



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday June 25, 2017, 10:30 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is also the God of Hagar and Ishmael. In Genesis, when Abraham is worried he will not produce an heir, he fathers a child, Ishmael, through the slave-girl Hagar. Today's lesson describes how Sarah's jealousy eventually forces Abraham to cast Hagar and Ishmael from their home. But God assures Abraham that he will hear their cry and provide for them. The place of their grief becomes a place of new life and new promise. Matthew reminds us that God sees the sparrow when it falls and knows the number of hairs on each person's head. The God of all creation draws near to us and knows us intimately.*

*Worship begins when the first person arrives. Please worship silently through the prelude.*

*The congregation reads or sings parts in bold.*

*\*Please stand if able  
\*\*or God*

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

#### PRELUDE

*Processional*

Douglas Wagner

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (Variations)*

Janet Linker

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Robert Martin

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Jane Woodrow

*L: God is great and does wondrous things.*

**P: Teach us your way, O God.**

*L: God helps and comforts us.*

**P: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and mercy.**

*L: Let us worship God.*

#### \*HYMN 281

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Creator God, you breathed the breath of life into every one of your children. You know our every need and care for us faithfully. Yet we often fail to follow your call. We lack the courage to care for all people, including those who differ from us, those who demand too much, and those who need too much. We are too impatient with each other. Have mercy upon us. Enlarge our world to include all your children. We pray in the name of Christ, who lived and loved fully. Amen.**

#### \*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*L: Friends, believe the good news.*

**P. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*Gloria Patri - 579** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen and Amen.

#### \*Passing the Peace and Greetings

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kirsten Trachsel

(Children are encouraged to go downstairs for music time after the Children's Moment. Younger children thru K may remain in the nursery and older children will return to the worship service.)

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**God of truth, as we hear your word in our midst, inspire us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

*When we stand in the light of God's goodness, we see ourselves for who we really are, including our shadows, our brokenness and our sin. We come before God in complete honesty, confessing our sins, and asking God by the grace of forgiveness, to restore*

*The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.*

*We invite young children to come to the front at this time.*

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 86:1-10 (page 544 in pew Bible) Liturgist Woodrow  
Genesis 21:8-21 (page 17 in pew Bible) Rev. Martin

*L: This is the Word of the Lord!*  
**P: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** *The Gift of Family* Rev. Robert Martin

**\*HYMN 298** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE

**RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER** Rev. Robert Martin

**OFFERING / OFFERTORY** *Air from Ceremonial Suite* Henry Kihlken

**\*Doxology - 592**  
**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 DEDICATION** (in unison)  
**O God, receive these gifts – and give us open hands. Fill our lives – and give us open hearts.**  
**Infuse us with your Spirit – and give us open minds. Send your blessing upon this**  
**congregation – and give us open doors. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 275** *God of Our Life* SANDON

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** *Sonata for Organ, Mvt. 3* Theodore Beck

*On behalf of the congregation, the Pastor expresses the corporate prayers of the congregation. These prayers are for world, local and personal concerns.*

*Doxology literally means "words of glory." Doxologies have long been used by Jews and Christians to praise God. Here we honor and thank God "from*

**Worshiping With Children**

- \* AFPC welcomes children in the worship service, whether in the pews or in the Children's Corner.
- \* Nursery is available for infant thru age 6 downstairs.
- \* Please tell childcare staff about any allergies.
- \* Bathrooms are located at the top of the stairs to the overflow area and in Fellowship Hall.
- \* Changing tables are located in the nursery and upstairs restroom.
- \* All children are welcome to attend the church service with their families or the childcare staff until after the Children's Moment.

*The three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and festivals was produced by the ecumenical Consultation on Common Texts in 1992. This lectionary provides scripture readings for proclamation in worship, following the Sundays, festivals, and seasons of the Christian year (or liturgical calendar). Four scripture passages are given for each Sunday and festival: (a) the First Reading, usually from the Old Testament, but replaced by a reading from Acts during the season of Easter; (b) a Psalm; (c) the Second Reading, an Epistle or other New Testament writing; and (d) the Gospel Reading, from Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. The three-year lectionary cycle (Years A, B, and C) focuses on different sections of scripture each year, notably the Gospel of Matthew in Year A, Mark in Year B, and Luke in Year C (the fourth gospel, John, is prominently featured at certain times in each year).*

## Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, June 25, 2017, the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Genesis 21:8-21</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Psalm 86:1-10</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Romans 6:1b-11</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Matthew 10:24-39</b>

### **Second Reading Romans 6:1b-11**

1bShould we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?2By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it?3Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?4Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.5For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.6We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.7For whoever has died is freed from sin.8But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.9We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.10The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.11So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### **Gospel Matthew 10:24-39**

24"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master;25it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!26"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.27What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.28Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.29Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.30And even the hairs of your head are all counted.31So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.32"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven;33but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.34"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.35For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;36and one's foes will be members of one's own household.37Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;38and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.39Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

**You can watch a broadcast of FPC Worship service on Athens Community Television.**  
**Schedule:**  
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.  
Monday through Friday  
and  
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday.

Minister: Rev. Robert E. Martin  
Choir Director: David Tadlock  
Organist: Janice Robison

Clerk of Session: Andrew Stuart  
CE Coordinator and Handbell Director: Kirsten Trchsel  
Administrative Assistant: Jane A. Baker

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**Deacon of the Month - Harold Robison**  
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*A friend to call in time of need.*

Acolytes - Nicky Jordan and Andersen Trachsel  
Liturgist - Jane Woodrow  
Ushers - Marge Shelton and Calista Strickmaker  
Chancel Prep - Marge Shelton

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**Church Activities for the Week**

**SUNDAY, June 25th - Food Pantry Sunday**

10:00-10:30 A.M. - Trail Mix assembly, fellowship hall  
10:30 A.M. - Minute for Mission during worship, Sanctuary  
Following Children's Moment - Children's Church,  
classrooms  
11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3  
11:30 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall  
11:35 A.M.-Noon - Trail Mix assembly, fellowship hall

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**MON., 26th - Noon - Al-Anon meeting, library**

**TUES., 27th - No Bible Study**

**WED., 28th - 7:00 A.M. - AA, library**  
7:00 P.M. - Ohio University's "Under the Elms" concert  
Following Concert - ice cream social, Putnam House front  
porch

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**SUNDAY, July 2nd**

10:30 A.M. - Guest Pastor Bethany Fulton during worship,  
Sanctuary  
Following Children's Moment - Children's Church,  
classrooms  
11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3  
11:30 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall  
11:45 A.M. - 4th of July organ recital by Janice Robison,  
Sanctuary

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**Next Sunday, July 2nd**  
**After-Church Organ Recital**

Janice Robison will play an organ recital immediately  
following the worship service on Sunday, July 2nd. The  
program will be music in celebration of the 4th of July.  
All are invited to stay for this thirty minute recital.

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**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**Overnight Camping at Stroud's Run**  
**July 28th-29th**  
**and**  
**5th Annual Sunset Canoes at Dow Lake**  
**August 5th, 6:30 p.m.**

More Details to Come!  
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**"Under the Elms" Summer Concert Series - 70th**  
Anniversary Season. The last concert will be Wednesday,  
June 28th at 7:00 p.m. on the College Green or in case of rain,  
the Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium.

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**After Concert Ice Cream Socials** - The last ice cream and  
sorbet social will be Wednesday June 28th following the Ohio  
University "Under the Elms." The concert will begin at 7:00  
p.m. with the ice cream social to follow. The social will be  
held on the new front porch at Putnam House (church office).  
Join in fellowship and enjoy some ice cream!

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**Bookshelf Mission Fundraiser** - The Bookshelf Mission  
Fundraiser is managed by the Session Mission/Outreach  
Committee. There are books for sale (.25 each) beside the  
piano in fellowship hall, beside the piano. There is a  
container there to place your quarters for the books. Money  
raised will go toward mission projects. You are also invited  
to donate a book(s). To donate a book, or books, just bring  
and place on one of the shelves.

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**Food Pantry Sundays** - 4th Sundays of each month. Canned  
goods and non-perishables are always needed. Monetary  
donations are also welcomed. Bring donations to church, or  
drop off at church office (9 N. College St.). Need more info?  
Contact Dan Neason (592-2823), FPC representative.

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**Trail Mix Ministry Assembly** - Snack bags are assembled  
every 4th Sunday, 10:00-10:20 a.m. and 11:35 a.m.-Noon in  
Fellowship Hall. Monetary (*use brown giving envelopes, mark  
Trail Mix on it*) and in-kind donations are appreciated.