

The Service for the Lord's Day



January 23, 2022

Third Sunday after Epiphany / S.T.A.G.E. Youth Sunday

Please silence all devices

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Welcome to our Youth Sunday service! S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry is a collaborative effort of Greenfield Presbyterian Church, Cana Lutheran Church, Drayton Presbyterian Church, and First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak.

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.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

~Lucy Reinke, viola

“Nina”

“Largo” Sonata in G Major

Giovanni Pergolesi

Benedetto Marcello

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS—Zumi Hagopian

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Today, we join together with each other in the worship of God.

All of us are loved and watched over by the eyes of God.

Through thick and thin we are all loved and forgiven in the spirit of God.

Follow God, for he is our protector.

All: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

One: God has followed us our whole lives and watched over us always.

All: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

One: Signs of the Lord are shown in everything we do.

All: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

***HYMN:**

“Seek Ye First”

Text & Music: Karen Lafferty ©1972 Universal Music-Brentwood Publishing

CALL TO CONFESSION—Lucy Reinke

One: All of us sin, all of us have done things we aren't proud of. But because of God, we can always be forgiven, as long as we admit to our faults. Therefore, let us confess our sins together to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God, too often, we don't fight for our relationship with you and we become distracted by other things. We worry that you will not provide for us and that we aren't the good people we want to be. Our fear blinds us, and we neglect ourselves by keeping everything inside, instead of opening up to you, Lord. We don't help those in need, we stop being open to those around us, and we convince ourselves that we don't need anyone else. We forget to trust in you when things

Seek Ye First

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

This system consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The middle staff is a piano accompaniment with a treble clef, and the bottom staff is a piano accompaniment with a bass clef. The music is in 3/2 time. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,
seek, and you shall find;
but by ev - ery word

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al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

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go wrong in our lives. We allow ourselves to ignore our faith when it gets hard. Remind us to rely on you. Remind us to be kind to others, to help those in need. Remind us to ask you for help when we need it. We ask for your forgiveness, and we ask you to continue being the giving God we know you to be. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God knows us better than even we know ourselves. He hears our every question, and understands why we often lose our trust in him. He did not send us His Son to condemn us, but to save us, and when we confess, we are freed. Thanks be to God, and peace be with you!

All: And also with you!

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.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN—Lucy Reinke & Meredith Batcheller

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION—Nathan Shepard

One: Dear Lord, help us to open our hearts and minds to listen to and learn from this scripture. Help us to put the word of God into our lives.

All: Amen.

PSALM 67:1-7—Linus Schneider

SCRIPTURE READING—Daniel Brenner & Graham Barash

Deuteronomy 15:1,7-11

Pew Bible, OT pg. 190

Luke 11:1-13

Pew Bible, NT pg. 74

One: This is the Word of God for you, the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Graham Barash

ANTHEM

“Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone”

Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio
with Amazing Grace
arr. Joel Raney

~Meredith Batchellor, vocals

“Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was, blind, but now I see. ’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed! REFRAIN: My chains are gone, I’ve been set free, My God, my savior has ransomed me, and like a flood, his mercy reigns; unending love, amazing grace. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. REFRAIN.”

“Amazing Grace” Text: John Newton, 1772; ©2006 and this arr. 2015 WorshipTogether.com Songs/ Sixsteps Music/ Vamos Publishing (admin. Capitol CMG Publishing)

SCRIPTURE READING—Bebe Butters

One: This is the Word of God for you, the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Bebe Butters

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING—Ella Pochron

Today you can make a special offering to support S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry. Please make check out to S.T.A.G.E. and mark envelopes clearly for S.T.A.G.E. We are not passing offering plates today. Please leave your gifts in the plates that are located by the side aisle doors as you exit the sanctuary. Or place it in the basket on the table in the narthex.

OFFERTORY

“Sonatina Americana”

~Finnegan Moore, piano

Lynn Freeman Olson
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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—Ryan Pochron

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER—Josh Brenner

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

***HYMN:** “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (please sing two times)
Text and Music: Ken Medema ©1973 Hope Publishing Company

***BENEDICTION**—Graham Barash & Bebe Butters

POSTLUDE: “Prelude” *Suite No. 1 in G Major* J.S. Bach
~Lucy Reinke, viola Public Domain

Ushers: Charlie Gilreath, Hanto Hagopian, Zumi Hagopian

**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

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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.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. It features a melody with eighth and quarter notes, including a triplet of eighth notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The top staff shows the vocal line with a triplet of eighth notes and a quarter note. The bottom staff provides the bass line with chords and single notes.

pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

The third system of music concludes the piece. The top staff features a melodic line with a triplet of eighth notes and a quarter note. The bottom staff provides the bass line with chords and single notes.

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by Lois Cafmeyer
in memory of Robert Cafmeyer.

Sub Sandwiches Fundraiser: Buy a Sub for the Big Game!

S.T.A.G.E. youth will be making delicious, fresh sub sandwiches for pick up on Super Bowl Sunday, February 13. The cost is \$9 for a 6-inch sub. Add a bag of chips for just \$1 to your order.

Italian (ham& salami) or Turkey subs are available. Or, order a Three-Meat sub for a small additional charge. **Pre-orders will be accepted today through February 2.** Today, orders will be taken in person by the youth between the 9 am and 11 am services. (Payments can be made via cash, check, PayPal & Venmo). Online orders (paid via PayPal and Venmo) will also be available starting January 23. **All subs will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 13, from 11 am-1 pm at FPCRO.** Funds from the Super Bowl Sub Sale will help support S.T.A.G.E. summer mission trips. Thank you for your support!

Refugee Resettlement — Meeting Today and Housewares Collection

Today, after the 11 am worship service, the volunteer team will meet in Kirkman Fellowship Hall to check in on everyone's qualifications with Samaritas and hear a progress update.

We expect to be matched with an Afghan family by the end of the month! The FPCRO team is beginning to collect houseware items to help furnish the family's apartment. See the board in the lobby for items needed for the kitchen and bathroom. Many items can be gently used, as long as they are clean and in good condition. Items that should be new will be marked as such. Return these to the church as soon as you can, so we can be prepared once suitable housing is secured. And if you're looking to donate any furniture from your home, please check in with Benny Rediers or Ted DeVantier to see what the family might be able to use.

Children's Library & Play Space

A team is forming to dream about and install a Children's Library and Play Space inside the church, which will be open to the wider Royal Oak community. The mission grant is making this ministry possible! The team will have a kick-off meeting on **Zoom on Wednesday, January 26 at 7:30 pm.** Anyone with interest is welcome to join. Login details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83024390050>

Meeting ID: 830 2439 0050

Passcode: 519786

Souper Bowl of Caring

On **Sunday, February 13** we are participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. You are invited to bring a non-perishable item for our Little Free Pantry. Cans with pull-tabs are very useful. Fruit cups and cereal bars are also great to include. (Please, no glass containers.)