

The Service for the Lord's Day



July 9, 2023

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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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

“Fantasy on a Japanese Folk Song”

Brian Balmages

~Emma Jarrait, cello

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One: Rejoice, people of God, in the gift of sabbath rest.

All: Rejoice, friends in Christ, that we can worship freely.

One: God ordained a sabbath, urging rest and restoration.

All: God is worthy of worship: our Creator, Healer, and Inspiration.

One: So then, let us worship God.

***CENTERING SONG**

“Sabbath Song”

9 From bu - sy, ru - shing days of wor - king, you call me to re - new, con - nect.

Sab - bath is your gift, sus - tain - ing. So I take my rest — in you.

Text: Emma Nickel; Music: Joseph Jackson ©2023

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

All: Providing God, your gifts surprise and sustain us. We doubt that they will be enough, and yet, when we let them, they restore our souls. Show us how to look to you, even when problems are mounting. Teach us that rest is a solution, even when it seems absurd. Amen.

***HYMN**

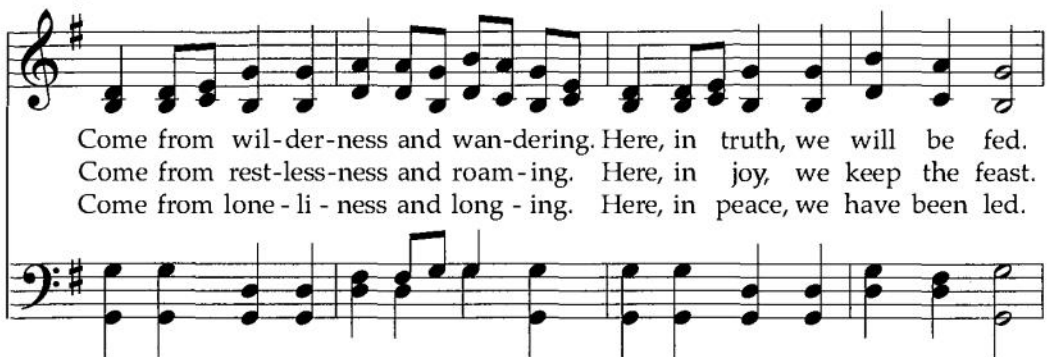
“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Text: Sylvia Dunstan ©1991 GIA Publications, Inc.

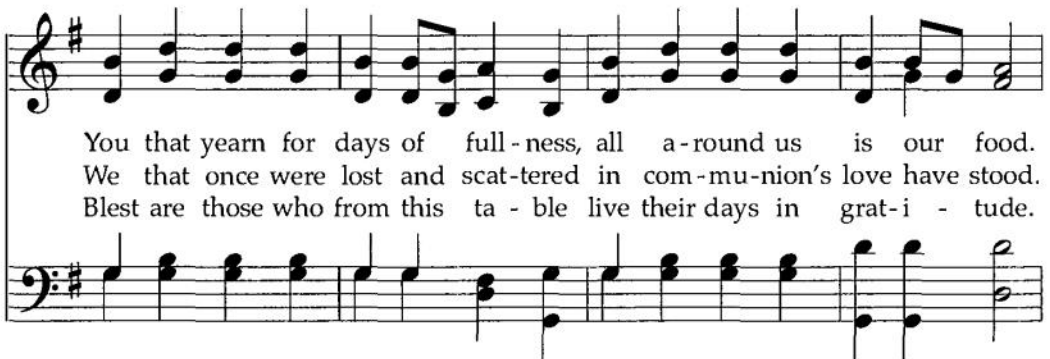
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON

One: Your mercy is like manna for our souls. Because of your grace, we can confess with honesty and trust. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

All: **Holy God, we confess that we forget that rest is a part of life. We strive and strive, thinking that rest will come eventually, but we are left exhausted. We forget that rest is a commandment, and we neglect your wisdom. Because we sacrifice rest for ourselves and others, our world has become harsher and less gracious. Forgive us, Lord, and give us your command to rest once again, that we may know that you alone are Lord. You desire wholeness and peace for all of your creation.**

[silence for individual prayer]

One: Through Jesus Christ, we pray,

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The promise of the gospel is that the weary will find rest. Those who are burdened will be set free. Sink into the promise of God's forgiveness. Receive the gift of wholeness that Christ gives.

All: Through Christ, God gives rest to our weary bodies and souls. For God's mercy and restoration, we give our thanks and praise!

***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: Peace often feels like rest and renewal. It is a gift to be savored and shared. 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: Nourishing God, feed us with your message and with your grace. Let these moments of rest and renewal restore our spirits. Let the delight of hearing your word instill in us a desire to live in your ways. This we pray in your holy name, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:2-5

Pew Bible, OT pg. 69

PSALM

“Psalm 105”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *St. Anne*, #84 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

***“The just rewards of unbelief are fashioned through our fears;
And nightmares, once imagined, gain their flesh when doubt appears.
But to the stalwart in their faith God’s blessings are displayed;
They sing with joy, the chosen ones whose hope in God is stayed.”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 105 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 19:1-8

Pew Bible, OT pg. 362

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“In Times of Trouble, Rest”

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INSTALLATION OF ELDER

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION AND CHARGE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Simple Gifts”

trad. Shaker Tune

~Emma Jarrait, cello

*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 FOR SABBATH REST³

One: Divine Rhythm of life, I step back from the burdens of life so you can refresh my Sabbath soul.

All: Let rest be a precious ointment for my over-extended life.

One: Divine Rhythm of life, I step back from the busyness of life so you can refresh my Sabbath soul.

All: Let leisure be a healing balm for my busy life.

One: Divine Rhythm of life, I step back from the distractions of life so you can refresh my Sabbath soul.

All: Let contemplation help me not miss delighting in the lilies of the fields.

One: Divine Rhythm of life, I step back from the worries of life so you can refresh my Sabbath soul.

All: Let the sounds of the birds of the air awaken me to your presence.

One: Divine Rhythm of life, I step back from the exhaustions of life so you can refresh my Sabbath soul.

All: Convert my being tired into being fulfilled.

One: Divine Rhythm of life, I step back from the fears of life so you can refresh my Sabbath soul.

All: Quiet the voices of fear so the wind of God can make new music in me.

One: Divine Rhythm of life, I step back from the fast lanes of life so you can refresh my Sabbath soul.

All: Slow me down so that I find my breath again in you.

One: Divine Rhythm of life, I step back from the routine of life so you can refresh my Sabbath soul.

All: Rebirth in me the childlike gifts of wonder and surprise.

One: Divine Rhythm of life, I step back from the noises of life so you can refresh my Sabbath soul.

**All: Call me to repent of speaking too much so I can savor silence.
Help me to be still and know that you are 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 #598**

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”

Guy Eldridge

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**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

The Liturgist today is Pat Johnson.

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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.

- 1 Adapted from Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good.' Used with permission.
- 2 Written by the Rev. Rachel Landers Vaaganes, a colleague and friend of Pastor Emma Nickel, whose congregation in Washington, D.C. is also focusing on sabbath during July.
- 3 By Paul G. Mast, 2008, <http://paulmast.com/Sabbath.html>

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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. Contact the pastor if you are in need.

Today's **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by Harry Popko in memory of Ilene Popko.

During the month of July, our congregation is observing a time of sabbath rest. We will have meaningful worship each Sunday focused on themes of rest and renewal. Other activities on the church calendar will be minimal. This intentional time of rest in our congregation will help us renew our energy and remember our reliance on God. Church staff will be working their normal hours throughout the month and the office will be open per the schedule below.

Outdoor Worship on July 16 at 10am

Next Sunday, worship is at 10am outside on the Hendrie Lawn, weather permitting. Bring a lawn chair, sunscreen, and hat as we worship out in God's creation.

Snack Pax

After worship on **July 23**, join us in Kirkman Fellowship Hall to pack 400 Snack Pax bags for neighbors who may not have enough to eat. This fun, easy, and intergenerational project takes about 30 minutes and all are invited to participate. If you are decorating bags for the projects, please return them to church by **next Sunday, July 16**.

End of Fiscal Year Gifts & Offering Envelopes

As the fiscal year draws to a close, we want to thank you for your faithfulness in giving to the ministry of FPCRO. Your gifts throughout the year make all the ministries at FPCRO possible!

We are so grateful for your pledges and gifts to God through the church.

Our church's fiscal year ends on July 31. We encourage you, as you are able, to complete your current year's pledge by that date. To be counted toward this budget year, **all gifts need to be received in the church office or postmarked by July 31**. New pledges for the 2023-2024 fiscal year take effect on August 1. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

Offering envelopes have arrived for those who requested them. They are available for pickup in the narthex outside the sanctuary.

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.

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.

Online Giving: Giving online is a fast and easy way to give at FPCRO. Through our PayPal page you may give a one-time gift, or you may set up recurring gifts using a debit/credit card, or your PayPal account. Thank you!

