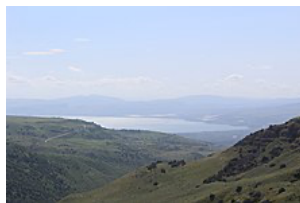


# First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 18, 2021

PRELUDE

*Pastorale, from 'Organ Sonata I'*

*F. Alexandre Guilmant*

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Erin Guzmán

CALL TO WORSHIP +

Janet Calhoun

One: We gather as a human community, ordinary in all things yet extraordinary in this:  
in God's Spirit, we become the Body of Christ.

All: **We are business people and artisans, teachers and healthcare professionals,  
shop owners and office workers, parents, children, siblings, and partners.  
In God's Spirit, we become the Body of Christ.**

One: We bring a variety of expressions and beliefs, ethnicities and traditions,  
backgrounds and orientations. In God's Spirit, we become the Body of Christ.

All: **We delight in one another, work together, disagree at times,  
and support each other always. In God's Spirit, we become the Body of Christ.  
Come, let us worship together.**

PRAYER +

We come, O God, from our individual worlds and all the life they hold into this shared space and time. Here we catch a glimpse of a vision beyond ourselves; in eyes met, hands held, and words spoken we see the Body of Christ. May this community take on the shape of your gracious love and sincere forgiveness as we live as the Body of Christ in your world. **Amen**

HYMN 802 (bulletin page 3)

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

*ST. COLUMBA*

CONFESSION +

One: Living God, being together gives time to reflect on our presence in your world.  
We confess that sometimes our lives do not reflect the abundance of your love.  
Forgive us, God, and make us whole.

All: **We confess that sometimes our living does not reflect our gratitude  
for all you give so freely.**

**When we do not live as neighbors, when anger controls our actions,  
when we walk away from hard conversations, when we avoid our own guilt  
and fail to build up the Body of Christ, forgive us, God, and make us whole.**

*Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.*

Gracious God, hear our prayers. **Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

**One:** Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of Gentleness moves in our midst. Mercy, hope, and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us.

**All:** **No longer lost, we have found our way home, surrounded by God's peace, by God's grace, by God's never-failing love. Thanks be to God! Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you . . . **And also with you.**

SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

SERMON

Erin Guzmán, College Chaplain and Director of Religious and Spiritual Life at CoW

MUSICAL OFFERING

Tom Gregory, pianist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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**

HYMN 772 (bulletin page 4)

*Live into Hope*

TRURO

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Toccata*

*F. C. Théodore Dubois*

+ Liturgy adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*.

**The flowers today are given by Carol Gates in memory of Bob and Celia Gates.**

First Presbyterian Church is a Christian community dedicated to showing God's love through worship, study, social justice, outreach, and fellowship.

**More Light Church and Member of Covenant Network  
Earth Care Congregation and Matthew 25 Church**

**The Mission of the Matthew 25 Church:** Matthew 25:31–46 calls us to actively engage the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. We commit ourselves to congregational vitality by acting boldly and compassionately to end systemic poverty and structural racism, serving people who are oppressed, imprisoned, poor.

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, July 19	10:00 a.m.	Zoom Staff Meeting
	12:00 p.m.	Rotary
	5:00 p.m.	Zoom Faith & Worship Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	BSA-Cub Scout Pack 4066
	7:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 20	8:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study-Parlor
	4:00 p.m.	Zoom Social Justice
Wednesday, July 21	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Faith & Structure Meeting
Saturday, July 24	9:30 a.m.	Al-Anon
	12:00 p.m.	BSA-Cub Scout Pack 4066
Sunday, July 25	8:30 a.m.	Outside Fellowship & Devotional Service
	9:30 a.m.	In-Person Worship Service Sunday Sextons – Emily James/Sophia Baxstrom

## 802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(Psalm 23)

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
 thy unction grace bestoweth;  
 and O what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days  
 thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

Since its creation in the mid-19th century, this text has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when *The English Hymnal*, 1906, first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.

Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16-20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.