

## **The Service for the Lord's Day**



**September 25, 2022**

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Sixteenth 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. Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.*

### **I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

#### **PRELUDE**

**9:00**

“Give Me Jesus”

*arr. Robert Billingham*

**10:30**

“Prelude on Psalm 34 vs. 11”

*Herbert Howells*

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#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Learning more, tackling challenges, growing in faith—

**All: these are important pieces of our spiritual journey.**

One: But there are other times when God calls us not to strive more, but to be content—

**All: with the lives we have today, the people who love us as we are, and the abundant grace of Jesus Christ.**

One: When we say and believe “it is well with our souls,” then God meets us right where are

**All: to bless our lives, our efforts, and our loving relationships.**

#### **\*RESPONSE**

“It is Well”

*Hymn #428*

**“It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.”**

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#### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

#### **\*HYMN #451**

“Be Still, My Soul”

Text: Katherina von Schlegel (18<sup>th</sup> c.); Music: Jean Sibelius;  
Music arr. 1931, Ren. 1961 Presbyterian Board of Education (Admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: From our desire to *have* more and *be* more, God invites us into honesty and contentment. Because we rely on the rich grace and mercy of God, we can go to God with our whole hearts. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Dearest God, we are discontent. Forgive us for striving for what we do not need. Show us the way to live in gladness and peace with what we already have. Help us to be content being the people you made us to be. Yet save us from being content with the brokenness of the world so that we do not fall into apathy. Help us always to care for those in deepest need and to serve you all our days.**

*[silence for individual prayer]*

One: We pray in Jesus' name,

**All: Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Jesus said, "Take heart! Your faith has made you well."

**All: Forgiven and freed, we take hold of the life that really is life! 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: As forgiven people, let's share signs of reconciliation.

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: God of minds and hearts, clear out our cobwebs, soften our sharp edges, and calm our racing heartbeats, that we might be receptive to your word for us today. Speak to us of wellness. Send us out to embrace the wholeness to which you invite us. This we pray by the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

## PSALM

“Psalm 146”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Nettleton*, #68 “Come, Thou Fount”

**“Blest are they whose hope is vested in the God of Israel,  
In the hour of deepest anguish, God’s provisions will not fail;  
Freedom for the shackled spirit, strength and stay to those who fall;  
Blessings offered without measure, righteousness enough for all.”**

Paraphrase of Psalm 146 ©Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 226*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

“It Is Well with My Soul”

arr. Tom Fettke

~Chancel Choir

*“When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrow like sea billows roll: Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul.” Though Satan should buffet, tho’ trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul. REFRAIN: It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul. My sin, O, the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul. REFRAIN. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, “Even so,” it is well with my soul. REFRAIN.”*

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## SERMON

“Life that really is life”

Rev. Emma Nickel

## RESPONSE

“Joy in the Morning”

Hymn # 533 vs. 2

**“There’ll be peace and contentment evermore, there’ll be peace and contentment evermore, every heart, every voice on that day will rejoice, there’ll be peace and contentment evermore.”**

Words and Music: Natalie Sleeth ©1977 Hope Publishing Co.

## III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

“Pastorale”

Alex Rowley

### \*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**

**\*LITANY**<sup>1</sup>—*For Equilibrium, by John O’Donohue blessing*

Left: Like the joy of the sea coming home to shore,  
May the relief of laughter rinse through your soul.

Right: *As the wind loves to call things to dance,  
May your gravity be lightened by grace.*

L: Like the dignity of moonlight restoring the earth,  
May your thoughts incline with reverence and respect.

R: *As water takes whatever shape it is in,  
So free may you be about who you become.*

L: As silence smiles on the other side of what’s said,  
May your sense of irony bring perspective.

R: *As time remains free of all that it frames,  
May your mind stay clear of all its names.*

**All: May your prayers of listening deepen enough  
To hear in the depths the laughter of God.**

## **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**

### **\*HYMN #425**

“Christ Beside Me”

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### **\*BENEDICTION**

**(10:30)**

**POSTLUDE**

“Prelude in C Major” BWV 545

J.S. Bach  
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*\*Indicates please stand as you are able.*

**Kevin Ball is the 10:30 am worship liturgist today.  
Please remain in the sanctuary for the Annual Meeting immediately following  
the Postlude.**

1 John O'Donohue, *To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings* (London: Doubleday, 2008), 127.

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### **Thank you!**

Thank you to everyone who donated and to the 16 walkers from our church who participated in the **CROP Walk** last Sunday. Of the funds raised, 25% will go locally to Zion Food Pantry in Ferndale and Beacon of Hope Food Pantry in Royal Oak. The other 75% will go to Church World Services to help people throughout the world. Please turn in any remaining donations to Candace Rieck **today, Sunday, September 25**. Again, thank you all for making this another successful event. Those in our community, and around the world who will receive food because of your generosity, thank you.



*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.*

## **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held immediately after the 10:30 am worship service on **Sunday, September 25**. The full text of proposed amendments to the Congregational By-Laws is available at the reception desk and on the church website. The changes are summarized below. Printed copies of the Annual Report are now available at the reception desk or online.

### **Summary of Proposed Changes to FPCRO Bylaws (September 2022)**

1. FPCRO currently has separate bylaws for the congregation and the corporation. However, this format makes less sense after the Session and trustees were combined into a single board, with elders fulfilling the responsibilities formerly performed by trustees. The two bylaw format was cumbersome and at times confusing. The proposed new bylaws consist of a single document for both the corporation and the congregation. Common provisions are stated only once. Provisions specific to the corporation are contained in Article Four. Language and terms from the prior bylaws were used whenever possible to promote continuity.
2. The way in which the dates of the annual meeting and the meeting to elect officers are set is changed. The bylaws previously provided that those meetings would be on the fourth Sunday in September and the third Sunday in May. The new bylaws retains those dates but allows flexibility by providing that Session may set different dates between the second Sunday in September and the first Sunday in October for the Annual Meeting and the first Sunday in May and the first Sunday in June (not including Memorial Day weekend) for the meeting to elect officers.
3. The new bylaws reduce the size of Session from 15 members to 12, with 4 elected each year for three year terms. It also provides for the election of a youth elder for a one year term. The new bylaws also indicate that elders currently serving at the time the board's size is reduced shall serve out the remainder of their terms.

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by FPCRO Bell Choir in loving memory of Pam Moultrup. She is deeply missed.

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### **Singing Justice Seminar Recital Today!**

**Today 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**.

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### **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.

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### **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*.

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### **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.

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### **Show and Tell — a low-key, 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.