



**June 13, 2021 ~ Third Sunday after Pentecost**

The Presbyterian Church ~ 142 N. Fourth Street ~ Coshocton, Ohio

*God's love is here for you!*

*Pastor Karen Crawford*

*Alice Hoover, organist*

*Patti Wiley, liturgist*



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## GATHERING

**RINGING OF THE BELL** - Calling us to prepare with prayer during the prelude.

### **PRELUDE**

Fairest Lord Jesus  
Alice Hoover, organ

*arranged, Diane Bish*

### **GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Karen

*Flowers are given by Mary Pierce, in loving memory of  
her mother, Mrs. Esther McCurdy, and her husband, Richard Pierce.*

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

Liturgist

The God we worship is the giver of life:

**the One who makes the dry tree green  
and grows a forest from the smallest seed.**

The God we worship is the giver of life:

**the One who forms us, names us, loves us,  
and teaches us to share our lives with the world.**

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN 817** (see hymn insert) We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

\*All who are able please stand.

### **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, the parable of the mustard seed teaches us that a little faith can produce great work in your kingdom. Yet we are too timid to bear the fruit of your righteousness, for we walk by sight and not by faith. Forgive us, Lord; we do not uphold the poor or the oppressed. We do not advocate for the powerless or the voiceless. We do not sacrifice ourselves for the needs of our neighbors. Renew us with the love of Christ so that we live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who became the seed of your righteousness in us. Amen.**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

## WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 17:22-24 Liturgist

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 Liturgist

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
**to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,**  
to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

**For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I  
sing for joy.**

The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

**They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.**

In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap,  
**showing that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness  
in him.**

EPISTLE READING 2 Corinthians 5:6-9, 14-17 Liturgist

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC The Apple Tree *K. Lee Scott*

Vocal ensemble: Debbie Clark, Ron Geese, Norma Grewe, Sarah Heading,  
Wilma Hunt, Marty Kinney, Jeff Sycks, Julie Wells, Chris & Karen Yost  
Alice Hoover, accompanist

GOSPEL READING Mark 4:26-34 Pastor Karen

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE *The Kingdom of God: The Greatest of all Shrubs?* Pastor Karen

\*HYMN 23 (see hymn insert) God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Apostles' Creed*)

Liturgist

Let us say what we believe.

**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 Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and  
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he  
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER** (Traditional, "Debts and Debtors")

- Pastor: In the communion of the Holy Spirit, we call on the name of the Lord, saying:  
By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**  
We pray for the church . . . Teach us to walk by faith and not by sight, with the  
love of Christ always urging us on until your new creation is revealed.  
By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**
- Liturgist: We pray for the world . . . Like the mustard seed of Jesus' story, let your grace  
and peace grow in our world, until all find shade and shelter in your love.  
By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**  
We pray for this community . . . Raise up new and youthful leaders who will be  
good shepherds to your sheep, seeking the welfare of all.  
By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**
- Pastor: We pray for loved ones . . . Answer them in their time of trouble; protect them  
from all evil and grant them your heart's desire.  
By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**  
Gracious God, continue to pour out your power in the church, in the world,  
and in our daily lives, so all will know that you are at work among us;  
through Jesus Christ, our living Lord, who taught us to pray...
- All: 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.**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Soliloquy

*Gordon Young*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

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/DEDICATION

Bless, O God, the gifts that we bring this day, that they may be a sign of our commitment to your kingdom and a pledge of our love for you and your world. Multiply the work done by our time, treasures, and talents, that your presence and compassion may be known in all the earth. Amen.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

*arranged, Lana Kelley*



### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK:

**MONDAY (6/14):**

Pastor's Sabbath

**THURSDAY (6/17):**

10 a.m.

Prayer Fellowship in the parlor  
and via Conference Call

**SUNDAY (6/20):**

10 a.m.

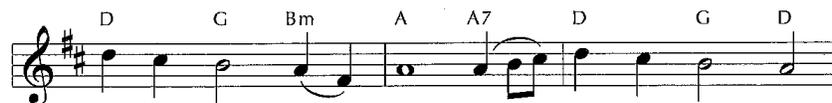
Worship in the Chapel for Father's Day



# 817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - jice and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19-29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

TEXT: Henry Alford, 1844, alt.  
 MUSIC: Samuel McFarland, c. 1814; harm. Richard Proulx, 1986  
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DUNLAP'S CREEK  
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# God, You Spin the Whirling Planets 23

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D) (G)  
 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>



1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and  
 2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and  
 3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to

(D) (A) (D) (Bm) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D)  
 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> Cm A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>



spread the plain, mold the moun - tains, fash - ion blos - soms, call forth  
 min - is - try. We re - spond in grate - ful wor - ship joined in  
 life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's

(G) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (A)  
 A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>



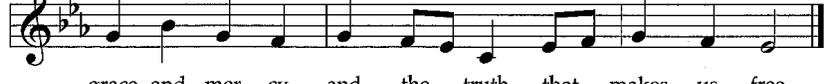
sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,  
 one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,  
 work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion.

(D) (Bm)(F#m) (G)(A) (D) (G)  
 E<sup>b</sup> Cm Gm A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>



would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,  
 fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened  
 Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures

(D) (G) (A) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A) (D)  
 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> Fm E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>



grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.  
 as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.  
 in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

This text was written for the 1979 National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women, whose theme, "In the Image of God," is variously considered here as reflection, focus, distortion, and polishing for clarity. The words are well set to an anonymous 19th-century American tune.

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 MUSIC: American melody, 1830; harm. Richard Proulx, 1986  
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PLEADING SAVIOR  
 8.7.8.7.D  
 (alternate harmonization, 717)  
 (alternate tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN)