast that I have prepared for the king." [5] Then the king said, "Bring Haman quickly, so that we may do as Esther has asked." So the king and Haman came to the feast that Esther had prepared. [6] And as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king said to Esther, "What is your wish? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." [7] Then Esther answered, "My wish and my request is: [8] If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my wish and fulfill my request, let the king and Haman come to the feast that I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king has said."

[9] And Haman went out that day joyful and glad of heart. But when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he neither rose nor trembled before him, he was filled with wrath against Mordecai. [10] Nevertheless, Haman restrained himself and went home, and he sent and brought his friends and his wife Zeresh. [11] And Haman recounted to them the splendor of his riches, the number of his sons, all the promotions with which the king had honored him, and how he had advanced him above the officials and the servants of the king. [12] Then Haman said, "Even Queen Esther let no one but me come with the king to the feast she prepared. And tomorrow also I am invited by her together with the king. [13] Yet all this is worth nothing to me, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate." [14] Then his wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, "Let a gallows fifty cubits high be made, and in the morning tell the king to have Mordecai hanged upon it. Then go joyfully with the king to the feast." This idea pleased Haman, and he had the gallows made. (ESV)

NOTES

WEEKLY

SUNDAY

Sunday Studies 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Youth Group 6:30-8pm

MONDAY

AA 7pm

TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study 10am

THURSDAY

Youth Bells 5pm

Adult Bells 6:30pm

AA 7pm

Men's Bible Study 7pm

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Sandy Borovicka

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CELEBRATIONS

Another Year of Life

Jeannette Justice

Ann Stere

Another Year of Life Together

Fred & Diane Schwarz

NEWS

Faith and Footsteps: Hike 2 Sunday, Oct 11, 3-4 pm at 3801 Riverview Rd, Peninsula OH, Cuyahoga National Park, Ira Trailhead to Beaver Marsh.

Fall Picnic: Sunday October 18 in the fellowship hall following worship. Burgers and hot dogs provided. Sign up sheet available in the Engagement Corner. Please bring the following to share.

A-J – Dessert

K-Z – Side Dish or Salad

Please bring hot dishes fully cooked. We will keep them warm.

Join Our Nursery Team:

Help us create a safe, joyful environment for our babies and toddlers during Sunday worship by joining our rotation schedule and serving approximately once a month. To find out more, please reach out to Kristine Dimonte 440-281-0379

Operation Christmas Child: October's giving focus is games/activities & clothing and accessories