



FAIRMOUNT

PRESBYTERIAN *Church*

Sunday, July 18, 2021



Break Open by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

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We are excited to welcome you back to our building, with many of the prior restrictions lifted in accordance with CDC guidelines. Sunday morning worship throughout the summer will be at 10 am, with communion each Sunday. The first Sunday of the month, weather permitting, we will worship outside. Best of all, we can sing indoors and outdoors!

If you are fully vaccinated, you no longer need to wear a mask while in the church or on the grounds, though of course you are free to do so if you wish. Pre-registration is not required, come as you are! We will serve coffee and juice boxes outside following worship. Activities for children and families are in the works too, so stay tuned.

Not everything will go back to normal right away, so please be patient as we make our way slowly and safely, always cognizant that there are children among us who are not able to be vaccinated at this time. We are not passing the peace with handshakes for now, nor will there be offering plates, attendance pads or communion elements passed in the pews. Every other pew is roped off to encourage physical distancing.

We will continue to livestream worship services for those who choose to worship from home. We also have online giving options on new website, which is soon to be released. Please take a moment to ensure you are signed up to receive our digital communications. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORSHIP ENRICHMENT

Worship Enrichment Resources can be found here:
<https://fpccle.org/home/worship-enrichment-we-time>

PRELUDE

Gerry Mass, organ
"Dolcezza" by Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

WELCOME

Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis, Associate Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Family of faith, this must be the place.

All: This is the place for connection and growth, for community and hope.

One: This must be the place for questions like,
"Where are you from?" and, "What do you need?"

All: For whispers of: "I've been thinking of you," and, "I've been meaning to ask. . ."

One: This must be the place, because all belong here. All are welcome here.

**All: All hurt and joy, needs and prayers,
dreams and love, are welcome here.**

One: God is near. Let us worship Holy God.

*HYMN 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Margret Beekel

How many of you have ever had a bad day and found someone offering you unsolicited advice? How many of you have ever had a bad week and had someone rush in with dozens of suggestions for how you might fix things, as if you hadn't thought of that before? We have all been there, and we have all done that. It is part of our humanity.

Our scripture reminds us today that often in the face of hurt, what people really need is not a list of advice or solutions, but the simple presence of love. So let us pray to God today, acknowledging that we are works in progress, and that relationships always come with mistakes and confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

We so desperately long to say the right thing, to be the right thing, to find the right solution, that we overstep the line.

Forgive us for assuming the place you fill.

Forgive us for imagining that we, in all our humanity, could possibly fix all the hurt in this world.

Instead, give us the grace and the strength to stand by our loved ones in their moments of need to witnessing their hurt without trying to fix it.

You are God. We are not. Teach us how to be a friend.

Teach us how to ask, "What do you need?"

Teach us how to point to you.

Gratefully we pray. Amen.

KYRIE: (see page 8)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

One: Family of faith, no matter how many times you have spoken without listening, assumed without knowing, offered without asking, or rushed without waiting - you are forgiven.

God knows your desire and your intent.

God knows when we try and miss the mark, and God surrounds us in grace.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

All: Every day is a new day for love.

We are claimed. We are forgiven.

We are invited into relationship.

Thanks be to God for growth and grace that know no end.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 2:11-13

SERMON

Rev. Jessie MacMillan, Interim Senior Pastor

"I've been meaning to ask...what do you need?"

*HYMN 822

When We Are Living

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***DOXOLOGY**, Hymn 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts.
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE PEOPLE ARE SERVED

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *"Amazing Grace"* *Alicia Hrubey, soloist*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***HYMN 306** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* *DENNIS*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Gerry Mass, Organ*
"Today the Son of God Triumphs" from 'The Little Organ Book' *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

Sound recording and production by Jason Jedlicka
Sound booth volunteers- Mike Chevraux, Grant Gannon and Caleb Stripes

The Sanctuary Flowers are generously donated by Doris Evans, in loving memory of
A. Grace Lee Mims: July 17, 1930 - October 3, 2019

The Sanctuary Entrance flowers are generously donated by Judy Steehler,
in memory of her beloved husband, William Steehler.

Worship Notes

Prayer Requests During This Difficult Time

If you would like your prayer listed in our weekly Fairmount Prayer List which is sent to our prayer community, [fill out this form](#). You can also call or email Pastor Lindsay, (lindsayhl@fpcclle.org, 216-321-5800 ext. 105) with prayer concerns or to talk to a Pastor.

Going Forth: Offering Our Gifts and Our Lives to God

With gratitude for the grace we have received, we go forth from worship to offer our energy, our hands, and part of our income in service to God. One way we respond to Christ's call is by giving our financial gifts to further God's mission in the world. You may mail a check to the church or make an online offering to support the many ministries of Fairmount Presbyterian Church by clicking the Giving tab on the homepage of our website (www.fpcclle.org).

Service by Phone

We want to let you know of a new way you can connect to our weekly worship services – by phone! All you have to do is call 216-255-9353 around noon on Sundays and you will be able to hear a recording of our Sunday worship service.

Break Open

by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Inspired by Job 2:11-13

Digital painting with mixed media collage

The day my grandmother died, my mother-in-law called. My grandmother died peacefully in old age, and yet, my mother-in-law knew the significance of her loss. She knew how my grandmother had helped raise my sister and me when our mother died when we were young. She knew that my grandmother was the matriarch of my large extended family, and that her death would usher in a new reality for us. She knew that my grief for my mother—well-worn and familiar—would bleed into this new, unfamiliar grief. She knew that losing my grandmother would feel like losing a parent all over again.

I missed her call, but she left a voicemail. Softly, her voice message began: “Lisle, I just heard about your Nana...” Then her voice cracked, she sighed, and began to weep. After a few moments of weeping quietly, she found her words again: “Anyway, I love you. Call me if you want to talk.” I don't remember much of what others have said to me in the fresh fog of grief, but I will never forget that. In a way, she didn't need to ask me what I needed. Without assumption or question, she simply entered into my pain and joined me there. Her profound act of solidarity gave me great comfort when little comfort was to be found.

In this image, I wanted to evoke the emotional impact of rending one's clothing in solidarity with someone who is hurting. While this ancient cultural practice might feel curious to us now, I love that it's an embodied way to tear away the armor that guards our own hearts so we can truly show up—tenderly—to join another in their pain. If you are hurting right now, may this image remind you: you are not alone. God's heart is breaking open for you.

—Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, July 18th

Coffee Hour Resumes!

After our 10:00am worship, join us outdoors for conversation and coffee. Our FPC Deacons will help serve coffee, water, and juice. Coffee hour will include compostable coffee cups. You may of course bring your favorite hot beverage container to both refill at church and reduce waste.

More Ushers Needed

Are you friendly and outgoing? Do you care about Fairmount being known as a welcoming place? We need more ushers! You can sign up for Sundays that fit your schedule [here](#). Training is available, for questions please contact Todd Imbler, toddimbler@att.net.

Become a Little Free Pantry Curator: Do you love organizing and helping people at the same time? Sign up for a week as a Little Free Pantry Curator. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054ca4af2caafc1-little>

Flock Tending

As part of the Deacons' service, we are looking to mobilize people to periodically check in with every member of our congregation. This is one way we seek to build church community, involve all members, and strengthen the ties that connect us as a church. Can you, and will you, answer the call to take on this role?

- **Commitments:** A training session with the Pastors and then having an informal conversation with approximately 10 individuals twice a year.
- **Purpose:** To ensure each member or friend of the congregation has a connection to the church. These connections will including having conversations, connecting members to ways they can be more involved in the church, and becoming a known and friendly voice and face of Fairmount.

If you're interested in responding to this call, please reach out to Pastor Lindsay at lindsayhl@fpccl.org or 216-321-5800 ext. 105.

Stephen Ministry

Fairmount is exploring becoming a Stephen Ministry Congregation. Stephen Ministry would deepen, expand, and extend the caregiving capacity of our congregation. To do that we need your help.

- **WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?**
Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.
- **WHO ARE STEPHEN MINISTERS?**
Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation.
- **COULD I BE A STEPHEN LEADER OR A STEPHEN MINISTER?**
Yes! If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please reach out to Pastor Lindsay at lindsayhl@fpccl.org or 216-321-5800 ext. 105.

Kyrie

Soprano Ky-ri - e e - lei - son e - lei - son e - lei ky - ri - e e - lei - son

Alto ky - ri - e e lei - son e

Tenor e - lei ky - ri - e e - lei - son

Bass ky - ri - e e - lei - son

S lei - - - son lei - - - son

A lei - - - son e - lei - - - son

T le - - - son e - lei - - - son

B lei - - - son e - lei - - - son