

PRELUDE

Eroica Variations in Eb Major, Op. 35,
Variations XIV and XV Ludwig van Beethoven

GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, our Lord, there are many places we could go this morning,

but we have desired to come to your house.

There are many voices to which we can listen today,

but we desire to hear your voice.

It would be easy to scatter,

but we have chosen to gather.

We need to behold your beauty,

to inquire in your temple,

to be wrapped in your love,

and to experience your renewing Spirit.

Come close, Lord Jesus,

to fill us and renew us.

✦ **HYMN 645** Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above **MIT FREUDEN ZART**

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(Silent Confession)

In Your name we pray, **Amen.**

✦ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Believe in the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

(Please extend the Peace of Christ to those around you saying....)

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

✦ **RESPONSE 581** Glory Be to the Father **GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)**



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it



gin-ing, is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A - men, a - men.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Following the Blessing of the Children, children 2 years old through 3rd grade may go to room 107c for Illustrated Compassion.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON Job 38:1-7 (Page 420 in Pew Bible)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

LESSON John 16:12-15 (Page 879 in Pew Bible)

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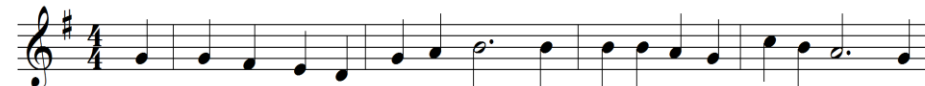
SERMON So Much We Don't Understand Rev. Ken Wessler

✦ **HYMN 722** Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak **CANONBURY**

OFFERING

Offertory Improvisation/Variations on Old Hundredth

✦ **Response 606** Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow **OLD HUNDREDTH**



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise



him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

MESSAGES OF OUR LIFE IN COMMUNITY

✦ **HYMN 49** The God of Abraham Praise **LEONI**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Procession **Frank Zabel**

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WELCOME TO FPC FINDLAY

We hope that you experience the power of God's presence while you are among us this morning. We are a busy congregation, seeking to find God's vision for us as we confront a changing and challenging world outside the community of faith. There are many ways we try to be faithful to God. We invite you to join us in these ministries. The following are just a few:

Mission—come serve our neighbors with us! We host a monthly community meal, offering a free midday dinner to any in our community. We host a food pantry every other month. We support mission around the world and have a mission team heading to Peru this summer. Contact Joan Work for more information: rjwork@roadrunner.com

MOPS—Partnered with the church, MOPS is a growing organization here in Findlay, where moms can have a safe place to be. Childcare is always offered for events at a nominal rate. Contact the office for more information to participate. info@findlayfpc.org

Music—There is *always* room for new members in our choral and bell choirs. New this year we have a weeklong Music and Art camp in July for 3 year olds through 5th grade (half day for younger kids/full day for the older). Applications are available on our website at findlayfpc.org or in the church office. Also, look for future dates to attend concerts through our Artist Series. Contact Brent Neuenschwander: brent@findlayfpc.org.

Illustrated Compassion - our summer program teaches children to love like God using Bible stories, music, and beautiful coloring pages both large and small. Throughout the summer together we will share an intergenerational illustrated faith coloring activity on large posters in Fellowship Hall. The posters and other items will be showcased at the end of the season. *(Godly Play will return again in the fall.)*

Summer Faith Formation - Join us this summer and enjoy fellowship, fun, and faith for all ages! Children • Youth • Adult • Family • Intergenerational. During the summer FPC has a variety of opportunities to broaden your faith. Please take a flyer on the table in the entryway for calendar and event information. Pick up a "Take-Out" Church pizza box there too to take church and your faith with you this summer. Send us pictures of your experiences with 'Flat Jesus' that we can share on Facebook! This activity is for ALL ages.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Childcare is provided for **infants and children under 2 years** of age on the first floor in Room 107A. A paging system is available. Childcare is available 9:15am -11:45am.

Children age 2 – 3RD Grade may join us for Illustrated Compassion in Room 107c. Please follow the leader downstairs after the Blessing of the Children.

Red Worship Bags for children preschool age through third grade and **White Worship Bags** for 4th - 8th graders are available on the rack in the Narthex.

Please return the worship bags to the tray under the rack following worship.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Ken Wessler, guest pastor from First Presbyterian Church of Upper Sandusky

Guest Organist: Patrick A. Sadowski

Liturgist: Rachele Crow **Lay Reader:** Diana Wagar

Greeters & Ushers: Pat Haley, Pat Hottenstein, Kendra Sponsler

Audio: Jim Kennedy

Video Crew: Director: Mike Lindamood

Camera Operators: Karissa Brown & McClain Brown

Video Sound: Ned Niswander

Video Editor: Rollie Smith

WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers for worship are given by Mike Lindamood in loving memory of Barbara.

The white rose on the table is in celebration of the life of Jane Feller who entered the Church Triumphant on June 14.

First Presbyterian Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the season of our life together as Christians. We are currently in the season of Pentecost or Ordinary Time, which lasts from Trinity Sunday (today) to the First Sunday of Advent. The color GREEN symbolizes the renewal of living things and the promise of new life and growth for the Church. The overlays on the dossal cloth, pulpit, and lectern depict this growth. The pulpit (left) banner represents the Sacrament of Baptism and the lectern (right) banner represents the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Both banners have a circle symbolizing God the Eternal One and open Bibles symbolizing the Word of God. On the left banner Bible is Alpha and Omega the first and last letters of the Greek Alphabet. On the right banner Bible is Chi Rho the first two letters of the Greek word of Christ. "Come Creator Spirit," the mobile in the Chancel, visually depicting the event of the day of Pentecost, is a yearning prayer for intervention, healing, wholeness, and reconciliation by the Holy Spirit upon our congregation. The Celtic cross hanging on the dossal was designed and carved by Dr. Richard Deerhake and Dr. Emil Ziegler, dedication to Thomas L. Clancey and Jacob P. Deerhake.

Greeting cards in the Narthex extend our prayers to members of our church with particular needs. Everyone is welcome to sign.

Need to step out? Audio of the worship service is available in the Narthex and the Parlor if you need to step out of the Sanctuary.

Friendship Pad: Members and visitors - during the OFFERTORY please sign the friendship pad and pass it down the pew for others to sign. The friendship pad is located on the seat of the pew closest to the center aisle. We encourage all to greet visitors and friends after worship.

✠ Please stand if you are able. **Bold** type indicates congregational response.

Its appropriate to use the congregational **AMEN** at the conclusion of all prayers in the service.

We ask that you please turn all cell phones to "silent" during the worship service.

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10:45 A.M. TODAY

CHARACTER BUILDERS.....ROOM 209-210

"Jephthah Answers the Call"

Jephthah had been rejected and sent away from Israel when he was called upon to lead the battle against Israel's enemy, the Ammonites. Jephthah agreed, with the provision that if he was successful in battle he would become the leader of Israel. In Judges 11:4-11:29-31 we find the account of how he became one of Israel's twelve Judges. Quentin Wood will be the discussion leader. Come join us for fascinating Bible study and lively discussion

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP..... FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for Faith & Fellowship after worship in Fellowship Hall. There are large posters for you to color as you mingle. Growing in faith doesn't always mean being in a classroom. Sometimes it is just being together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music & Arts Camp - Register your children (3 years old -5th grade) for Music & Arts Camp, July 17-21 at First Presbyterian. Registrations forms are available on the table in the entryway or go to <http://findlayfpc.org/worship/music/> for more information and to print a registration form at home. If you would like to volunteer for camp (one day or all week) please let Brent know. It's almost full, so sign up soon!

Summer Music - During the summer months, vocal or instrumental soloists or small groups are invited to enrich our worship service. Contact Brent Neuenschwander if you can help at brent@findlayfpc.org or 419-423-2112, x 24.

Childcare Volunteers - Youth are invited to help out with childcare this summer. Any adult 18 and over is required to have background check on file. If you are interested in helping with *Illustrated Compassion* and/or childcare this summer please contact Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation Nicole Cramer, nicole@findlayfpc.org or call the church office. Your help is important and appreciated! If you are under 18 and would like to help please speak to Mrs. Cramer. Thank you.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Pick up a newsletter or check out the website for full details. www.findlayfpc.org

June 18, July 16, 23, 30: Summer Bible Study, 5:30 to 7pm at the McEvoy's.
based on the book *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton.

July 8: Bicycle Bash -10:30am to noon

July 10: Kairos Book Group - "Why did Jesus, Moses, Buddha and Mohammed Cross the Road?" by Brian McLaren

July 14-15: Youth Overnight Retreat

July 17-25: Music & Arts Camp

The Peru Mission Trip Information Sites:

<http://fpcperu2017.myfreesites.net>

where the team will post pictures and reflections
and

<https://www.facebook.com/CasaBuenTratoHovde>

the Facebook page of the shelter where they are
staying.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Service for
the Lord's Day*

JUNE 18, 2017

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:30 A.M. – SANCTUARY

*We are an active open community of Christians
seeking to know and glorify God,
nurturing all people and sharing Christ's love and teachings.*