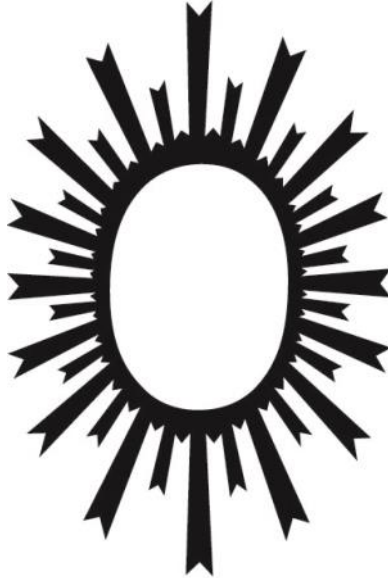


The Service for the Lord's Day



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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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Lead us into worship, Lord.

All: Let our worship be deep and meaningful.

One: Let our worship speak to our needs and the needs of the world.

All: Let it challenge our assumptions and stir us from apathy.

One: Lead us, Lord.

All: Take us by the hand and show us your way.

***HYMN #500**

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

One: God is compassionate and merciful. There is nothing we have done, or left undone, that is not already known to God. This gives us confidence to be fully ourselves, so that we can be fully forgiven. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Precious Lord, too often we let things other than you lead us. Our fear leads us into opposing camps and echo chambers. Our pride leads us into mistakes that are hard to undo. Our misplaced desires lead us into spending and acting in ways that we later regret. Take our hands and show us a better way. Lead us into Christ's light, where we look only to you as our guide.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: Hear our prayer, holy God.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God rejoices in our longing for wholeness. Give thanks that we have been forgiven!

All: We are set free to live the resurrected life of faith! 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)

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Students of all ages—children, high school, college, and adults—are encouraged to come forward for the blessing, in addition to teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, staff, and all those who work in schools in any capacity.

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 77

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Dix*, #40 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

***“Unto You, I cried aloud, that my prayer should reach Your ear;
None but God can lift the cloud, none to my despair brings cheer.
In the midst of darkest night, set my fearful doubts to flight.”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 77 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 43

Pew Bible, OT pg. 569

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Hope in God”

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*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 #422**

“Amazing Grace!”

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***BENEDICTION**

(10:30)

POSTLUDE

**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

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We welcome Maria Cimorelli as our guest musician today.

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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 Austin, Douglas, and Bradley Ryan
Happy Birthday, Mom! Love, Austin, Douglas, and Bradley.

Compassion Camp Celebration

This summer our children have been talking about Lovingkindness and how we show compassion in our lives. Join us **today, Sunday, August 28** on the Hendrie lawn following the 10:30 a.m. service for our Compassion Camp Cookout! There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, and chips provided by the CE committee. We will also have fun activities and games for children of all ages.

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.

Worship Series on Spiritual & Mental Wellness

We know our physical health is important. So is our spiritual and mental health. To grow in faith, it's also important to attend to wellness in our relationship with the holy and our relationship with our own bodies and minds. Sundays, starting **September 11**, we'll explore joy, dignity, and contentment as we read stories from the Bible that discuss these concepts.

“It is Well” Wellness Fair

After the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday, September 18 in Kirkman Fellowship Hall, join us to learn more from spiritual and mental wellness professionals and practitioners. Talk with them to see how you could take advantage of their services and connect the following to your life of faith: Christian yoga, mental health counseling/therapy, spiritual direction, walking the labyrinth, and more.



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 food, Bible Study, 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 welcome new faces. All are welcome so please make room in your schedule to join us. The first meeting will be **Wednesday, September 14, at 11 am**. 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 2 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!

New! Sunburst Singers Kids' Music Program

We are so excited to kick-off Sunburst Singers, our new kids' music program, on **Sunday, September 18 at 11:30 am**. Sunburst Singers will meet from **11:30 am-12:15 pm on the First and Third Sunday of the month** starting September 18. Kids from young preschool through 5th grade are welcome and invited! Questions? Contact Ms. Audrey or Pastor Emma. We can't wait to see you this fall!

Singing Justice • September 25

On **Sunday, September 25, at 2:00 pm**, we have the honor of hosting *Singing Justice* in concert. Their program, "Recovering the African American Voice in Song," will center on the creative contributions of Black musicians, poets, singers and composers through song. Featured performers will include Louise Toppin, internationally recognized soprano and faculty member at the University of Michigan, as well as six Graduate and Doctoral candidates from the University. We are fortunate to be one of the few places to host this special program and encourage all to attend this concert, which is open to the public and free of charge.