



**There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let the rebellious not exalt themselves.**

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

**For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place!**

**\*Hymn #68                      “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing                      (Nettleton)**

**\*Unison Invocation**

**Redeeming Sustainer, visit Your people and pour out Your strength and courage upon us, that we may hurry to make You welcome not only in our concern for others, but by serving them generously and faithfully in Your name.**

**Wholeness of the sick and Home of the exile, give us also grace to seek the well-being of those among whom we live, so that all people may come to know the healing of Your love and new voices join to give You thanks in Jesus Christ.**

**\*Gloria Patri** *(Greatorex)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**Children’s Chat**

**Scripture Lesson-Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 (Common English Bible)**

The prophet Jeremiah sent a letter from Jerusalem to the few surviving elders among the exiles, to the priests and the prophets, and to all the people Nebuchadnezzar had taken to Babylon from Jerusalem.  
The Lord of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims to all the exiles I have carried off from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and settle down; cultivate gardens and eat what they produce. Get married and have children; then help your sons find wives and your daughters find husbands in order that they too may have children. Increase in number there so that you don’t dwindle away. Promote the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because your future depends on its welfare.

**Anthem**                      *“You Raise Me Up”*                      *(Loveland/Graham)*  
*(Hyein Hong and Aaron McKone)*

**This Week**

- Sunday, October 9:**            10:00 a.m. Worship/Pastor Appreciation Day
- Monday, October 10:**        7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, October 11:**        7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
- Wednesday, October 12:** 11:30 a.m.1:30 p.m. Senior Lunch Bunch
- Thursday, October 13:**        9:00 a.m. Food Pantry  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, October 15:**        9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
- Sunday, October 16:**            10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting

**Card Shower for Cheryl**

Tomorrow, October 9, is the birthday of our Pastor's wife, Cheryl Bordenkircher. Last Monday, after 4 days in Good Samaritan Hospital, Cheryl was moved in to the skilled nursing rehab suite at Ohio Living Llanfair, in College Hill, OH. Pastor Barry is asking that we shower her with cards and prayers this week, as she tries to gain back some strength and balance in the next several weeks (MANY thanks to all of you who have already sent cards and reached out to Cheryl!). Her current address is:

Cheryl Bordenkircher  
Ohio Living Llanfair  
1701 Llanfair Avenue—Room 85  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45224



### Hearing Assistance

We have wireless receivers for the hearing impaired which you may obtain from an usher.

### Pastoral Care Notice

If a pastoral care need arises, please contact the church office at (859) 431-1818 and we will get a message to Pastor Barry or John Robson to contact you. You can also call, text or email Barry at:  
Revbarryb@stjohnsuccnewport.org  
Cell Phone: (513) 317-8146

### In Our Prayers

Joan Berkemeyer, Cheryl & Barry Bordenkircher, Family of Margaret Deaton, Judy Eads, Carolyn Garriott, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Robert Hasse, Mark Hater, Chuck Hawkins, Vickie Kennedy, Carol & Henry Marksberry, Barbara Runge, Bill Seibert, Family of Tom Twehues, Ed Von Strohe, Bonnie Walter, John & Peggy Westlund

### Continued Prayerful Support

Homebound members.  
Those in assisted living and nursing homes.  
Rev. Barry Bordenkircher  
Church Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and all our church leaders.

### Homebound Member of the Week

Our homebound member of the week is Bonnie Walter. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Bonnie as our member of the week!

Her address is:  
Bonnie Walter  
29 Von Zuben Court  
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

### Infant, Toddler, Preschool and School Age Child Care is Available on Sunday Mornings

We have childcare workers available for our infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school age children. Children can be dropped off starting at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in the Youth Room. You can ask any usher for assistance or information about this program.

### Audio Recordings of Our Sunday Services

Did you miss a Sunday service or would like to hear one over again? You can get a CD audio recording of any service each week down on the table located at the North Lobby entrance. The recordings are separated by date so just look for the service you want to hear and take it home.

### COVID Update

Just a reminder that if you become infected with the COVID virus, please let the church office know so that we can notify anyone that you may have been in contact with at that time. Thank you and everyone please stay safe.

### Gathering Together in Prayer

Sharing Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer

### 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

### Response:

**Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,  
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me**

### Offertory Invitation

We share so much with those early Christians who “struggled in the work of the gospel” but also found joy in the Lord, joy in the life they shared together. No matter what we are carrying this morning, or what we face, we are not alone. At this moment in our worship, we’re invited to share what we have so that others will find the same welcome, and the same joy that we have known. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

Offertory

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

(Lloyd Larson)

\*Doxology

(Old 100th)

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

### \*Unison Prayer of Dedication

God of love and compassion, the need for Your presence in this world is often overwhelming. Confrontation and division are everywhere we look: in communities, in our countries, in our church, and in our world. We have endured much, and others have had to endure so much more. The apostle Paul reminds us that if we endure, we will reign with Jesus. May the gifts we give help all Your children endure in these strange and challenging times. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray. Amen.

### Scripture Lesson - Luke 17:11-19 (The Message)

It happened that as he made his way toward Jerusalem, he crossed over the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men, all lepers, met him. They kept their distance but raised their voices, calling out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

Taking a good look at them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.”

They went, and while still on their way, became clean. One of them, when he realized that he was healed, turned around and came back, shouting his gratitude, glorifying God. He knelt at Jesus’ feet, so grateful. He couldn’t thank him enough—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus said, “Were not ten healed? Where are the nine? Can none be found to come back and give glory to God except this outsider?” Then he said to him, “Get up. On your way. Your faith has healed and saved you.”

**Today’s Message “Why He Came Back (Maybe)” Pastor Barry Bordenkircher**

### \*Hymn

#### “Song of Hope”

[Tune: Argentina-Argentine folk melody]

1. God, you love the world so much you sent your Son,  
And you said “Go share my love with everyone.”  
So we seek to you serve you in our homes and towns,  
And we work to show the world: “Your love abounds!”

*Refrain:*

*Praying, let us work for peace singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ’s call.*

2. Teach us that in loving we must listen well,  
Help us hear the stories others have to tell.  
Help us learn from other people and their ways;  
May we be united as we offer praise.

*Refrain:*

*Praying, let us work for peace singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ’s call.*

3. May the God of hope go with us everyday,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

*Refrain:*

*Praying, let us work for peace singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ’s call.*

### \*Benediction

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by God, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15 NRSV)  
Friends may leave this worship moment, resolved to be a sign of God’s presence, to be ambassadors of God’s grace, and a gracious, respectful proclaimers of God’s truth.

**Amen and thanks be to God. Amen!**

### Postlude

*“Voluntary in G”*

*(John Stanley)*

### WORSHIP NOTES

Today’s Invocation is from the Revised Common Lectionary website (Vanderbilt University – [lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers.php?id=283](https://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers.php?id=283)). The Offertory Dedication and Benediction are from the UMC site Discipleship Ministries (<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/not-ashamed/Eighteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/eighteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-offertory-prayer>). Verses 1 & 2 of the closing hymn “Song of Hope” are from Gifts of Love: New Hymns for Today's Worship, by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette,

### Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Barry Bordenkircher

Liturgist: John Robson

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Flo Grey & Tom Williams

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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