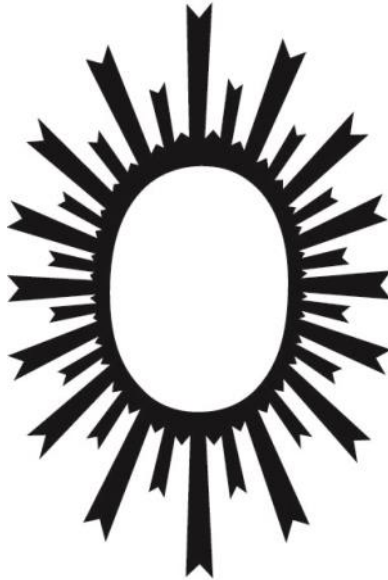


The Service for the Lord's Day



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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

For young children, the Playground 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

“Andante Sostenuto”

Charles-Marie Widor
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

All: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

One: No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart:

All: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

One: No matter how hard it is to pray persistently and work for justice, we do not lose heart.

All: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people; when I will equip them for every good work; and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.

***HYMN #411**

“How Firm a Foundation”

Text: Rippon's Selection of Hymns 1787; Music: Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832, Public Domain

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: In spite of our best efforts to live faithfully, we fall short of what God intends for us. Because God has already promised to be merciful, we dare to tell the truth about our lives. In humility and trust, let us confess our sin. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God, we confess that we often grow weary in following you. Forgive us for failing to pray and to work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice which comes with peace. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: We pray in Christ's name,

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is the only judge of the living and the dead, we give thanks for the gift of forgiveness.

All: By the grace of Christ, we will be persistent in the life of faith to which we were called.

*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 peace 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

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: As we open your good book, dearest God, remind us the power of the stories it contains. Let your Spirit leap forth from the page, that we might be drawn into your story of love and light once again. Help us to understand our story inside your story. Amen.

PSALM

“Psalm 121”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Duke Street*, #341 “Jesus Shall Reign”

***“The Promise of the Lord is sure: to hold me in unyielding care;
Throughout my life, may faith confirm that where I am, the Lord is there.”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 121 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-8

Pew Bible, NT pg. 83

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

All: Thanks be to God.

(10:30)

ANTHEM

“Total Praise”

Richard Smallwood

~Chancel Choir

“Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from You. Your peace, you give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength, you are the strength of my life, I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.”

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SERMON

“The Long Defeat?”

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“O Savior, Hear Me!”

Gluck, adapt. Dudley Buck

~Brady DeVecchio

“O Savior hear me, I implore thee, in thee alone can peace be found, thou canst sustain and thou restore me whate'er the cares that hover round. Hear my supplication. Turn on me thy loving eyes. Lord I long for thy salvation, and would fain attain the prize. When cares of earth to me seem heavy heartsore I seek of thee relief. Thy grace remaineth ever ready to soothe my pain, to assuage my grief. Hear my supplication. Turn on me thy loving eyes. Lord I long for thy salvation, and would fain attain the prize.”

©1880 G. Schirmer, ren. 1908 Dudley Buck

***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**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

All: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

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 #473**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Text: Joseph Scriven (1819-1886); Music: Charles Converse (1832-1918), Public Domain

***BENEDICTION**

(10:30)

POSTLUDE

“Final in E Flat major, Op. 40”

Alexandre Guilmant
Public Domain

**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

- 1 Portions of today's liturgy is from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year C, Vol 2*, (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2013).

Liturgist at 10:30: Linda Batcheller

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Bryan Clinthorne, *baritone*; Brady DeVecchio, *tenor*; Olivia Donnel, *soprano*; Audrey Frieberg, *soprano*

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by Vera-Anne Corwin in memory of her loving husband, John Corwin.

Grand Opening of the Good Book Nook

The congregation is cordially invited to the Grand Opening of the Good Book Nook **today Sunday, October 16 at 11:30 am**. Join us for a ribbon-cutting and cake and coffee in the CE lobby to celebrate this new reading space for young children, made possible by a generous mission grant! The renovated space will occupy the first office in the hallway across from the Copy Room. The Good Book Nook will be open during regular church office hours.

Decorate Your Car for Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 21 at 5:00 pm is our community Trunk or Treat. You can help make the event a success by decorating your car. You do not need to hand out candy at your car. Children will receive a candy goodie bag at the end of the pathway. If you or someone you know would like to decorate a car for the event, you can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f44aba72da2fa7-trunk>. Our goal is to have 30 cars! Come and be a part of the fun!

New Member Class • October 23 and 30

Classes meet **Sunday morning from 9 am–10:00 am** and conclude on October 30, with breakfast and a brief Session meeting to receive new members. Elder Suzanne Lewand, class facilitator, brings wisdom about FPCRO and experience in the Presbytery of Detroit. Questions? Contact Pastor Emma at enickel@fpcro.org or **(248) 541-0108**

Show and Tell — a fun way to share our joys and hobbies!

On **Sunday, October 30 in Kirkman Fellowship Hall**, immediately following our 10:30 am service, the Stewardship Committee will host “Show and Tell.” This event will provide time for our church family to share their skills, hobbies, talents, and passions—no public speaking required! **Sign-up for a space to share what you do (see reverse side of bulletin for form)**, find others in the church who do it also, and learn about members’ hobbies and skills: <https://tinyurl.com/2fs47p7t>. You don’t have to be an expert at anything. You don’t need any elaborate set-up or display, but you’re invited to bring photos, examples or equipment, memorabilia, or a demonstration of your activity. Just sign up and share what makes you happy. Questions? See Karen Kline.

Fall Grounds Clean-Up

The House and Grounds Committee invites you to join us on **Saturday, November 5, from 9am to 12 noon** for the annual Fall Grounds Clean-Up. Bring your work gloves and your gardening gear as we rake leaves and prepare the grounds for the coming Michigan winter.

Flower Dedications

Make a flower dedication to celebrate, honor or remember friends and family. There are several slots still available. Sign up on the Flower Dedication chart in the hallway, fill out a card and include a check for \$45. Place the items in the basket at the reception desk. Thank you!

October Schedule for S.T.A.G.E.

(Somewhere To Ask God Everything)

Youth Ministry for Grades 6-12

- **Sunday, October 16–Regular Meeting to Plan Youth Sunday:** Meet at Cana Lutheran Church. Schedule: Middle School meets from 4:30-5:45 pm, dinner for all youth from 5:45-6:15 pm, High School meets from 6:15-7:30 pm.
- **Friday, October 21–Fun (and Mission!) Event:** Trunk or Treat at FPCRO from 5-6 pm (set-up at 4:30 pm).
- **October 30–No meeting:** Happy Halloween!
- **November 6–Regular Meeting** at Cana Lutheran/Drayton Church
Middle School - 4:30-5:45 pm, Dinner for Middle and High School - 5:45-6:15 pm
High School - 6:15-7:30 pm
- **November 13–Regular Meeting** at Cana Lutheran/Drayton Church
Middle School - 4:30-5:45 pm, Dinner for Middle and High School - 5:45-6:15 pm
High School - 6:15-7:30 pm
- **November 20–Rise Against Hunger** food packing event at **Greenfield Presbyterian Church from 3-5 pm.** *More details and registration coming soon.*
- **Saturday, December 3–Berkley Christmas Parade** in partnership with Greenfield Presbyterian Church. Meet at Greenfield at 4-4:30 pm.
- **December 11–Meeting to Plan Youth Sunday** at Cana Lutheran/Drayton Church. **All grades will meet together from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm, with dinner at 6 pm.**
- **December 18–White Elephant** gift exchange and prepare luminaria for Christmas at Cana Lutheran/Drayton Church. **All grades meet together from 4:30 pm-7 pm, with dinner at 6:30 pm.** Luminaria are an annual fundraiser to support the STAGE program throughout the year.

Provide Dinner and/or Volunteer at a S.T.A.G.E. Meeting

Can you **provide dinner** for the youth (about 12 students) on a Sunday evening?
Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4fafad2ca7fd0-stage> and sign up!

Can you **serve as an adult volunteer** during a Sunday meeting?
Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4fafad2ca7fd0-stage1> and sign up!



Show and Tell Sign-Up Form

October 30, 11:30am • Kirkman Fellowship Hall

- I would like to share my hobby, talent, special interest (ex: baking, fiber arts, photography, genealogy, sports, music, gardening, travel, etc.)

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

I will share: _____

Complete this form and leave in offering plate or at the reception desk.

Or, sign-up on-line: <https://tinyurl.com/2fs47p7t>

Any age may participate. You do not need to be an expert or proficient at your hobby or interest. Make connections and learn more about our church family!

Table space and a chair will be provided. You do not need a complicated set up or large display. Please be set up prior to the 10:30 worship service.

Questions? Contact Karen Kline (kkline3628@gmail.com) 248-709-0714.



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