

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

Call to Worship

ONE: The world of full of exceptional people. People who risk everything for the sake of others and those who simply try to help those whose need be greater than their own. Those people inspire me, not the other way around.

ALL: I'm here to fight for truth and justice.

ONE: When the mob and the press and the whole world tell you to move, your job is to plant yourself like a tree beside the river of truth, and tell the whole world — “No, you move.”

ALL: I may never be what I ought to be, want to be, but how will I know unless I try?

ONE: Sure, it's scary, but what's the alternative? Stagnation - a safer, more terrible form of death - not of the body, but of the spirit.

ALL: The future is worth it. All the pain. All the tears. The future is worth the fight.

HYMN

Call to Confession

It doesn't take X-Ray Vision to see you are up to no good. Sooner or later, you have to turn and face it-- you made a mistake! Welcome to the human race, pal. It's your choice. If you let it, it will destroy you. But if you do let it, remember you had a choice... you just picked the easiest way. You didn't fall into that bottle. You crawled in and pulled the cork in after you!”

Prayer of Confession

Sin doesn't discriminate. It hits all of us... the rich, the poor, the healthy, the sick. It comes as cold and bracing as a winter breeze off the Hudson until it sinks into your bones... leaving you with a chill you can't shake. They say there's not rest for the wicked, but what about the good? The battle of Good vs. Evil is never-ending... because evil always survives... with the help of evil actors, even when “they” are us. But we say, “there are no sides. There are no heroes or villains.” That's just how we say, “here's just what I want and how I'll get it.”
Forgive us, Father, for going astray and taking so many with us.

Assurance of Pardon

ONE: We're not just our failures. As much as they hurt, we learn from them. Then we go out there and do our best to make up for them – even though we never will. We love people. We love as many as we can to make up for the ones we couldn't. That's all we do.

ALL: Help us to feed your sheep, Lord, loving in your name as we are forgiven in your name.

Scripture

Psalm 139:7-18

Sermon

“A Foolish Affection”

HYMN

Necrology Liturgy*

Act of Remembrance

Ring of the Bell (3 times)

No person is an island, entire of itself.

Each is a piece of the continent, a part of the main.

With thanksgiving, we remember ...

The names of those on the necrology report and a candle will be lit for each.

Each person's death diminishes me, for I am involved in humankind.

Therefore, ask not for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for you.

Ring of the Bell (3 times)

Death: be not proud,
though some have called you mighty and dreadful,
yet you are not so,
for those whom you think you can overthrow die not,
poor death — nor yet can you kill me.
One short sleep past, we wake eternally,
and death shall be no more; death, you will die.

(Readings adapted from "For Whom the Bell Tolls " and "Death Be Not Proud" by John Donne,
1572-1631.)

HYMN

COMMUNION

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Scripture

As many of you as were baptized into Christ *Gal. 3:27-28*
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female;
for all are one in Christ Jesus.**

Lead a life worthy of the calling *Eph. 4:1-6*
to which you have been called,
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

We are called by God
to be the church of Jesus Christ,
a sign in the world today
of what God intends for all humankind.

The great ends of the church are Book of Order, F-1.0304
the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
the maintenance of divine worship;
the preservation of the truth;
the promotion of social righteousness;
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

(Addressing the candidates)

The call of Christ
is to willing, dedicated discipleship.
Our discipleship is a manifestation
of the new life we enter through baptism.
Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment,
an offering and a responsibility.
Sarah, Michael and Amy,
the grace bestowed on you in baptism
is sufficient for your calling
because it is God's grace.
By God's grace we are saved,
and enabled to grow in the faith
and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ.

God has called you to particular service.
Show your purpose by answering these questions.

Who is your Lord and Savior?
Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his word and showing his love?
I will, with God's help.

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service
because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus,
to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

I do.

Will you pray for and serve the people
with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love,
relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?
I will, with God's help.

(Addressing the Presbytery)

Do you, members of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, confirm the call of God to Sarah as Moderator, Michael as Vice-Moderator and Amy as Chair of Leadership Council in the service of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Will you support and encourage *them* in this ministry?
We will.

INSTALLATION PRAYER

Faithful God,
in baptism you claimed us;
and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives,
empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling.
We thank you for leading N. and N. to this time and place.
Establish *them* in your truth,
and guide *them* by your Holy Spirit,
that in your service *they* may grow
in faith, hope, and love,
and be (a) faithful disciple(s) of Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever.

Almighty God,
in Jesus Christ you called disciples
and, by the Holy Spirit,
made them one church to serve you.
Let your Spirit rule your church,
so that we may be joined
in love and service to Jesus Christ,
who, having gone before us,
is coming to meet us
in the promise of your kingdom. **Amen.**

Council in the service of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Will you support and encourage *them* in this ministry?
We will.

BLESSING AND CHARGE

Sarah, Michael, and Amy, you are installed to service
as Moderator, Vice-Moderator and Chair of Leadership Council
in the Presbytery of the Miami Valley.

Whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through him.
Thanks be to God.

Col. 3:17

Resources:

*<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/act-remembrance/>

**Book of Common Worship