



Union Presbyterian Church

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 25, 2022 | 10AM

Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate. In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and respond to the Word.

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades.

Confession is our opportunity to be honest with God, so that our relationship may be restored and our hearts reconciled.

Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Please help us to know you by signing the fellowship pad. If you have a prayer request, please complete a blue prayer card. Place both in the offering when it is passed.

Prelude

*Call to Worship

We trust our God,
who gives us life.
We trust our God,
who gives us life in Jesus Christ.
We trust our God,
who gives us life in the Spirit.
Let us worship the triune God!

*Hymn 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.**

**Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

Prayer of Praise

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Triune God, you call us to trust you in every circumstance of our lives, yet far too often, we do not. When things are tough, we lose hope in our future. We often grow bitter and forget your love. We want to control our lives, and we wander away from you. Absorbed by our wants and desires, we are blind to those around us who need our care. Forgive us, O God. Forgive our despair, our bitterness, and our fear. Turn our hearts to you, that we may taste fullness of life and trust your promised salvation.

(Silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 91 assures us that God's loving presence never abandons us, not even when we abandon God. All we have to do is call, and God answers us. God answers us with rescue and honor, forgiveness and mercy, life and salvation.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Sharing Christ's Peace

Because God has given us the peace of forgiveness, let us also be at peace with one another. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Engage

Prayer for Illumination

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to us. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Message

What Do You Love?

Rev. Lisa Stenner

*Hymn 345

In An Age of Twisted Values

CHURCH UNITED

**In an age of twisted values, we have lost the truth we need.
In sophisticated language, we have justified our greed.
By our struggle for possessions, we have robbed the poor and weak.
Hear our cry and heal our nation; your forgiveness, Lord, we seek.**

**We have built discrimination on our prejudice and fear.
Hatred swiftly turns to cruelty, if we hold resentments dear.
For communities divided by the walls of class and race,
hear our cry and heal our nation; show us, Lord, your love and grace.**

**We who hear your word so often choose so rarely to obey.
Turn us from our willful blindness; give us truth to light our way.
In the power of your Spirit come to cleanse us, make us new;
hear our cry and heal our nation till our nation honors you.**

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

Hymn #450 contains stanzas from a 20th century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer from the 10th century or earlier.

Children 5th grade and younger are invited.

This hymn was written in 1995 and reminds Jesus followers to cling to God's values instead of the world's values.



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Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God's people

Respond

Offering of Our Time, Talent and Treasure

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 846

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

**Fight the good fight with all thy might.
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.**

**Cast care aside; lean on thy guide. God's boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

**Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.
God changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.**

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Worship Leaders

Spencer Zembrodt, Accompanist
Sue Kozlowski, Liturgist

Birthdays

September 25 Kevin Dern
September 27 Dave Kozlowski
September 29 Stacy Cole
September 30 Hudson Clouse

Anniversaries

September 27 Winston & Jessica Wood

Prayers

Emily Brownstead, Cheryl Martinez, Anita Merkel,
Jan Lawson

Youth Kick-Off this afternoon. High schoolers & middle schoolers will gather in the Family Room at 4:30pm for some get-to-know-you fun & paperwork. Then, we will join the NKY Youth Group at Devou Park for a picnic dinner, games and a chance to get to know our youth siblings from our partner congregations. ?'s: Contact Pastor Lisa.

Parking Lot Project THIS week! If the weather holds, we need disciples to join the fun Thursday, Friday and Saturday to remove bushes and dirt from the parking lot island, to put down landscaping fabric, and to fill the area with gravel. Hopefully, the remaining plants will flourish when they are not overcrowded, and the gravel will be easier to maintain. The most pressing need is Thursday afternoon for up to 4 folks to lay the landscaping fabric. ?'s: Contact Bob Janes rjanes357@gmail.com.



Fall-lelujah Potluck next Sunday, October 2nd. We're celebrating World Communion Sunday and the harvest season after worship. Deacons are providing ham, and everyone else is invited to bring a fall side dish or dessert to share. If you're not able to bring something this time, please join the fun and fellowship. There is always more than enough.

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Listen! Is that a bird or a flute? Is that a swan or a cello? Is that a fish or a piano? Come find out during our musical zoo! Feel free to come dressed as your favorite animal and be prepared for lots of make-believe fun!

Fall 2022

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