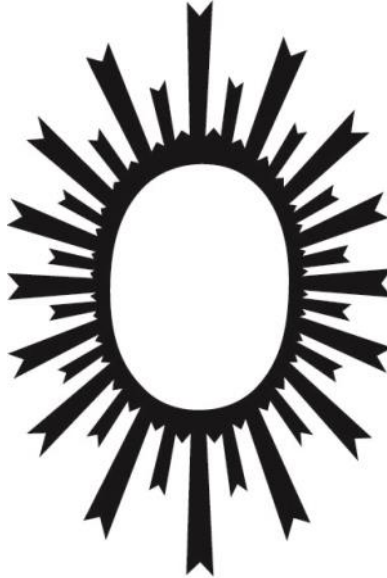


# The Service for the Lord's Day



**June 25, 2023**

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Fourth 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. 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**

“Prelude on *Ar Hyd Y Nos*”

*Dale Wood*

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#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

One: Jesus Christ summons us to answer God’s call of mercy.

**All: Christ gathers us and gives us power to be healed and to heal,**

One: to be forgiven and to forgive,

**All: to be freed from sin and to set others free,**

One: to tell one another and the world:

**All: God’s presence is at hand! Let us worship God.**

#### **\*HYMN #723**

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

Text: Fred Pratt Green ©1970 Hope Publishing Co.; Music: Welsh Melody

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON**

One: The proof of God’s love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Assured already of God’s grace and forgiveness, let us confess our sin together.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

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

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>**

**All: Almighty God, you have promised liberation for your people, and reconciliation for all of creation. We confess that we have grown weary of waiting. We have lowered our hopes, and scaled our expectations according to the world, rather than believing in your steadfast Word. We confess that we have grown comfortable in our waiting. We cry out for justice, if it doesn’t cost us too much. We proclaim your liberation, as long as it doesn’t impinge on the freedoms that we value most. We want to follow Jesus, healing the sick and doing good deeds, but we don’t want to be mistreated or hated. We don’t want to stir up the dust,**

**much less shake it from our feet. Forgive us, we pray. Give us words to speak your liberating Word and endurance to persevere until your kingdom comes.**

*[silence for individual prayer]*

One: In Christ's name, we pray,

**All: Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the good news: God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness is promised to all generations.

**All: We are justified by faith, forgiven and freed, and at peace with God and each other through Jesus Christ. 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: With God's forgiveness sustaining us, we can greet one another in peace and in love. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

#### **BLESSING OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

One: Loving God, we pray for your love in the lives of these seniors.

**All: We pray for your joy to bubble up in them.**

One: We pray for your peace to soothe their souls.

**All: We pray for your patience to emerge in their words.**

One: We pray for your kindness to show through their actions.

**All: We pray for your goodness to surround their worries.**

One: We pray for your faithfulness to pervade their relationships.

**All: We pray for your gentleness to show through their spirits.**

One: And we pray for your self-control to be part of their choices.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. May these gifts blossom in and through these students, who go on to new adventures, near and far. May we always be a home they can return to.

**All: May you always be their guide. May they always remember your love, which never fails. Amen.**

## II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All: Lord God, by your Spirit teach us to obey your voice and keep covenant so that we may be known as your holy people, and share your blessings with the world; in Jesus' name, Amen.**

### PSALM

"Psalm 100"

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Tallis' Canon*, #715 "Now Let Us from This Table Rise"

***"Thou art the Lord, by Thy design all we in nature claim our place;  
Thy flock, we bind our lives to Thine, and rest secure beneath Thy grace."***

Paraphrase of Psalm 100 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9:35-10:8

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 10*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

"Compassion for the Crowds"

*Rev. Emma Nickel*

## III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

"A Hymne to God the Father"

*Pelham Humfrey*

*~Sharon Rhinesmith*

*"Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun, which is my sin though it were done before? Wilt thou forgive those sins, through which I run, and do run still, though still I do deplore? When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more. Wilt thou forgive that sin by which I've won others to sin? And made my sin their door? Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year or two: but wallowed in, a score? When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more. I have a sin of fear, that when I've spun my last thread, I shall perish on the shore, but swear by thy self, that at my death thy Sun shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore; and, having done that, thou hast done, I fear no more."*

Text: John Donne; this arr. ©1947 Schott & Co. Ltd. London

#### \*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

## **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS**

### **SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE**

One: There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

One: Together, we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

### **STATEMENT ON ORDINATION and INSTALLATION**

#### **\*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.**

### **ORDINATION QUESTIONS**

### **QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION**

### **PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS**

### **DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION AND CHARGE**

### **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**

“Come, Labor On”

Text: Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1859; rev. 1863, alt.; Music: Thomas Tertius Noble, 1918

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

“Prelude in C Major”

*J.S. Bach*  
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*\*Indicates please stand as you are able.*

### **The Liturgist today is the Rev. Neeta Nichols.**

We welcome our guest soloist, mezzo-soprano **Sharon Rhinesmith**. Sharon is a native of Royal Oak, but has spent most of her life and career in Philadelphia. Ms. Rhinesmith and Joseph Jackson were colleagues for many years in Philadelphia.

- 1 The Call to Worship is from *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A, Vol 2*, Ed. Kimberly Bracken Long (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2014), 40.
- 2 Portions of today's liturgy are used by permission from ©Presbyterian Outlook, 2023, written by Stephanie Sorge.

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### **SOLOISTS**

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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.*

# Come, Labor On

Capo 1: (G) (C) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (C) (D) (G)  
 A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> Fm D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>



1 Come, la-lor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain  
 2 Come, la-lor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;  
 3 Come, la-lor on. Cast off all gloom - y doubt and faith - less fear!  
 4 Come, la-lor on. No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,

(Em) (B7) (Em) (B) (Em) (C) (D)  
 Fm C7 Fm C Fm D<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>



while all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each  
 to young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the  
 No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here. Though fee - ble  
 till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, and a glad

(G) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)  
 A<sup>b</sup> Fm D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m E<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup>



ser - vant does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."  
 time; its hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.  
 a - gents, may we all ful - fill God's righ - teous will.  
 sound comes with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"

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Today's **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by Shirley & Ron Gillham in grateful thanks for 65 wonderful years of marriage. We are truly blessed.

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There will be a coffee hour following the service today in Kirkman Fellowship Hall hosted by the Deacons. Decorate a bag for SnackPax while you enjoy a snack.

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During the month of July, our congregation will observe a time of sabbath rest. We will have meaningful worship each Sunday focused on themes of rest and renewal. But other activities 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.

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### **Cereal for Summer during June**

During the month of June, bring a box or two of cereal to help kids and families in need. No child should go hungry. However, many kids who rely on receiving a subsidized breakfast or lunch during the school year often face long summer days without enough to eat. FPCRO will support the Cereal for Summer campaign at the Presbytery of Detroit again this year.

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### **SnackPax**

Plan to **pick up a few paper bags to decorate** for our next **SnackPax** mission event. We will again decorate 400 bags (any way you like that brings joy!) and pack snacks in them together after worship on **July 23. Decorated bags are due back to the church July 16.** Thank you for serving our neighbors, as we partner with the Song and Spirit Center in Royal Oak.

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### **Little Free Pantry**

FPCRO's Little Free Pantry serves unhoused neighbors as well as those who may be running short on funds. Below is a suggested list of non-perishable items which may be dropped off during church office hours. For cash or check donations, please indicate the "Little Free Pantry" on the check or note. **Pull-Tab Cans:** stew (beef and chicken), fruit (cocktails, peaches, pears, etc.), vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, etc.), baked beans, soup (any variety), beefaroni/ravioli (ready-to-eat), canned tuna, chicken, or turkey. **Non-perishables:** granola bars (soft/chewy, any flavor), cereal (small individual boxes), tuna/chicken (ready-to-eat pouches), Knorr rice/pasta sides, peanut butter, snack crackers/cookies, small bottled waters, juice boxes, Easy Mac and Cheese (pouches/cups).

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### **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!*

