



September 26, 2021 ~ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

God's love is here for you!

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

setting, Michael Burkhardt

Alice Hoover, organ

*Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Karen

Flowers are given in loving memory of W. Jennings and Lenora Ford Bland.

OPENING SENTENCES

Liturgist

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

the maker of heaven and earth.

Our hope is in the name of the Lord,

the healer of all that is wounded.

Our trust is in the name of the Lord,

the one we gather to worship and praise.

GATHERING PRAYER

Liturgist

***HYMN 188**

Jesus Loves Me

*All who are able please stand.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Pastor Karen

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, you call us to service and work that cannot be done alone. Yet we overburden ourselves, and our egos keep us from asking for help. Forgive our false show of strength. Humble us in leadership. Help us to acknowledge that the gifts we have been given in the Body of Christ include hands of help and support. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Claim the forgiveness and new life God so graciously offers in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

BAPTISM OF CATHERINE ELIZABETH HILL AND CHANDLER ALLEN HILL

PRESENTATION

There is one body and one Spirit just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.

One Lord, one faith, on baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the *Apostles' Creed*:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. 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 to judge the living 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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE BAPTISM

WELCOME

Chandler and Catherine, you have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through Baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you have become *members* of the household of God, to share with us in the ministry of Christ and the priesthood of all believers. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ.

Alleluia! Amen!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORD

ANTHEM

We Bring Our Child
Chancel Choir
Malik Khalfani, director; Alice Hoover, accompanist

Garry Cornell

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

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

MESSAGE

Touched by the Spirit!

Pastor Karen

*HYMN 69

I the Lord of Sea and Sky
(Here I Am, Lord)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

Pastor: Eternal God, we rejoice today in the gift of life, which we have received by your grace, and the new life you give in Jesus Christ. In this moment of prayer, we pause to give thanks for: The love of our families ...

Liturgist: The support of our friends ...

Pastor: Strength and abilities to serve your purpose ...

Liturgist: This community in which we live ...

All: Opportunities to give as we have received ...

Pastor: God of grace, we offer our prayers for the needs of others and commit ourselves to serve them even as we have been served in Jesus Christ. In this moment of prayer, we pause to remember:

Liturgist: Those who are overwhelmed by the burden of leadership...

Pastor: Those who are exhausted from navigating uncertainty and change ...

Liturgist: Those who are ill and their caregivers ...

All: Those who are in need of courage to move forward ...

Pastor: Merciful God, you call us to journeys where we cannot see the destination, by paths untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us. Finally, hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us to pray by saying together,

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 Jesus Loves the Little Children *setting, James D. Kimball*

Jesus love the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

*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

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*SONG OF RESPONSE 539 We Will Go Out With Joy

POSTLUDE Fugue in F Major *Johann Sebastian Bach*

188

Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be - long. They are weak, but he is strong.
tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Anna Bartlett Warner, 1859; stanza 2, David Rutherford McGuire, 1971
MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1862, alt.

JESUS LOVES ME
7.7.7 with refrain

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

All

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

We Will Go Out with Joy 539

C F/C C G7 C

Leader

1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

C F/C C C/G G7 C

All *Fine*

We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

Refrain

Fsus2 C F G C

Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.

Fsus2 C E^bsus2 Dm7 Gsus G

to Stanzas

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.

TEXT and MUSIC: Andrew Donaldson and Hilary Seraph Donaldson, 2003
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WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY
 10.6.10.6 with refrain

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK:

MONDAY (9/27):		Pastor's Sabbath
WEDNESDAY (9/29)	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
THURSDAY (9/30):	10 a.m.	Prayer Fellowship in the parlor
SUNDAY (10/3):	10 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal Worship in the sanctuary,

