



First Presbyterian Church of Defiance

August 6, 2023 ~ Ordinary Time

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*Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Defiance.
As you enter this holy space, please enter with reverence,
respecting those who are preparing for worship.*

GATHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plan to stay to tend the garden.

Reminder: Tuesday and Wednesday evenings are set up for School Supply Drive. Come at 6 pm.

Thursday: Winchester Neighborhood Party 5:30 pm to 10 pm

Saturday & Sunday Afternoons: School Supply Drive- thank you for your help!

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God willingly satisfies our greatest needs when we bring what little we have.

P: Let us love our neighbor as ourself joining in God's miracle-working power.

***HYMN ~ 14**

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

There are many claims on our lives. In this moment, we remember the nature of our baptism, rooted in God's grace, God's claim on us. We acknowledge before God and one another that we have not followed the model set before us in Jesus Christ. With every confidence in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord our God, you call us to love our neighbor as ourself, ensuring that all will be fed and have dignity. But in our own distractions, we are blinded by

our selfish desires. We turn away those who are hungry and crying out for your help. We have forgotten to trust you with our little means, trusting that you can multiply it to great use with your great power. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your abundance and grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we are forgiven and freed. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace. Respond with love. Amen.

***THE PEACE**

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also, with you.

L: Please share Christ's peace with one another.

***HYMN ~ 582**

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME (1x)

HEAR

SPECIAL MUSIC

NED CLARK

WeKIRK WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 14:1-21

SERMON

LOAVES & FISHES

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

*We will continue to receive our offering at the entrance/exits of the sanctuary.
On communion Sundays, 1/2 of the loose offering is received for the Deacons.
We are still receiving the Pentecost offering.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also, with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

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

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION ~*come forward. If you wish to be served, please alert someone and we will bring communion to you.*

CLOSING PRAYER

***HYMN ~ 498**

LOAVES WERE BROKEN, WORDS WERE SPOKEN

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Liturgy adapted from Presbyterian Outlook liturgy for this Sunday by Dana Moulds, student at Union Theological Seminary, Charlotte NC campus

Cover is a photo by Pastor Ann of a mosaic at the Church of Loaves and Fishes at Capernaum.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Lynn Peters, Alton Myers, Sheron Lee, Wilma Sponsler, Scott Solether, Linda Richards, Jack Hess, Dave Roth (Youkers), Karen Solether, Dick (Wilma Sponsler), Bill Kerr (Norm Wasson), Nancy Black, Floyd Culver, Karen Barber, Jennifer Bates' father, Karl Leckrone, Raegan Wonderly (cancer, age 1), Nick Mannering, Nancy Jehanyar, Emily (Kristal), Vern Kindinger, Jeanne Peffley, Donna Black, Alan Heinrichs (Wasson cousin), Cara Richard's grandfather.