

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 20, 2021

PRELUDE

Interlude in C
Eric J. Gastier, organ

Walford Davies

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

INTRODUCTION TO OUR MUSIC

Eric Gastier

CALL TO WORSHIP +

Carol McKiernan

One: We are people of all ages and stations in life who enter this space,
bringing our joys and concerns.

All: We gather in hope.

One: We greet each other with voices and smiles.

All: We gather in peace.

One: We sing and pray and listen. We speak and read and dream.

All: Today, we gather in wonder to worship the God of all Creation.

PRAYER +

God of grace and fresh beginnings,
open our eyes and spirits to see the possibilities around and within us.
Grant us faith that trusts your working in new ways,
through every person fashioned in your image and called to your service. **Amen**

HYMN 32 (bulletin page 3)

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

CONFESSION +

One: God beyond all names, we turn our hearts to you and confess the times
when we have not trusted in your presence and guidance.

All: When we rely on our strength alone, forgive us.

When we are frozen with fear and do not take the action we should, forgive us.

When we fail to stand up for what is good and just in your sight, forgive us.

When we tread on the rights of others, forgive us.

**When we forget the needs and the hopes of the poor, merciful God,
do not forsake us.**

Restore in us a right spirit, a trusting heart, and willing hands.

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 love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-51

SERMON

MUSICAL OFFERING

Nimrod, from 'Variations on an Original Theme'

Edward Elgar

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

April Gamble

**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 687 (bulletin page 4)

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festal Flourish

Gordon Jacob

+ Liturgy adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*.

**The flowers today are given both in memory of and to honor William R. McGraw,
by the Nelson and McGraw families.**

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

Sunday Sextons: Emily James and Sophia Baxstrom

Sunday, June 20	8:30 a.m.	Outside Fellowship & Devotional Service		
	9:30 a.m.	In-Person Worship Service in the Sanctuary		
Monday, June 21	9:00 a.m.	PTP Back-to-School Registration (through Friday, June 25)		
	9:00 a.m.	Lego Camp – YMCA (Classroom 1 through Friday, June 25)		
	10:00 a.m.	Zoom Staff Meeting	12:00 a.m.	Rotary
	6:00 p.m.	BSA-Cub Scout Pack #4066 Meeting		
Tuesday, June 22	8:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study – Outside
	11:00 a.m.	Women's Committee Meeting – Parlor		
	4:00 p.m.	Zoom Resource Development Meeting	5:30 p.m.	WACPAC
Wednesday, June 23	5:30 p.m.	WACPAC	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Session Mtg
Saturday, June 26	9:30 a.m.	Al-Anon	12:00 p.m.	BSA – Cub Scouts
Sunday, June 27	8:30 a.m.	Outside Fellowship & Devotional Service	12:30 p.m.	WACPAC
	9:30 a.m.	In-Person Worship Service in the Sanctuary		

32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.