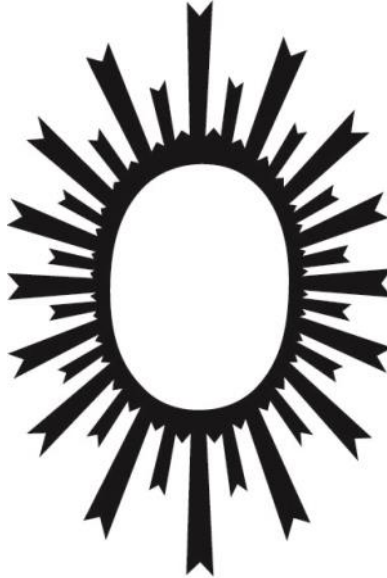


The Service for the Lord's Day



June 18, 2023

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Children are always welcome in our worship services! The nursery is open for infants and toddlers for families who prefer childcare. Older children may enjoy the outdoor service or, following the Time with Children, move to the playground for a Bible story, snack, and play time.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“Morning Has Broken”

arr. Fred Bock

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One: We come as seekers,

All: Unsure of what we seek.

One: We come as followers,

All: Not always understanding the One we follow.

One: We come to worship,

All: Even though our attention is divided.

One: Holy One, by your grace, meet us where we are.

All: Meet us here. Meet us now.

***HYMN #35**

“Morning Has Broken”

Text: Eleanor Farjeon ©1957 Harold Ober Associates; Music: Gaelic melody; arr. David Evans ©1927 Oxford University Press

CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON

One: God promises to love us and forgive us, not because we are righteous or law-abiding, but simply because we *are*. Trusting in God’s steadfast love, let us confess our sin together. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, you are always drawing the circle of your love wider, but often we resist. You tell us that all people are your beloved, and we ask, “Why?” “Why them?” “Even them?!” We are quick to judge others rather than being grateful that we, too, are included in the fold. We prioritize the privileged, the powerful, and the people who look and act right, but you extend grace first to the sinner, the outcast, and the marginalized. Forgive us, O God. Transform us, that we may show mercy as you show mercy.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: In Christ’s name, we pray,

All: Amen.

Morning Has Broken

Unison

C $\frac{G7}{D}$ C E Dm F G7 Am C $\frac{G}{B}$

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

Am $\frac{G}{F}$ Dm C Gsus G

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird,
like the first dew - fall on the first grass,
born of the one light E - den saw play!

C E $\frac{G7}{F}$ C Fmaj7 $\frac{G}{F}$ C E Am $\frac{C7}{G}$ Dm7 $\frac{G7}{D}$

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - every morn - ing,

C $\frac{G}{B}$ Am7 $\frac{Dm7}{F}$ G7 C

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We are made well and whole, not because of ourselves, but through the grace of God.

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: With God's forgiveness sustaining us, we can greet one another in peace and in love. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: God beyond all knowing, you are shrouded in wonder and mystery and yet as close to us as our very breath. By your Spirit, illuminate our hearts and minds through your Word, that we may follow you more faithfully. Amen.

PSALM

"Psalm 50"

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Ellacombe*, "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

***"The heav'ns declare Thy justice, Lord, as endless as the sky;
Against the taunts of disbelief, our God will testify.
Receive my heartfelt gift of thanks as honor to Thy might;
Refresh my faith with each new day; protect me through the night."***

Paraphrase of Psalm 50 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Pew Bible, NT pg. 9

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Saints and Sinners"

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Brother James' Air"

Larry Shackley

*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

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.

*APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

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 #345**

“Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult”

Text: Cecil Alexander; Music: William Jude

***BENEDICTION**

**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

The Liturgist today is Douglas Ryan.

1 Adapted from Joanna Harader, Spacious Faith, <http://spaciousfaith.com/>

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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.

345 Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult

Ab Eb7 Ab Ab
C

1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
4 Je - sus calls us— by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

Db C F F7 Bb Eb Eb7

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -

Ab Ab Gb Db Cm Eb7 Ab
F

sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
pleas - ures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Today's **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by Scott and Megan Kortlandt in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Please welcome our new members joining today:

Kay Aquilina, Mike Gridley, Jama and Dave Hayes, Denise and Joe Huebner, Chris and Jim Kaliszuk, Mackenzie Kirkwood, and Blair Symington.

Beginning today (and through Labor Day) **worship is at 10am each Sunday this summer.**

STELLAR Vacation Bible School Volunteer for STELLAR VBS!

Our 2023 STELLAR VBS is **June 26-30 from 9 am-12 noon**. Registration is now open! Visit <https://form.jotform.com/223405660685054> to register. Our fun week of finding Jesus' light is coming soon! Speak to Joelle Jarrait with questions.

Cereal for Summer during June

During the month of June, bring a box or two of cereal to help kids and families in need. No child should go hungry. However, many kids who rely on receiving a subsidized breakfast or lunch during the school year often face long summer days without enough to eat. FPCRO will support the Cereal for Summer campaign at the Presbytery of Detroit again this year.

SnackPax

Plan to **pick up a few paper bags to decorate** for our next **SnackPax** mission event. We will again decorate 400 bags (any way you like that brings joy!) and pack snacks in them together after worship on **July 23. Decorated bags are due back to the church July 16.** Thank you for serving our neighbors, as we partner with the Song and Spirit Center in Royal Oak.

Little Free Pantry

FPCRO's Little Free Pantry serves unhoused neighbors as well as those who may be running short on funds. Below is a suggested list of non-perishable items which may be dropped off during church office hours. For cash or check donations, please indicate the "Little Free Pantry" on the check or note. **Pull-Tab Cans:** stew (beef and chicken), fruit (cocktails, peaches, pears, etc.), vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, etc.), baked beans, soup (any variety), beefaroni/ravioli (ready-to-eat), canned tuna, chicken, or turkey. **Non-perishables:** granola bars (soft/chewy, any flavor), cereal (small individual boxes), tuna/chicken (ready-to-eat pouches), Knorr rice/pasta sides, peanut butter, snack crackers/cookies, small bottled waters, juice boxes, Easy Mac and Cheese (pouches/cups).

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.