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Icon of Christ Feeding the Multitudes



Jesus Wrestles with an Angel
Peter Koenig

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Welcome to Firelands Church, a community of believers gathered by the Holy Spirit, growing together in Christ, and committed to serving God. Everyone is encouraged to stay for fellowship following the worship.

The Order Of The Liturgy

↑ Please stand in body or in spirit ↑

Prelude

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Moore/Purifoy

Toccata Brillante

Alexander

Morning Has Broken

arr. Hayes

↑ **Call to Worship** (*Psalm 100: 1 - 5 responsively*)

1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

2 Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into God's presence with singing!

3 Know that the Lord, the Lord is God!

It is God who made us, and we are the Lord's;

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

4 Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

Give thanks to God; bless the Lord's name!

5 For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,

And God's faithfulness to all generations.

↑ **Hymn 749**

Come! Live in the Light!

↓ **Call to Confession:** If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. We admit that we need to begin again for we have fallen short of the glory of God. So we come to

the baptismal font seeking a fresh start. With confidence that God hears our prayers, let us confess our sins:

Prayer of Confession *(together)*

God of grace, we want to understand what the kingdom of heaven is like, but our minds are clouded by cares and concerns of the world. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes in mysterious ways. We fail to be whole-hearted in our faith and discipleship. We fail to put our trust in the treasures of your kingdom instead of the treasures of the world. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, give us eyes to see and ears to hear your good news for the world even here and now. Transform our lives and our world by your grace.

Silent prayer of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news; the empires of this world will rise and fall, but the mercy of the Lord will never end.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, thanks be to God.

Glory to God - Hymn 585 verse 1 *(together)*

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the Highest. Glory to God,
glory to God, glory in the Highest To God be glory forever.
Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen.*

Reception of New Members: Kathy & Alan Jerram

Prayer of Illumination *(together)*

God of all glory, on this Lord's Day, grant that we, the people You form by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you. As we approach your word through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55: 1 - 5

The Gospel: Matthew 14: 13 - 21

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: The Broken Audacity of Faith in Christ

↑ **Affirmation of Faith:** (from The Barmen Declaration, 8.14-8.16)

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

Hymn 460 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

↓ **Presentation of Our Gifts, Offerings, and Thanksgiving**

↑ **Doxology** - *Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.....*

The Peace - Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

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

↓ **Prayers of the Church and the Lord's 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Special Music

You Alone

Hart and Liles

Norah Wargo, vocalist

Communion Invitation

The Acclamation Let us praise the Lord.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. In Christ shall all be made alive.

Hear the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ: The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes. With thanksgiving, let us offer God our grateful praise.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Supper *(approach the table using the center aisle - return using the side aisles)*

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Communion Meditation

Remembrance

deSilva

Prayer after Communion.

↑ **Hymn 543**

God, Be the Love to Search and keep Me (vs 1,4,5)

Charge and Benediction

As we go forth from this place, our service of worship comes to an end. May our lives of worship and service begin anew with tomorrow's rising sun.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Benediction Response *Be the Hands, the Heart of God*

Vogt & Friedman

Sometimes Serendipity Singers, Norah Wargo, cantor

Postlude

A Might Fortress is Our God

Luther/Taylor

Prayer Concerns

David Douglas, Jim Layton, Bill Umlauf, Rob Constein, Rob Morris, brother of Judy Smithers; Linda & Garrett Holcomb; Linda Holcomb’s sisters, Lois & Carol; Bill & Pat Sharp; Gene Bailey; Karla Hoffman; Flona & Eric Pott; Karen Dietz; Anne Trombatore; Betty Layton’s friend, Sue; Dan Barlow and family; Sue Holman; All who travel this weekend.

Our Church Food Pantry serves those in need within our community. Kroger food cards and nonperishable food is purchased, packed and delivered to Transitional Housing in Ottawa County monthly. Through this ministry, we provide essential food items such as canned chicken, canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, canned soups, pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, cereal and non refrigerated milk. We also offer personal care items such as toilet paper, soap or shampoo to support everyday needs. Always included are prayers of hope and words of encouragement so every recipient knows Firelands Presbyterian Church cares deeply for them and they are not alone. Thanks so much!

Exploring Our Faith Bible Study resumes Wednesday, August 5th, at 10:30pm. We meet in the Conference Room with our study guides “The Psalms: The Prayer Book of Jesus.” See the handout on the Narthex table for the chapter under discussion. Do not have a book? Bring your Bible as we will read the psalm together.

Salvation Army Tools for School supplies will be received here at the church through Sunday, August 9. There are bins near the sign-up pages in the Narthex to receive your gifts, and thank you for helping the Port Clinton Schools maintain and improve on its excellent standing in the community.

This Week at Firelands: Office Hours 10am - 2pm, T - Th

Today 8/2	10:30am Worship and Fellowship. Assisting in worship will be Gwen Aber (Reader). Communion servers are Dave and Janet Gray-Moore. Our guest musician is Norah Wargo.
Monday	10:00am Sewing Group 2:00pm Health & Exercise
Tuesday	9:00am Quilting at the Wilson’s 2:00pm - 4:00pm Dulcimer Group
Wednesday	10:30am - 11:30am Exploring Our Faith Bible Study
Thursday	8:00am Cleaning service 3:00pm Choir Rehearsal
Next Sunday 8/9	10:30am Worship and Fellowship. The Reader assisting in worship is to be determined. Communion servers are Mark and Gini Stevenson.