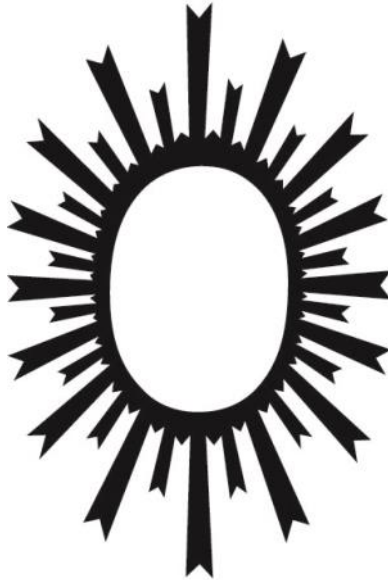


The Service for the Lord's Day



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August 21, 2022

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Favorite Hymns Worship Series

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers. Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

9:00

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Richard Ellsasser

10:30

“Meditation in B flat Major”

Matthias Tscham

~Ted Wedepohl, euphonium

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: All-knowing God, we gather to celebrate your wisdom and words.

All: May we always keep your words and wisdom close to our hearts.

One: Holy God, we gather to praise you for your grace and your mercy.

All: May we make God's grace and mercy a part of our everyday life.

One: Unknown and Known God, we gather together to worship and thank you.

All: May we learn from our worship what is most important in life.

***HYMN #480**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

One: When we cry for help, God answers. So then, let us confess our sin, confident that God is ready to forgive. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God, forgive us for keeping our eyes closed to your goodness. We are blinded by our own priorities and the things we wish to focus on in the world. Forgive us for shutting our ears to the cries of those close to us who are in need. Help us turn down the noise of the news, which often drowns out voices that we actually need to hear. Forgive us for keeping our hearts closed, too. Break them open for us, that you may fill them with love, mercy, and grace.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: We pray in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Rejoice! You have been reconciled to God and to one another.

**All: Through Jesus Christ, we are set free from sin and set free to serve!
Thanks be to God!**

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn #734

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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Forgiven and freed, we are reconciled with God and one another.

May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Share a sign of peace and reconciliation with your neighbors, such as a hand over your heart.

(10:30)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Gracious God, our hearts sing each time we encounter your Word. Speak to us today through scripture and song, that we might understand your call to us and be ready to respond. This we pray in your holy name. Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 130

Sung to the Hymn-tune *St. George's Windsor*, #721 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

***"For the Lord my soul awaits; In God's word, my hope is laid;
As the sentries by the dawn for their patience are repaid.
Hope in God, O Israel; God, whose steadfast love is sure;
Who for us redemption brings; God, whose mercies shall endure."***

Paraphrase of Psalm 130 ©1999 Michael Morgan, *The Psalter for Christian Worship*, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119:17-20

Pew Bible, OT pg. 627

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Longing to See What God Sees"

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

9:00

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. Diane Bish

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10:30

"Nocturne in D flat Major"

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~Ted Wedepohl, euphonium

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***DOXOLOGY**

Hymn #34

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** —from Psalm 100

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

Worship God with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.

All: Know that the Most High is God.

**It is God who made us, and to God we belong;
we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.**

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

**All: For God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever,
and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

INTRODUCTION TO HYMN

***HYMN #123**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

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***BENEDICTION**

(10:00)

POSTLUDE

“Gaudeamus”

Sydney Campbell
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Today's Liturgist is Julie Matthews

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In August, worship will explore some of our congregation's favorite hymns. Each week, the service and sermon will focus on two hymns, as well as their guiding scriptures, which are some of our most loved texts and melodies to express our faith. Join us on **August 28** for **"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"** and **"Amazing Grace!"** Come to sing your heart out!



Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by Linda and Ken Noble with thanks for 61 years of marriage.

School Supplies Drive

Through **August 24**, look for collection bins at church to drop off school supply items to benefit Oakland Elementary School in Royal Oak. **Requested: plastic pocket folders, crayons (skin tone colors accepted & appreciated), pre-sharpened pencils, plastic pencil cases, colored pencils, colored markers, dry erase markers, and glue sticks.** This long standing collection by FPCRO was interrupted by COVID-19, and has been moved to August so members can take advantage of Back-to-School sales.

Join Us for *Raya and the Last Dragon* Outdoor Movie • August 26 at 7:30pm

Mark your calendar for our final outdoor movie night of the summer beginning at 7:30 pm on the Hendrie Lawn. We're grateful to Sean and Cassie Coates for hosting these fun events. Bring your lawn chair and a friend! In the event of rain, the movie will be shown in Kirkman Fellowship Hall.

Save the Date: Flu Shots on September 11

Rite Aid will be at FPCRO on **Sunday, September 11 from 9 am to 12 noon** to offer flu shots. Plan to get yours at the church before or after worship. Visit <https://www.fpcro.org/calendar-events> to download and complete the **Consent Form**. Plan to bring your ID and insurance card. We are grateful to the Deacons for offering this important opportunity.

An Invitation to the Women of FPCRO!

In September, **Naomi/Ruth Women's Circle** will resume on the **second Wednesday of each month**. We gather in the **Fireside Room** for a little food, Bible Study time, mission discussions and projects, and a lot of fellowship. It will be a pleasure to get together again, but it would be even more exciting to see some new faces. All are welcome, so please try to make room in your busy schedule to join us. The first meeting will be **Wednesday, September 14, at 11 am**. The meeting time for future meetings will be discussed. If you would like to come, but need transportation, please contact Julie Matthews (248-224-6057) or Gretchen Hirsch (248-546-0473).

CROP Hunger Walk

The **2022 Ferndale/Royal Oak CROP Hunger Walk** will take place on **September 18 at 1 pm**. Registration is now open and you can also make donations to sponsor the FPCRO team members at any time! Please think about joining our team whether it's a tradition for you to walk or if it's your first time! Find the website at: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/ferndalemi> The funds you raise and donate will help people in neighborhoods in our community and in places around the world to overcome the challenges of hunger and food insecurity—thanks for your generosity!