



Presbytery-wide Matthew 25 Congregational Worship Service

Prelude

Medley of Hymns: “I Love to Tell the Story”
“What a Friend We have in Jesus”, “Amazing Grace”

*Nancy Deeth, Piano
Overbrook Presbyterian Church Organist*

Greetings and Welcome

*Reverend Dr. Jeannie Harsh, Executive Presbyter
Presbytery of Scioto Valley*

Matthew 25 Invitation

*Chris Roseland, PC(USA) Mission Agency
Mission Engagement Advisor*

Call to Worship

*Reverend Annie Melick, Pastor
Condit Presbyterian Church Session Members*

We are children of God.

Day by Day we are learning to be the church.

God is our loving parent, teaching us each day.

God loves us, leads us, and feeds us.

We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.

God will seek the lost, feed the hungry and strengthen the weak.

Blessed are you, O Holy, Triune God.

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

Call to Confession, Confession and Pardon

*Christine Burns, Commissioned Pastor, Art Dremann, Clerk
First Presbyterian Church, Fredericktown*

Call:

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and the Lord's compassion is over all creation. Confident of this promise, we come before God and one another to confess our sins, repent and seek God's forgiveness.

Confession: ***Merciful God, we confess that we have wandered from your way of truth and life:***

(Systemic Poverty) ***You call us to share all that we have and work together for the common good, but we hoard up treasures for ourselves and deny others their daily bread.***

(Structural Racism) ***You call us to set the captives free and seek justice for the oppressed, but we live in fear of our neighbors and hide ourselves from our own kin.***

(Congregational Vitality) ***You call us to walk in newness of life and to be witnesses to the resurrection, but we dwell in the valley of dry bones and keep silent about your saving love.***

Forgive us, God of grace. Set us free from sin, death, and fear so that we may serve you with gladness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pardon: Hear the good news: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Virtual Choir

*Adam Garner, Music Director, Condit Presbyterian Church
Katie Wynkoop, Covenant Presbyterian Church, accompanist
Choir Members from congregations in Scioto Valley and other local congregations*

Prayer for Illumination

*Cathy Hill, Commissioned Pastor
Lithopolis Bloom Presbyterian Church*

Let us pray. Holy God, open your Word to us. Give us listening ears and a spirit of wisdom and revelation that our eyes may be enlightened, and we may know the hope to which we have been called; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

Old Testament Readings

Psalm 146

*Reverend Lee Platt, Pastor
Columbus Glen Echo Presbyterian Church*

Micah 6:6-8

*Reverend Justice Ofosuhene, Pastor
Columbus Ramseyer Presbyterian Church*

New Testament Readings

Ephesians 1: 15-16

*Peyton Marmet
First Presbyterian Church, Fredericktown*

Matthew 25: 31-46

*John Pelletier, Commissioned Pastor
First Presbyterian Church, Wellston*

Children's Message

*Jenni Whitford, Direction of Christian Education
Worthington Presbyterian Church*

Reflection:

"Called for Christ's Mission"

*Reverend Dr. Jeannie C. Harsh
Executive Presbyter*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Chip Hardwick, Transitional Executive
Synod of the Covenant*

**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.**

Affirmation of Faith (From *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

*Reverend Adam Anderson, Pastor
Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Delaware*

(Systemic Poverty)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: Preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives.

(Structural Racism)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image: To live as one community.

(Congregational Vitality)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Instrumental Hymn

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

*Dr. Stan Workman, Organist
Second Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth*

Call to Stewardship and Giving

*Reverend Frank LeBlanc, Pastor
Rose Run Presbyterian Church, New Albany*

Offertory Hymn:

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

*Larissa Sheppard, Pianist
Rose Run Presbyterian Church, New Albany*

Offertory Prayer

*Reverend Frank LeBlanc, Pastor
Rose Run Presbyterian Church, New Albany*

Charge and Blessing

Reverend Dr. Jeannie C. Harsh

Postlude

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*Jack Mader, Organist
Circleville Presbyterian Church*

Closing

225th General Assembly of the PC(USA) COLA Invitation Video



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For Christ’s Mission”**