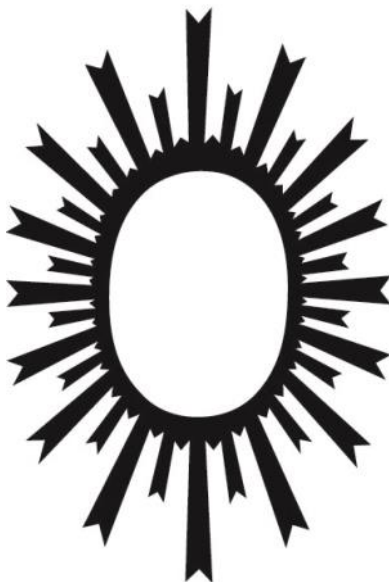


The Service for the Lord's Day



August 13, 2023

Eleventh 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

“Andante”

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One: We gather together to worship God,

All: who comes to us when we least expect it,

One: who calls us out of the safety of our ordered lives

All: and invites us to join in the adventure of faith.

One: Let's worship God together!

***HYMN #424**

“How Can I Keep from Singing?”

Text and Music: Robert Lowry (1826-1899), Public Domain

CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON

One: Truly, Jesus is the Son of God. And so we turn to him with honesty, assured of his forgiveness for the ways we have walked away from our faith and discipleship.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God, you call us to move toward those who are in need of your love. You invite us to place our own lives in your hands and to wholeheartedly commit to following You. We confess that we find all of this difficult to do. It is not always easy to follow where you lead, to turn away from our own desires, to let go of our safety nets and trust that you will provide for us. Forgive us when we put you to the test, instead of trusting in your constant movement toward us. Increase our faith. Open our eyes to see past our own interests and concerns, to your broader vision for us and for our world.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: Through Jesus Christ, we pray,

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We can live with courage and trust, because of God's assurance of grace.

All: Through the grace and love of 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: We have received forgiveness and now we can offer it to one another. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

MINUTE FOR MISSION

~Benny Rediers

Refugee Resettlement Update

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Gracious God, we listen for you in the sounds of nature and in the world. Sometimes your voice is loud, and sometimes it feels silent. As we listen today, let your Spirit silence in us all the storms, doubts, and fears that overwhelm, so that we may hear what you have to say. May your voice compel and invite us toward faith. Amen.

PSALM

“Psalm 85”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Ellacombe*, #31 “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

***“Restore to us salvation, Lord, let Thy displeasure cease;
And still the tempest of Thy wrath with gentle winds of peace.
My humble heart the still small voice of Thy love yet attends;
The faithful God from death redeems, the fearful, God attends.”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 85 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-33

Pew Bible, NT pg. 16

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Fear and Trusting in Galilee”

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling”

arr. Dale Wood

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***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**

One: When the wind is strong and the waves are high, remember the words of Jesus:

All: Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.

One: When our dreams come to nothing; and we wonder what lies ahead, remember the words of Jesus:

All: Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.

One: When those we love disappoint us, or hurt us deeply, remember the words of Jesus:

All: Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.

One: When we begin to question God's call, or doubt God's love, remember the words of Jesus:

All: Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid. When we've lost all hope, and don't know where to turn, remember the words of Jesus

One: Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.

All: When our faith is stretched to the breaking point, remember the words of Jesus:

One: Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

All: When you go through deep waters, I will be with you.

One: When you pass through rivers of difficulty, you will not be overwhelmed.

All: When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, and the flame will not consume you. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

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 #495**

“Stand By Me”

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in C Major”

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**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

The Liturgist today is Rev. Neeta Nichols.

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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.*

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.

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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 to the glory of God in celebration of the fifth anniversary of Phoebe's baptism by her parents, Matt & Emma Nickel.

Outdoor Worship Service August 20 at 10am

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

School Supplies

During the month of **August**, we're collecting school supplies for Oakland Elementary school. Look for sales and pick up a few items when you see them. Boxes will be out in the church to receive donations. Teacher requested items include: crayons, colored pencils, markers, glue sticks, composition notebooks, primary journals (composition notebook, but with a spot to draw a picture for K-2 classes), plastic folders with prongs, colored dry erase markers, pencils (pre-sharpened), Play-Doh, bingo daubers, socks (for feet and white board erasers)

Back to School Blessing

Join us on **August 27** at the **10am worship** service for a Back to School Blessing! Whether you are a student of any age or you work in schools or higher education, we invite you to come and receive God's blessing for this important moment in the year. The Deacons are hosting a Coffee Hour following the worship service.

CROP Walk is September 17

The 2023 Ferndale/Royal Oak CROP Hunger Walk is **Sunday, September 17**. Online registration is open and you can make donations to sponsor the FPCRO team at any time. Register to walk or give at: **<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/ferndalemi>**. Funds raised will help people in our community and in places around the world to overcome the challenges of hunger and food insecurity. Please join our team whether it's a tradition for you to walk or if it's your first time!

Rise Against Hunger

Signup to pack meals to send around the world on **Sunday, September 24**. Following lunch together, this intergenerational event will run from 12:15pm to 2:30pm and is high energy and open to all. Signup online to participate: **<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FPCRO2023>**. Lunch will be provided between worship and the start of the event.

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