

May 2, 2021
Communion Sunday
9:00 AM “Drive In” Worship Service
Garfield Memorial Church
www.garfieldchurch.org

Order of Worship

*Please tune in to FM 96.1 (unless directed to another frequency) to hear the service.
Please remain in your vehicle during the service to help keep everyone safe. (The building is closed.)
For information about service cancellation due to inclement weather see the end of this order of worship.*

**Today is Communion Sunday. The Parking Lot Ministers will be distributing
single-serve communion elements to those who would like them.**

PRELUDE

Maribeth Katt, Piano

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Please join us as we pray together:

Lord, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to speak and act with mercy and grace. Instead, we have been judgmental, played favorites, and turned away from the poor and needy. Reframe and redirect our actions, Lord, that love, beauty, and justice may prevail throughout your creation. Help each one of us to be rich in love, faith, and generosity. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN “The Gift of Love” (verses 1, 3) Please sing along!

[Verse 1]

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

[Verse 4]

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

Need prayer? Contact prayer@garfieldchurch.org

Please join us as we pray together:

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. Amen.*

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

You can give securely to support the mission of Garfield Memorial Church by using one of these options: #1 Visit our website (www.garfieldchurch.org) and click on our Giving link; **#2** Text with the dollar amount (e.g. “\$50”) to 216.242.1975; **#3** Download the free **ShelbyNEXT Giving App** on your phone, search for “Garfield Memorial,” then follow the instructions. Questions? Contact the business office at 216.831.1566; **#3.** Mail a check to Garfield Memorial Church, 3650 Lander Rd., Pepper Pike OH 44124.

BIBLE READING

Romans 12:9-21 (NRSV)

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed them; if he is thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

ANTHEM "A Gaelic Blessing" (Rutter) Teagan Amey, Marley Lieberman, Janine Walker, soloists

MESSAGE

"Weighed in the Balances: Love in Action" Pastor Chip Freed

HOLY COMMUNION You are invited to participate in communion from your vehicle with bread/juice you have brought, individual elements as distributed by the Parking Lot Ministers, or you can do at home later in the day.

SUNG BENEDICTION "May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You Forever" (to the tune of Edelweiss)

Please sing along!

**May the Lord, Mighty God,
Bless and keep you for ever;
Grant you peace, perfect peace,
Courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see his face,
Full of grace for ever;
May the Lord, Mighty God,
Bless and keep you forever.**

DRIVE IN SERVICE CANCELLATION INFORMATION

In the event that the 9AM Drive In Service is cancelled due to inclement weather we will send out a mass **text** through our Shelby Membership Management system. If you have a question about whether the service will take place please be sure to check your texts before coming to the service.

If you are not sure if your cell phone number is on file with us please contact the church office at 216.831.1566 or email jess@garfieldchurch.org.

You can also check our website, www.garfieldchurch.org and click on the box for Drive In Worship on the homepage or go to www.garfieldchurch.org/drive-in.