

## WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

### CALL to WORSHIP

One: God created all races and nations of the world  
And willed that we thrive together in abundant living.

**All: We are one family in Jesus Christ.**

One: As we struggle for wholeness one relationship at a time,

**All: Jesus struggles with us.**

One: As we strive for peace one day at a time,

**All: Jesus strives with us.**

One: As we offer our gifts in worship,

**All: Jesus refills us.**

One: Friends in faith, let us rejoice -

**All: For we have gathered from north and south,  
east and west to worship the Living God!**

### **HYMN – *Let Us Build a House***

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Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;  
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us;  
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stronger bear the image of God's face;  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger;

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter,  
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

### **PRAYER of CONFESSION**

**All: Forgive God,  
We confess that we are conformed to this world.  
We quickly excuse ourselves from responsibility:  
We are young; we are old;  
We are tired; we are busy.  
It is hard to imagine that we might  
Make a difference.**

**Life-giving God, wash us clean  
Restore our relationship with you and one another.  
Let your courage and compassion flow  
Through our veins until we see the world  
With your love and our hands reach out in blessing.  
Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS**

**One: Friends in faith, hear the good news!  
When we fail to be righteous,**

**All: God is merciful.**

**One: When we fail to be merciful,**

**All: Jesus invites us to try again.**

**One: Again and again,**

**All: Christ welcomes us into relationship.  
Thanks be to God for this unending love! Amen!**

### **SCRIPTURE – Genesis 2:17**

“but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat  
of it you shall die.”

**SERMON – *Blessed Is the Young Puppy That Doesn't Fear a Tiger*     Rev. Dr. Jay Kim**

**RECOMMISSIONING of CRE Mike Buker serving Bradford Presbyterian Church**  
MWS Lawrence Bartel, Moderator

**Sentences of Scripture**

One: We, who are many, are one body in Christ, *Rom. 12:5–8*

**All: and individually we are members one of another.**

One: We have gifts that differ  
according to the grace given to us:  
prophecy, in proportion to faith;  
ministry, in ministering;  
the teacher, in teaching;  
the exhorter, in exhortation;  
the giver, in generosity;  
the leader, in diligence;  
the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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,  
**All: one Lord, one faith, one baptism,**  
**one God and Father of all,**  
**who is above all and through all and in all.**

The Presbytery of the Miami Valley is satisfied that Michael Buker.  
has received preparation and instruction for pastoral service  
as determined by this presbytery.

In accordance with the Constitution  
of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),  
we now commission Mike Buker  
to pastoral service in and for Bradford Presbyterian Church.

**CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS**

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, *W-4.0404*  
acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church,  
and through him believe in one God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments  
to be, by the Holy Spirit,  
the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ  
in the Church universal,

and God's Word to you? **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt  
the essential tenets of the Reformed faith  
as expressed in the confessions of our church  
as authentic and reliable expositions  
of what Scripture leads us to believe and do,  
and will you be instructed and led by those confessions  
as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your commission in obedience to Jesus Christ,  
under the authority of Scripture,  
and be continually guided by our confessions? **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity,  
and will you abide by its discipline?  
Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry,  
working with them,  
subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life  
seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ,  
love your neighbors,  
and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity,  
and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people  
with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

Will you be a faithful ruling elder in this commission,  
serving the people by proclaiming good news,  
teaching faith, and caring for the people,  
and in your ministry will you try to show  
the love and justice of Jesus Christ?  
**I will, with God's help.**

## **PRAYER**

Almighty God,  
in every age you have chosen servants  
to speak your word and lead your loyal people.  
We thank you for Michael,  
whom you have called to serve you  
in and for Bradford Presbyterian Church.  
Give *him* gifts for the work of ministry.  
Fill *him* with your Holy Spirit,  
so that *he* may have the same mind  
that was in Christ Jesus,  
and live as Christ's faithful disciple.

**All: God of grace,  
in baptism you have called us  
to a common ministry**

**as ambassadors of Christ,  
trusting us with the message of reconciliation.  
Give us courage and discipline  
to follow where your servants rightly lead us,  
that together we may declare your wonderful deeds  
and show your love to the world;  
through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.**

## **WELCOME AND CHARGE**

On behalf of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley,  
I welcome you to this ministry.

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

*Col. 3:17*

**Amen. *or* Thanks be to God.**

### **HYMN – *I Come with Joy***

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1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
Forgiven, loved, and free,  
In awe and wonder to recall  
His life laid down for me,  
His life laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near  
To find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love  
In Christ's communion bread,  
In Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
Each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
And strangers now are friends,  
And strangers now are friends.

4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
Is in such friendship better known:  
We see and praise Him here,  
We see and praise Him here.

5 Together met, together bound  
We'll go our different ways,  
And as His people in the world,

We'll live and speak His praise,  
We'll live and speak His praise.

## **THE SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION**

### **THE INVITATION**

You, Spirit of Pentecost:  
Lord who stirs in the hearts of all people;  
God who answers the needs of your children.  
You, Spirit of Pentecost:  
God of everlasting love;  
Lord of promise;  
God of faith;  
God of presence.

You, Spirit of Pentecost:  
God of prophets and martyrs;  
Lord of teachers and questioners;  
God of living both sides now.  
God of all space and time.  
We, your people,  
Gather here out of love for you.

**All: We gather here in the sure and certain hope  
That you hear the cries of all,  
And your reach is great enough  
That no one is ever beyond  
Your knowing and loving.**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Holy One, you speak to us in silence,  
Yet all languages interpret you.  
Since you call us to be in a community of disciples,  
We are able to become gifts to one another.  
**We bless you, O God, for Jesus, who through his life,  
Crucifixion, death and resurrection  
Fully lived the promise of redemptive wholeness  
Available for all. With all the saints,  
We join in the song of your unending greatness**

**Holy, Holy, holy Lord;  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Come to us in this sacred meal.  
**As we break bread,  
May we be reconnected to the Christ.**

**As we drink from this cup,  
May we be strengthened  
To go forth in Christ's name,  
Offering forgiveness and wholeness  
To all people.**

The bread of our being loved,  
The wine of our joy, stand as reminders  
That miracles in faith and risk continue to happen.

In thanksgiving and remembrance,  
We ask you to bless this bread and this wine so that,  
In sharing them together, we shall be your church.

(Joys and concerns are shared here.)

And now as your daughters and sons  
Whom you have reconciled to yourself, we pray:  
**Our Father...***(sins/sin)*

### **THE BREAKING of the BREAD & SHARING of the CUP**

#### **THE PRESBYTERY COVENANT**

**One:** Presbytery adopted a covenant calling our ministries together as churches in the Miami Valley.

This covenant is a reaffirmation of the promises Teaching and Ruling Elders have already made to each other in their ordination vows to share in government and discipline, serving in the governing bodies of the church. It also serves as a new means of commitment to each other.

At its heart, this covenant is an invitation to build relationships with other Christians.

**All:** **We believe that God calls all people into covenant. In this way, God called the people of Israel to be God's people saying:**  
***Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.***

**We are called as disciples into a new covenant given by God's free grace in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity. Our bond together as people of faith was given to us from Christ himself as he told his disciples:**

***Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.***

**HYMN – *Be Thou My Vision***

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1 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.

2 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

3 Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BLESSING – *Soon and Very Soon***

*arr. Rollo Dilworth*