

OLD
TESTAMENT
LESSONS

NUMBERS:
A Most Excellent Prayer



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

15th Sunday after Pentecost | Patriot Sunday

September 10, 2023

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

Organ Sonata #6, Fuga, Finale

(Felix Mendelssohn)

Call to Worship

Heather Whitman

Leader: This church opens wide its doors and bids us welcome to this time of worship.

People: We are welcomed to this place of prayer.

Leader: We are welcomed to this house of God.

People: We are welcomed to this sanctuary of transformation.

All: To God who makes all things possible, let us lift our voices in prayer and praise!

† **Hymn of Praise**

#370

This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

† **Call of Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Lord, in our busy, hectic lives, we're constantly on the move.

We're in a constant state of "hurry up and wait." At this moment, we confess that too often we're in a hurry for the wrong things: career, power, money. And we never stop for the

right things: prayer, kindness, service, worship. Lord, You have given us so much — even Your life, utterly and completely. So, help us as we stop and confess all the ways we have confused when we are to stop and when we are to go. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Lisa Stevens

Anthem

Chancel Choir

I Sing The Almighty Power Of God - English Melody

(Arr. Austin Lovelace)

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.
I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word, and then pronounced
them good. Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where e'er I
turn my eye; If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.
There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order of Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Numbers 6:22–27 (NRSV)

²² The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²³ "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying: Thus, you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them: ²⁴ The Lord bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. ²⁷ "So they shall put My name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

L: The Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God**

How Lovely, Lord

How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place;
 my soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.
 The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;
 and so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.

In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day
 is better than a thousand if I from you should stray.
 I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord
 than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.

A sun and shield forever are you, O Lord Most High;
 you shower us with blessings; no good will you deny.
 The saints, your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go,
 and from their life shall rivers of blessing overflow.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Luke 11:1–4 (NRSV)

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ!

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon*Rev. Bill Pollack****NUMBERS: A Most Excellent Prayer***✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠† **Hymn of Response**

#340

This is My Song

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
 a song of peace for lands afar and mine;
 this is my home, the country where my heart is;
 here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:
 but other hearts in other lands are beating
 with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover;
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:
O hear my song, Thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms.
Thy kingdom come on earth Thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him.
And hearts united learn to live as one.
So, hear my prayer, O God of all the nations.
My self I give Thee; let Thy will be done.

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe 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, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again 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.

Pastoral Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Offering Acknowledgement *Special Offering—Organ Repair Fund*

† **Doxology**

#606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#765 (2x)

May the God of Hope Go With Us

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Postlude

Max Jackson

Prelude and Fugue in C Major
(Diederik Buxtehude)

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *J.T. Norris*

Liturgist: *Heather Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 68

General Offering: \$1,468.00

Rent for Building: \$100.00

Backpack Ministry: \$122.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$50.00

Online Giving: \$653.00

Total Offering: \$2,393.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, September 10

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m. | Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.
Baptism Class | 12:15 p.m.

Monday, September 11

Ministry Teams Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 13

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans
Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, September 14

Men's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.
Paper Angels, 1 p.m.
Caring With Heart, 1:30 p.m.
Caring With Heart, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 16

PW Fall Gathering at Camp Burnamwood



Poage Landing Days Worship, Sunday, September 17

We will gather for **worship** **HERE** in the sanctuary beginning at **9 a.m.** There will be NO Sunday School on the 17th. Parking should not be an issue for this service.

Dress A Girl Around the World

Sunday, September 24 will be a special day in the life of our congregation. Rev. Phillip Lotspeich, our General Presbyter of the Transylvania Presbytery, will be present in our morning worship.

Rev. Lotspeich is representing our Presbytery which has graciously given \$2,000 for a Peace Grant which has helped our Sew Blessed ministry provide 62 dresses (to date) to *Dress-a-Girl Around the World*.



Happy Birthday Max!

Please join us on **Sunday, September 24** as we celebrate the birthday of our own Max Jackson. There will be a reception immediately following Morning Worship in the Narthex. There will be a basket for cards.



We Need Your Help!



This coming Advent, we are going to publish our devotional booklets with your help. We would welcome you to submit a brief devotional thought centered around the theme *The Best News Ever!* This will include a scripture, brief devotional about a special remembrance of a Christmas past, and a closing prayer. The deadline for submission is **October 29**. If you need help, Pastor Bill will be there for you! Email your devotion to: ashlandpresbyterian@yahoo.com. So, start thinking, start writing and start preparing for Advent 2023.

Remembering 911

On December 18, 2001, Congress approved a joint resolution designating September 11 of each year as “Patriot Day.” It’s a day to remember the more than 3,000 innocent lives lost on that September morning in 2001. The resolution requests that each



year the President issue a proclamation calling on the American people and state and local governments to observe the day with appropriate programs and activities. Those activities include remembrance services, candlelight vigils, moments of silence, and flying the American flag at half-staff. In his 2003 proclamation President Bush said, “On that day, and in its aftermath, we saw the greatness of America in the bravery of victims; in the heroism of first responders who laid down their lives to save others; in the compassion of people who stepped forward to help those they had never met; and in the generosity of millions of Americans who enriched our country with acts of service and kindness.” Keep them all in your prayers this Patriot Day.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending September 8, 2023

Kyle Call (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Gretchen Dillon

Annie & Bob Miller

Tim Shepard (Bonnie Pettijohn's son)

Karen Wells (Cathy Wilson)

Kim Whitman

Week ending September 1, 2023

Family of Becky Ferguson (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Ellen Sharp

Week ending August 25, 2023

Ada Botts (Bob Poore's mother-in-law)

Dave Eby

Martha Gesling (Madison Park Rehabilitation, #300)

Jerry Hall (Geri Willis' brother)

Mike Hall (Geri Willis' brother)

Skip Saunders (Pastor Bill)

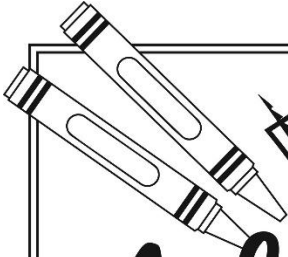
Glen Thomas Family

Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Kenny McGill, Jacob Mollette (Christy & Glen Thomas' son), Derek Payne, Nancy Payne, Janet Winans, Ann & Jim Wiseman

Morning Pointe: Carolyn Graber

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, Dayton, OH, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)



PUZZLE

A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.



We were therefore buried with him
through baptism into death in order that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead
through the glory of the Father,
we too may live a _____ .

Romans 6:4, NIV

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Answer: f i e l d w a t e r

STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2024	2025	2026
<i>Lee McCloud</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>
<i>J.T. Norris</i>	<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>
<i>Cathy Wilson*</i>	<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>
		*2nd term of service

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>TBD</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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