



There is a fourth man in the fire.

Sunday, June 9, 2024

10am Worship

PRELUDE

Pat Fallot, pianist

Jesus Loves Me (Based on Clair de Lune)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#43

WELCOME

Marcella Damron

The Way, by Pat Barrett

Praise Band

OPENING PRAYER

Marcella Damron

Good, Good Father, by Chris Tomlin

Praise Band

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God, when you provide food for us,

P: We gather it up.

L: When you hide your face from us,

P: We are terrified.

L: When you take away our last breath,

P: We die and return to dust.

L: When you send your Spirit,

P: We are created new and all of earth is renewed.

L: We will sing praise to you as long as we live.

ALL: Come Holy Spirit. Breathe on us. Breathe on us with life-giving.

Amen.

All pray in silence.

Please remain seated, or if you feel comfortable, you can come to the front and pray on the steps.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts/debtors)*

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.

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

*DOXOLOGY (#625)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND GRATITUDE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Joyce Hudnell, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Daniel 3:13-30

SERMON

Rev. Dr. David Anderson

Adult VBS: The Three Boys and the Fire

*CLOSING HYMN

The Solid Rock

#404

*BENEDICTION

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

Profession of Faith

*(Indicates standing as you are able.)

Welcome members and visitors!

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**The Nursery** is staffed and available this morning.

**Kidsville Class** and **Middle School Class** begin at 10am.

**The Way** (by Pat Barrett)

Through every battle  
Through every heartbreak  
Through every circumstance  
I believe that You are my fortress  
Oh, You are my portion  
And You are my hiding place, oh  
I believe You are, The way, the truth, the life  
I believe You are, The way, the truth, the life  
I believe  
Through every blessing  
Through every promise  
Through every breath I take  
I believe that You are Provider  
Oh, You are Protector  
You are the One I love, oh  
I believe You are, The way, the truth, the life  
I believe You are, The way, the truth, the life  
I believe You are, Oh, You are, Oh, You are  
And it's a new horizon and I'm set on You  
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new  
All my fears and doubts, they can all come too  
Because they can't stay long when I'm here with You  
It's a new horizon and I'm set on You  
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new  
All my fears and doubts  
They can all come too  
Because they can't stay long when  
I believe You are, The way, the truth, the life  
I believe You are, The way, the truth, the life  
I believe You are  
It's a new horizon and I'm set on You  
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new  
And all my fears and doubts, they can all come too  
Because they can't stay long when  
I believe You are, The way, the truth, the life  
And I believe You are, The way, the truth, the life  
I believe You are

**Good, Good Father** (by Chris Tomlin)

[Verse 1]

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night  
And You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone

[Chorus] You're a Good, Good Father  
It's who You are, It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am, It's who I am

[Verse 2]

Oh, I've seen many searching for answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching  
For answers only You provide  
Cause You know just what we need  
Before we say a word

[Chorus]  
It's who You are, It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am, It's who I am

[Bridge]

Cause You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us, aah  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
Oh, you're perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

[Verse 3]

Oh, it's love so undeniable  
I, I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable  
I, I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love, love, love

[Chorus] You're a Good, Good Father  
It's who You are, It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am, It's who I am

### Daniel 3:13-30

Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in, so they brought those men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? Now if you are ready, when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you should fall down and worship the statue that I have made. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue you have set up."

### The Fiery Furnace

Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. Because the king's command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire. Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, "Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O king." He replied, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt, and the fourth has the appearance of a god." Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not scorched, and not even the smell of fire came from them. Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way." Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY, Sunday, June 9, 2024

- 9:00 a.m. Confirmation class, Lounge
- 10:00 Sanctuary Worship
- 10:00 Middle School Youth, youth room
- 10:00 Kidsville class, Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> graders

### Tuesday, June 11, 2024

- 10:00 a.m. Quilting
- 8:00 p.m. A.A., Small dining room

### Wednesday, June 12, 2024

- 5:30 p.m. Mission Team meet at Center Church of Brethren,  
2811 Ravenna Ave. to pack summer lunches

### Saturday, June 15, 2024

- Reception in Fellowship Hall

### NEXT SUNDAY, June 16, 2024: *Father's Day*

- 9:00 a.m. Confirmation class, Lounge
- 10:00 Sanctuary Worship
- 10:00 Middle School Youth, youth room
- 10:00 Kidsville class, Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> graders

A huge thank you for everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School this week. We appreciate all of your help. -Misty

### **EXPERIENCE: Worship**

**Ushers/Greeters for June:** Don and Lori Miller, Dan and Sarah Slicker, Julia Wickersham, Lyle Krabill

**Confirmation Acolyte:** Riley Wright

**Summer Special Music:** See Pat Fallot if you would like to provide special music on a Sunday this summer. You can play the piano, a musical instrument or sing a solo/duet/quartet.

### **GO: Evangelism**

#### **Share your experience on-line:**

- Check in at Paradise Church on Facebook, post a picture; “like” Paradise Church; make a comment; forward our posts on your page.
- Follow Paradise Church on Instagram (paradise\_ucc)

### **INVEST: Discipleship**

**MAILING OFFERINGS:** You can also mail in your offering through the postal service: 619 E. Main Street, Louisville OH 44641. Thank you!

**ON-LINE GIVING** through our church website: [paradisearchurch.org](http://paradisearchurch.org)

### **CONNECT: Fellowship**

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday closed; Tuesday through Friday 9am-noon

**COFFEE HOUR** following worship: see the sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board if you would like to supply refreshment.

### **REACH: Ministry**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Offering June:** Monetary donations for Disaster Clean-Up Buckets. In recent weeks we have seen almost daily tornados and floods in various parts of the country. Disasters mean clean-up and we can help. The UCC’s Heartland Conference along with Church World Service distributes buckets full of supplies wherever needed, and they are in need of more. Your 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Offering will buy the necessary supplies and buckets, at a cost of about \$75 per filled bucket. Let’s see if we can fill 5 or more!

**Louisville Community Cupboard for June:** Peanut Butter

### **PARADISE MISSION STATEMENT**

Paradise United Church of Christ seeks to provide a window through which the warmth and wisdom of Jesus can be clearly seen by everyone. We seek to embody the love of Jesus Christ through worship, spiritual growth, Christian education and service to God and His community.



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