

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2020

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



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

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

MINISTRY FOCUS

Virtual Concert with Elizabeth Perkins and Cameron Edmiston

PRELUDE

Eric J. Gastier, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP +

Joan Firmin

One: We trust that God invites us to gather.

All: We worship the Holy One who is present in all.

One: The Spirit of God invites us to come as we are for the sake of who we may yet be.

All: We worship the Holy One who calls us to new ways of being and doing.

One: We are invited on a sacred journey of deepening trust and spiritual awakening.

**All: We worship the Holy One in our midst who blesses and commissions us
for the good of all.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY +

We come to worship you, Holy One, with confidence and with doubts.

Shape us again into community with you and one another in worship.

Give us ears to hear and hearts to experience your challenge and mercy
in the stories we share together. **Amen**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION +

We live in a broken world, O God:

a world that too often ignores you,

a world that too often judges too quickly,

a world of impatience and mistrust.

It is a world more concerned with self-satisfaction than with serving others and serving you.

And we confess that often we are part of the problem and not the solution.

Forgive us. Transform us. Bring us to new birth as your people,

empowered to proclaim your presence and your truth in our present age.

Here each worshiper may offer personal, silent prayer.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

Hear this good news of grace: God comes searching for us,
calling us by name, leading us into the peaceable kingdom.
In Christ, we become new people: broken, we are made whole;
lost, we are found; forsaken, we are restored to new life. **Thanks be to God! Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Amy Baxstrom

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

from *World in 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**

MUSICAL OFFERING

The Road Home

Stephen Paulus

The Sanctuary Choir, Year 2012

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 3:1-24

SERMON

The First Act Against Creation

Kaitlyn Khayat

HYMN (see next page for the music)

The Earth Belongs to God Alone

SIMMONS

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

+ Liturgy adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*.

Flowers are donated by Steve and Susie Slack in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Kaitlyn Khayat: I am a recent graduate from The College of Wooster, having majored in Anthropology & Religious Studies. During these past few months, I have been living with my family in Buffalo, NY spending time gardening, playing with our cats, and packing. In mid-August, I will be moving to Philadelphia to serve as an AmeriCorps member with Notre Dame Mission Volunteers at St. Joan of Arc. I am interested in nurturing communities' growth, and I may attend graduate school for a M. Div. or social work in the future.

Elizabeth Stockton Perkins and Cameron Edmiston are giving a virtual concert of optimistic, feel-good tunes as a fundraiser for PCUSA Disaster Assistance. The link to the concert video, which will premiere at 7 PM on Saturday, August, will be available for anyone who makes a free-will donation to Disaster Assistance. You can donate by 1) mailing Elizabeth cash or a check payable to Presbyterian Church (USA) or 2) emailing Elizabeth (presbyteriancookies@gmail.com) your receipt if you choose to make a digital donation on the PCUSA website. Please feel free to email any questions to Elizabeth at presbyteriancookies@gmail.com. Thank you so much for your support of Disaster Assistance and get excited for the concert on August 1!

Earth Care Pledge: Peace and justice is God's plan for all creation. The earth and all creation are God's. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. As God offers all people the special gift of peace through Jesus Christ, and through Christ reconciles all to God, we are called to deal justly with one another and the earth.