

The Service for the Lord's Day



September 11, 2022

Fourteenth 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

“Variations on Come Thou Fount”

Gordon Young

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: When we feel we have lost our joy, God invites us to seek it out once again.

All: So that we might find rejoicing, even in the costs of discipleship;

One: joy in community, even when our relationships are not perfect;

All: joy in who we are: people made in the image of God, sinners of God’s own redeeming.

One: God rejoices for us and among us.

All: God invites us to tend and nourish our own spirits, minds, and souls.

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 DAY¹**

All: Gracious God, when we celebrate the beauty of the day, you are Lord; and when chaos threatens to overwhelm and we dread the next news cycle—still, you are Lord. Always you are creating, redeeming, sustaining. Speak then your mercy into this place until we discover the courage to open our eyes, unclench our hands, and move toward our neighbor in need, until all the world rises and moves with the rhythm of your grace. For it is in you that we live and move and have our being. Amen.

***HYMN #68**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Text: Robert Robinson (1735-1790); Music: John Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Our sin and our inability to follow in God’s ways can steal our joy. By the grace of Christ, we can find joy, once again, in our living and in our discipleship. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

All: God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life you set among us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: We pray in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God unfolds the path of life before us and brings us toward fullness of joy. We can be confident in God's grace.

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: As forgiven people, let's share signs of joy and 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

(10:30)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

WORDS OF SCRIPTURE and PRESENTATION

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS and CONGREGATION

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

One: Friends, 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 disciples, obeying his Word and showing his love? If you so promise, please say, 'I will with God's help.'

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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM OF ABIGAIL MAE FRIEBERG

PRAYER OF BLESSING

WELCOME

One: Abigail has been received into the universal church and into God's family through baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit, she has become a member of the household of faith, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ!

CHORAL RESPONSE "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

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During the song, the elder will light the baptismal candle on the table signifying the light of Christ in the child's life. The family will take the candle home and light it each year on Abigail's baptismal anniversary.

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may grow in faith and love, deepen our joy, and find that it is truly well with our souls. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM

"Psalm 51"

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

***"Have mercy, Lord, according to the measure of Thy love;
Blot out my sin, and from my heart all wickedness remove."***

Paraphrase of Psalm 51 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-10

Pew Bible, NT pg. 80

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

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

“See What Love”

Felix Mendelssohn

~Chance! Choir

“See what love hath the father bestowed on us in His goodness, that we should be called God’s own children.”

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SERMON

“Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart”

*Rev. Emma Nickel***RESPONSE**

“Joy in the Morning”

*Hymn # 533 vs. 1****“There’ll be joy in the morning on that day, there’ll be joy in the morning on that day, for the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone, there’ll be joy in the morning on that day.”****Words and Music: Natalie Sleeth ©1977 Hope Publishing Co.***III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD****INVITATION TO THE OFFERING****OFFERTORY**

“When Peace Like a River”

arr. Douglas Wagner

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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*****LITANY^s—For Celebration, by John O’Donohue blessing****All: Now is the time to free the heart,
Let all intentions and worries stop,**One: Free the joy inside the self,
Awaken to the wonder of your life.**All: Open your eyes and see the friends
Whose hearts recognize your face as kin,**One: Those whose kindness watchful and near,
Encourages you to live everything here.**All: See the gifts the years have given,
Things your effort could never earn,
The health to enjoy who you want to be
And the mind to mirror mystery.**

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 #440**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Text: Dorothy Thrupp, (1779-1847); Music: William Bradbury (1816-1868) Public Domain

***BENEDICTION**

(10:30)

POSTLUDE

“Toccata on *Come, Thou Fount*”

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**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

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- 2 From *The Worship Sourcebook*, Faith Alive Christian Resources, ©2004.
- 3 John O'Donohue, *To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings* (London: Doubleday, 2008), 175.

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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.

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by Audrey & Bradley Frieberg in honor of the baptism of their daughter, Abigail Mae.

Flu Shots Today!

Plan to get your flu shot at church from Rite Aid before or after worship from **9 am-12 noon**. Have your ID and insurance card ready. We are grateful to the Deacons for offering this important opportunity.



“It is Well” Wellness Fair

In conjunction with our worship series on spiritual and mental wellness, we’re hosting a 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) **today, 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! 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**. Make donations to sponsor the FPCRO team members at any 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—thank you for your generosity!

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.

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 will be available later this week. Printed copies of the Annual Report will be available Sunday, September 18.

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**.

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. Days for Girls creates sustainable menstrual products for girls around the world. We'll cut fabric and patterns, sew some pads and bags, and assemble kits. 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*.

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.

Nursery News

We are excited to announce our new Child Care Provider, Zumi Hagopian. Zumi is a familiar face, having grown up at FPCRO. She will be with caring for infants and toddlers during the 10:30 a.m. worship service and occasional special services. Zumi graduated from high school this past spring and is attending Oakland Community College. Welcome Zumi!