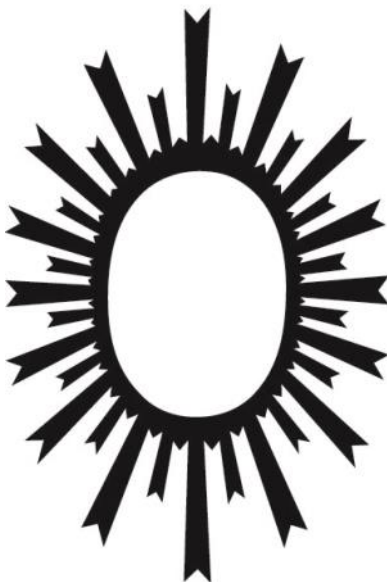


**The Service for the Lord's Day
with the Sacrament of Holy Communion**



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October 2, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

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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

“Partita on Gather Us In”

Rebecca Groom te Velde

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: From north and south, east and west,

All: all creation sings forth God’s praises.

One: With people around the world, we bring our sincere faith to worship,

All: seeking to rekindle the gifts of God that are already within us.

One: In the sanctuary, at the table, in the world,

All: we seek to follow our holy calling according to God’s purpose and grace.

***HYMN #573**

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

One: God’s grace was given to us in Christ before the ages began. In spite of God’s love for us, we often act in destructive ways. Trusting in Christ’s mercy that never ends, let us with honesty confess our sins before God and one another. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, our faith is clouded by misunderstanding. We shrink from your call both to care for ourselves and to live sacrificially on behalf of others. We rely on our own power to fix what is broken, instead of turning to you. Forgive us, we pray, for we are fractured and timid disciples. Restore us to the spirit of power rightly used, love unconditionally offered, and self-discipline gracefully lived. Increase our faith, that we may be faithful servants at your table.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: Hear our prayer, holy God.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: God, in Christ Jesus, grants us grace, mercy, and peace. Let us hold to the sound teaching of the faith: that God has the power to save us and has given us grace through all the ages!

All: We receive the treasure of faith entrusted to us, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us! 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: Hear the words of Jesus: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." The peace of Christ is ours, through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. 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: As we open your good book, dearest God, remind us the power of the stories it contains. Let your Spirit leap forth from the page, that we might be drawn into your message of love and light once again. Help us to understand our story inside your story. Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 37

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Aurelia*, #544 "The Church's One Foundation"

***"Fret not the crowds of evil, the fortunes they amass;
Like blossoms they shall wither, and fade as new-mown grass.
But trust the Lord, whose goodness your faithfulness inspires;
Delight in God, whose great grace fulfills your heart's desires."***

Paraphrase of Psalm 37 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Pew Bible, NT pg. 228

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

All: Thanks be to God.

(10:30)

ANTHEM

“Draw Us in The Spirit’s Tether”

Harold Friedell

~Chancel Choir

“Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them; Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment’s hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.”

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SERMON

“Fanning the Flame of Faith”

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Prelude on Union Seminary”

Craig Phillips

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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**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD’S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: We give you thanks and praise..we join our voices with those around the world and with your heavenly chorus to sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na



in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

One: We give you thanks that in the fullness of time...Together, we proclaim the wonder of our faith:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to come forward to the servers at the front of the church to receive the bread and cup. Eat the bread when you receive it. Take a cup and drink from it, then place the cup in the trashcan nearby. A gluten free bread option is available. If you prefer to be served in the pew, please remain there and a server will come to you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: Triune God, feasting at your table fills us with joy. The bread and the cup have filled us and now they send us out with a spirit of power and love. Let your presence in this meal draw us closer to each other and to you. Let your worldwide community be as one, even in our beautiful diversity. This we pray in the name of Christ our Lord, Amen.

IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

“Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us”

see insert

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*BENEDICTION

(10:30)

POSTLUDE

“Postlude in D Major”

C. Armstrong Gibbs
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**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

Liturgist at 10:30: Janet Chatel

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The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by Elizabeth Mercer
in memory of Jean S. Krause.

Celebrate World Communion Sunday with Breads and Spreads

Today, October 2, after the 10:30 service, please join us for a special coffee hour in Kirkman Fellowship Hall. As part of our celebration of World Communion Sunday, enjoy tasty international breads, and to top off the breads, there will be many choices of delicious spreads!

Spread the Laughs for South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless

Dinner, comedy and Silent Auction on **Thursday, October 6** at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak. See Gretchen Hirsch to purchase tickets. This annual fundraiser supports SOCH, which is housed with our neighbors at Starr Presbyterian Church in Royal Oak.

Faith & Blue: Building Bridges to More Inclusive Communities

The Royal Oak Police Department is hosting their second Faith & Blue Event on **October 7, 2022, at 3 pm**. They will be providing food and giving a tour of the station. This is a national event and they invite all the houses of worship in the city. Visit the link below for more information: <https://faithandblue.org/>

Grand Opening of the Good Book Nook

The congregation is cordially invited to the Grand Opening of the Good Book Nook on **Sunday, October 16 at 11:30am**. Join us for a ribbon-cutting and cake and coffee in the lobby to celebrate this new reading space for young children, made possible by a generous mission grant! The renovated space will occupy the first office in the hallway across from the Copy Room. The Good Book Nook will be open during regular church office hours.

Days for Girls Congregational Mission Event • Sunday, October 9

October 9, after the 10:30 am service, we'll eat lunch (\$5 per adult; kids eat free) and then join together in service. Sign-up online or at the reception desk: <https://tinyurl.com/bdfpdu2b>.

Through **October 9** we'll collect items to stock kits. Bring donations of New 100% cotton washcloths, New 100% cotton underwear in Girl's sizes 12 & 14, New 100% cotton underwear in Women's sizes 6, 7 & 8, New travel/hotel-size soap (*45g or smaller*) 100% cotton/cotton flannel fabric to sew washable pads. Details are in the September issue of the *Church Bell*.

Trunk or Treat Candy!

Our exciting Trunk or Treat event is **Friday, October 21**. To help make it a success, we need candy donations. In the CE lobby there's a kiddie pool just waiting to be filled! Our goal is to make over 200 goodie bags for the children who attend. We'd appreciate all candy donations to church by **Wednesday, October 12**. If you would like to make a monetary donation, indicate "trunk or treat" on your donation.

Show and Tell — a fun way to share our joys and hobbies!

On **Sunday, October 30 in Kirkman Fellowship Hall**, immediately following our 10:30 am service, the Stewardship Committee will host "Show and Tell." This event will provide time for our church family to share their skills, hobbies, talents, and passions—no public speaking required! **Sign up for a space to share what you do**, find others in the church who do it also, and learn about members' hobbies and skills: <https://tinyurl.com/2fs47p7t>. You don't have to be an expert at anything. You don't need any elaborate set-up or display, but you're invited to bring photos, examples or equipment, memorabilia, or a demonstration of your activity.

Just sign up and share what makes you happy. Questions? See Karen Kline.

October Schedule for S.T.A.G.E. (*Somewhere To Ask God Everything*)

Youth Ministry for Grades 6-12

- **Sunday, October 2**, meet at **4:30 pm** at Cana Lutheran Church for a **scavenger hunt**. Middle and high school students meet together at 4:30 pm, have dinner together at 6 pm, parents ready to pick up youth at 6:30 pm.
- **Sunday, October 9 Mission Event**: Join FPCRO for an intergenerational mission project to benefit Days for Girls. Youth and parents welcome. Soup lunch at 11:30 am, or come at 12 pm and volunteer until 2 pm. All genders are welcome and encouraged to participate!
- **Sunday, October 16, Regular Meeting to Plan Youth Sunday** at Cana Lutheran Church. Schedule: Middle School meets from 4:30-5:45 pm, dinner for all youth from 5:45-6:15 pm, High School meets from 6:15-7:30 pm
- **Friday, October 21, Fun (and Mission!) Event**: Trunk or Treat at FPCRO from 5-6 pm (set-up at 4:30 pm)
- **October 30: No meeting**—Happy Halloween!