

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



August 6, 2023

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Please silence all devices

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. Following the Time with Children, families may choose for children to stay in worship with kid-friendly worship guides. Or, children may go outside (weather permitting) with our leaders for a Bible story, snack, and time on the playground.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“O God, Thou Faithful God”

Johannes Brahms
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One: The kingdom of God is here, and coming:

All: A mustard seed that someone took and sowed in their field, which grew large.

One: The kingdom of God is here, and coming:

All: Yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all was leavened.

One: The kingdom of God is here, and coming:

All: Treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then joyfully sold all they had to buy the field.

One: The kingdom of God is here, and coming. Let us worship God to grow in understanding.
Let us worship God to grow in faith.

***HYMN**

“God of the Fertile Fields”

see insert

Text: Georgia Harkness ©1955, ren. 1983 The Hymn Society (Admin Hope Publishing)

CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON

One: The kingdom of heaven is for all of us, but we come to this space full of our own burdens. Let us confess our sins before our Triune God. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power, wisdom, and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we judge the performance of others. We fail to trust your power, which is hidden in all things. We forget to watch for you, working out your purposes. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgments we trust to a love we cannot control.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: Through Jesus Christ, we pray,

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died and who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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: We have received forgiveness and now we can offer it to one another. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

One: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

All: I do.

One: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

All: I do.

One: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

All: I will, with God's help.

QUESTIONS

INTRODUCTIONS

PRAYER

WELCOME

One: Let us welcome our new friends among us as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Eternal God, you have made us in your image. Let our hearts, minds and spirits be turned to you in this time so that the Holy Spirit may bring us closer to you. Amen.

PSALM

“Psalm 119”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Aurelia*, #544 “The Church’s One Foundation”

***“Thy Word, so pure, and holy, is more than life to me;
Though strength may fade within me, how great my love for Thee!
From age to age, Thy justice our saving health assures;
And righteousness, with mercy, from age to age endures.”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 119 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:31-33; 41-52

Pew Bible, NT pg. 15

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“In its own time, the Kingdom comes”

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Sontag”

Johannes Brahms, arr. Martin Howe

~Ted Wedepohl, French horn

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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 PRAYER²

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

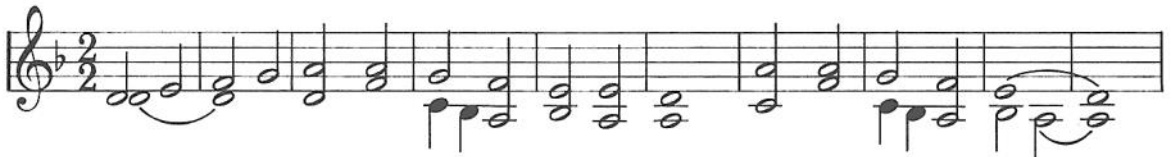
All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

One: Great God, of all the things you have created...we sing with every person who has been at this table in every time and in every place:

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: Long ago, you sent Jesus into the world...We celebrate the wonder of our faith:

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

One: We ask your Spirit to make these common items into spiritual gifts...We give all thanks and praise to you, as we pray together:

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

Everyone is welcome to receive communion, including children! You are welcome at God's table here regardless of your denomination or affiliation.

The bread and cup are offered in a basket at the entrance to the service for each worshipper to bring with them to their seat. When invited by the pastor, please open the top film of packaging to eat the bread; then open the second film for the cup. We enjoy the meal together as a sign of our unity in Christ. A gluten free option is available. Please place trash in the bins located near the exits or in the narthex.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: God, you have renewed our strength by feeding us. You have blessed our spirits by drawing us here together. Send us out refreshed by your presence, which has surely been right here with us at this feast. We pray in faith and love, Amen.

IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN**

“As Trees from Tiny Seeds Can Grow”

see insert

Text: Jane Parker Huber ©1981 Jane Parker Huber

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

*John Stanley
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**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

The Liturgist today is Jama Hayes.

- 1 Call to Worship adapted from Katherine Hawker, <http://liturgyoutside.net/>.
- 2 Communion liturgy adapted from Roddy Hamilton, "A Reflection: On The Implications For The Celebrant And Community When Children Are Present At Communion," Church of Scotland.

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Worship services in FPCRO's sanctuary are now broadcast live and are recorded and posted on our website and social media platforms.
When you enter the sanctuary for a service, you consent to the recording and broadcast of your voice and likeness for such purposes
without compensation.*

Through Labor Day, the church office will be closed on Fridays

The office and the Good Book Nook will be open on the following schedule:
Monday, 9am-1pm; Tuesday, 9am-7pm; Wednesday & Thursday, 9am-3pm.

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SOLOISTS

Bryan Clinthome, *baritone*; Brady DeVecchio, *tenor*; Olivia Donnel, *soprano*; Audrey Frieberg, *soprano*



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. Contact the pastor if you are in need.

Today's **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by Kathie Brom in loving memory of her wonderful father, Fred Brom.

Please welcome our new members joining today:

Missy Piligian-DeSchutter and Catie Slusser.

School Supplies

During the month of **August**, we're collecting school supplies for Oakland Elementary school. Look for sales and pick up a few items when you see them. Boxes will be out in the church to receive donations. Teacher requested items include: crayons, colored pencils, markers, glue sticks, composition notebooks, primary journals (composition notebook, but with a spot to draw a picture for K-2 classes), plastic folders with prongs, colored dry erase markers, pencils (pre-sharpened), Play-Doh, bingo daubers, socks (for feet and white board erasers)

Summer Movie Night: "Finding Nemo"

On **Friday, August 11 at 8 pm** "Finding Nemo" will be screened on the Hendrie Lawn. Bring a lawn chair and a friend. We'll bring the popcorn!

Back to School Blessing

Join us on **August 27** at the **10am worship** service for a Back to School Blessing! Whether you are a student of any age or you work in schools or higher education, we invite you to come and receive God's blessing for this important moment in the year. The Deacons are hosting a Coffee Hour following the worship service.

Rise Against Hunger

Signup to pack meals to send around the world on **Sunday, September 24**. Following lunch together, this intergenerational event will run from 12:15pm to 2:30pm and is high energy and open to all. Signup online to participate: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/> **FPCRO2023**. Lunch will be provided between worship and the start of the event.

Flower Dedications

Our FPCRO **2023-24 Flower Dedication Chart** is up and ready for your requests. Please add your name in the slot of your choice to remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or honor someone with flowers this year. The chart is in the hallway across from our reception desk. You may fill out a card immediately or closer to your dedication date. Dedications are \$45. Please see Chris Klein or call 248-990-8586 if you have questions. Thank you very much.

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