

The Service for the Lord's Day



July 16, 2023

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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of Royal Oak

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Please silence all devices

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

“Be Still and Know”

arr. Fred Bock

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: We pray with the Psalmist, “Be still and know that I am God.”

All: Nurture our desire for stillness.

One: We declare with the wisdom tradition, “There is a time for every purpose under heaven.”

All: Remind us that a greater rhythm governs our lives.

One: We proclaim with Isaiah, “...call the Sabbath a delight.”

All: Fill us to overflowing with delight.

One: We are reminded by Jesus of Nazareth, “Where your treasure is there will your heart be also.”

All: Teach us again that all we have is on loan from our loving God, who invites us to rest.

*CENTERING SONG

“Sabbath Song”



Text: Emma Nickel; Music: Joseph Jackson ©2023

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: Creating God, sometimes our lives feel like a series of interruptions. It is hard to find holiness and peace in the midst of it all. Yet you delight in rest and renewal. You, who hold the hurting world in your hands, still make room for playfulness and joy. Show us how to do the same. We lift our hearts to you, good and gracious God. Amen.

*HYMN (opposite page) “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Text: ©1981 Jane Parker Huber (Admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

581 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

A D A E7 A D(9) D A E7 A

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life

A D A E7 E#dim7 F#m D A E7 A

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quers strife.

F#m F#m F#m C#7 F#m C# A D A E B7 E7

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

A D A E7 E#dim7 F#m D A E7 A

e-equal part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON

One: God welcomes us to pray when we are strong and when we are struggling. Let us trust in the mercy God gives and bring our full selves to God in confession. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **God who loves to rest, we come to you in need of that blessed gift. We love to serve you. But sometimes we get confused about what is really ours to do. Forgive us when we insist on doing everything ourselves. Help us to trust others to share the load, even when we have to give up some control. Forgive us when we insist that a good outcome depends on our hard work alone. Help us to trust you more than we trust ourselves. Allow us to find joy in inviting others to help us. Ease us into the joy of resting in you, even when there is still work to do.**

[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.

PSALM

“Psalm 62”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Gift of Love*, #397 “Gift of Love”

***“My soul, O God, in silence waits;
My hope secure, without a sound;
The Lord’s my refuge and my rock,
in whom the joys of life abound.”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 62 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:30-44

Pew Bible, NT pg. 42

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Sabbath in the Real World”

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*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

CONFIRMATION

INTRODUCTION

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYER AND BLESSING

WELCOME

One: Having been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism and by publicly professing his faith, Alex has expressed his intention to continue in the covenant God has made with him. Let us welcome him as he joins 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.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE

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

“Together We Serve”

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*BENEDICTION

**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

The Liturgist today is Jessica Gibbs.

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Worship services in FPCRO's sanctuary are now broadcast live and are recorded and posted on our website and social media platforms.
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 Paul G. Mast, 2008, <http://paulmast.com/Sabbath.html>

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!



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.

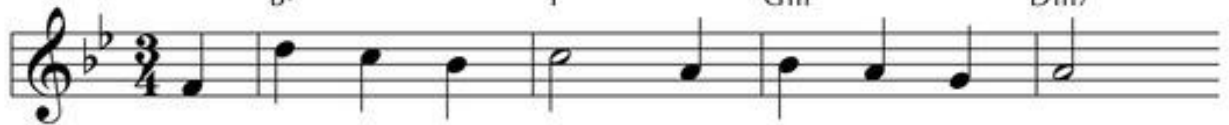
Together We Serve

Capo 3: (G)
B \flat

(D)
F

(Em)
Gm

(Bm7)
Dm7



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C)
E \flat

(G)
B \flat

(Am7)
Cm7

(Dsus) (D)
Fsus F



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G)
B \flat

(D)
F

(C)
E \flat

(Bm)
Dm



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
We of - fer a home to those who will come,
To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G)
B \flat

(C)
E \flat

(G)
B \flat

(Am)
Cm

(D7)
F7

(G)
B \flat



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

Today's **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in honor of Daniel Jarrait's 15th birthday, given with love from Emma Jarrait.

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.

A memorial service to give thanks for the life of **Mel Janney** will take place at Royal Oak First United Methodist Church (320 W 7th St., Royal Oak, MI 48067) on **Saturday, July 22 at 1pm**, with a reception following, hosted by the FPCRO Hospitality Committee. There will be **visitation with the family preceding the service from 12 pm to 1 pm**. Pastor Emma Nickel and Pastor Jeff Nelson of ROFUM will co-officiate the service.

Snack Pax

After worship next Sunday, **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 **today**.

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.