

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



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Thirteenth 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 5th grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“Meditation on *Slane*”

Eric Thiman

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

All: you discern my thoughts from far away.

One: You search out my path and my lying down,

All: and are acquainted with all my ways.

One: Even before a word is on my tongue,

All: O Lord, you know it completely.

One: You hem me in, behind and before,

All: and lay your hand upon me.

One: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

All: it is so high that I cannot attain it.

One: Let us worship the God who knows us completely

***HYMN #71**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Text: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); Music: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665; Public Domain

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Lord, you know our coming and our going but we try to hide our inner thoughts from you. We play games with you hoping you will not notice the inconsistency of our lives. We sing about sacrifice but enjoy the comforts our hearth and home. We claim we want to be your disciples but we procrastinate serving others. Forgive us for our reluctance, hesitance and sometimes even disobedience. Cleanse us of all our thoughts and deeds that do not align with yours.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: Hear our prayer, holy God.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: The Apostle Paul says, "but God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us."

Friends believe the Good News, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

All: 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)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, send your Spirit to open our thoughts to the reading and proclaiming of your Word. Send you Spirit to empower us to be hearers and doers of your Word. Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 1

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Tallis' Canon*, #715 "Now Let Us from This Table Rise"

***"How blest are they who venture not into the dark and sinful way'
But find delight in God's own law, and contemplate it night and day."***

Paraphrase of Psalm 1 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:35-41

Pew Bible, NT pg. 39

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

All: Thanks be to God.**SERMON**

“Days You Never Forget”

*Rev. Dr. John H. Pavelko***III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD****INVITATION TO THE OFFERING****OFFERTORY**“Prelude on *Slane*”*Dale Wood*

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DOXOLOGYHymn #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: Creator God...with people everyone, in all times and places, we worship and praise you:

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: Creative God...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

One: In the uncertainties of life and the chaos of this world...This we pray in Christ's name, saying 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

One: 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, may we overflow with thanksgiving for who you are, all you have done, and all you have yet to do. Thank you for meeting us here, just as we are. May we remember the nourishment and sweet taste of this meal and your Holy Spirit that accompanies us always. To you be the glory. Amen.

IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #502

“Be Thou My Vision”

Text: Irish hymn, 8thc.; Music: Irish melody, arr. Jack Schrader (1942-) ©1989 Hope Publishing Co.

*BENEDICTION

(10:30)

POSTLUDE

“Chorale Improvisation on *Praise to the Lord*”

Paul Manz

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The Rev Dr. John H Pavelko grew up outside Cleveland, OH. He attended Utah State to study forestry but soon switched to Political Science. While at USU he received his call to ministry while a leader in a student fellowship group. He attended Gordon-Conwell outside Boston, MA for his MDiv and later Fuller Theological Seminary for his Doctor of Ministry. John has served churches in Ohio, western Michigan, Washington, and the Detroit Presbytery. He retired from the Crossroads Presbyterian Church in 2019. He has endured two bone marrow transplants in his fight against recurrent lymphoma. He enjoys backpacking, hiking, gardening with his wife Carol, and golfing. John is still an avid Cleveland Guardians fan.



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.

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The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by Linda & Ken Noble with prayers for a productive and safe school year for students and teachers .

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, a pilgrimage, and more.



S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry Fall Kick-Off Picnic

We can't wait to see you at Cana Lutheran Church (2119 Catalpa Dr., Berkley) on **Sunday, September 11 at 6 pm**. There will be burgers, hot dogs, sides, drinks, and dessert. Come for lawn games and fun together! Middle- and high-school youth, parents, and families are invited. We look forward to welcoming our incoming 6th graders and their families! Get ready to hear about plans for the year, see updates to the Youth Room at Cana, and hear about the mission trip. Bring a friend—all are welcome!

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 Seminar Recital • 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**.