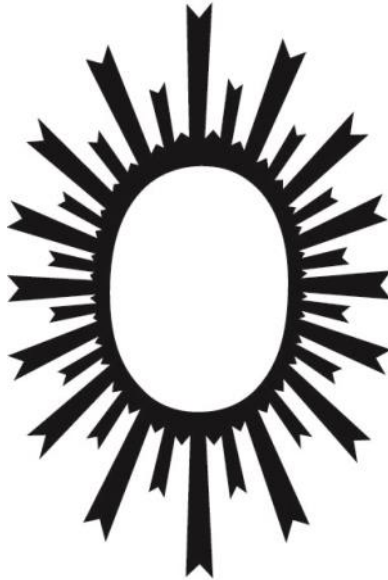


# The Service for the Lord's Day



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**November 13, 2022**

Twenty-third 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.*

### **I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

#### **PRELUDE**

“If You Will Trust in God to Guide You” BWV 647

*J.S. Bach*  
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### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: When the nights feel darker than normal,

**All: God, you show us new life.**

One: When we do not know who or where to turn to,

**All: God, you show us new life.**

One: When our circumstances weigh us down,

**All: God, you show us new life.**

One: When we need the healing that comes from forgiveness,

**All: God, you show us new life.**

One: God we are listening. Let us worship God.

#### **\*HYMN #56**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Text: Johann Schultz (1640-1690); Music: Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesange, 1566 Public Domain

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

One: When we turn to God in confession, God turns to us with mercy. God's mercy is generous. There are no strings attached. So we can confidently say: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

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

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: God of compassion, You say that you love, and so you do. You say that you give grace, and so you do. You call us to be like you and we struggle to live up to our calling. We want to be helpful, and sometimes we hinder. We want to support one another, and sometimes we hurt instead. We want to be reconciled, and we struggle to forgive. We want to be committed and trusting, and still we hold back. Restore us, connect us, nurture us, guide us more deeply into the people you created us to be.**

*[silence for individual prayer]*

One: In Christ's name we pray,

**All: Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God's love is poured out through the Holy Spirit. This is love from God's own heart, this is love that restores and renews. Hear and believe the good news:

**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: We are freed from sin, freed to serve, and freed to celebrate peace among us. 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 listen to your Word, may we hear with our ears and with our hearts. May your wisdom be our wisdom. May your love be our love. May your grace be our grace. As your Word lives in us, may it also live through us by faith. Amen.**

### **PSALM**

“Psalm 8”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Rest*, #471 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

***“How vast the heav'ns, how small are we, and yet we feel Thy care.  
O who are we to own such grace, to see the glory of Thy face,  
Thy goodness everywhere?”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 8 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Ecclesiastes 3:9-18

*Pew Bible, OT pg. 684*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**(10:30)**

**ANTHEM**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Ferguson

~Chancel Choir

*“For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and dale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sounds and sight; Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends here and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise. For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven; for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely given: Christ, our Lord, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.”*

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**SERMON**

“Time Management for Christians”

Rev. Matthew Nickel

**III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace”

Eric Thiman

~Audrey Frieberg

*“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.”*

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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**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — 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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER<sup>1</sup>**

**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 #409**

“God of Our Life”

Text: Hugh Kerr (1872-1950) ©1958 Service Book and Hymnal (Augsburg Fortress)  
Music: Charles Purday (1799-1885); arr. John Weaver ©1990 Hope Publishing Co.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**(10:30)**

**POSTLUDE**

“Postlude on *Old Hundredth*”

*Fred Bock*

©1971 Sacred Music Press (The Lorenz Corp.)

*\*Indicates please stand as you are able.*

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***Today, the Rev. Matt Nickel is preaching and leading worship while Pastor Emma is away for continuing education. Matt is a familiar face to some, having served as temporary associate pastor at FPCRO from 2011-2013.***

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### **SOLOISTS**

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### **Salvation Army Angel Tree Program**

As the busy holiday season arrives, we are grateful for our blessings and are aware of the great need in our community for those families who are struggling. The Salvation Army has asked for our help to make Christmas brighter for children in our area who might not receive gifts. This year, the Salvation Army invites us to purchase new, unwrapped toys for different age groups which will be displayed on the tag. Tags will be available in the church lobby, or there will be a QR code to scan and have your gift sent directly to the Salvation Army. **Bring UNWRAPPED gifts to the church by Friday, December 9.** These gifts are always very much appreciated by the recipients and Salvation Army. Our congregation is a very generous one, with warm hearts and love for our neighbors. Thank you, and may God bless you all this Christmas season!



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.

**S.T.A.G.E. Schedule** (*Somewhere To Ask God Everything*)  
**Youth Ministry for Grades 6-12**

- **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**. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/29du7zvr>
- **November 20–7 pm Zoom meeting** for youth and parents about the **2023 Chicago High School Mission Trip**, dates July 9-14, 2023  
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83294734371> Meeting ID: **832 9473 4371**
- **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 Greenfield Presbyterian 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 S.T.A.G.E. program throughout the year.

Mark your calendar now for **Youth Sunday on January 15, 2023 at Greenfield Presbyterian Church, with services at 9 am & 11 am.**

A rehearsal will take place on **Saturday, January 14 at 10 am.**

*Dinner info: Students are asked to bring a \$3 donation when dinner is served at a S.T.A.G.E. meeting. This helps us offset the cost for picnics and for times when dinner is not donated. If you bring a friend for their first visit, you and your friend eat for free. Speak to a pastor or Melanie Barash if the donation is difficult for your family. Thanks for your support!*

**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!

**Volunteer at a S.T.A.G.E. Meeting**

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

Today's **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by Scott Rieck in loving memory of Karl Rieck.

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### **A Service of Healing and Wholeness**

As the holiday season approaches, many find it to be a time of sadness and/or struggle. On **Wednesday, November 16 at 7 pm**, our FPCRO Stephen Ministers and Staff will lead a service of Healing and Wholeness. We invite you to come as we seek God's comfort and healing during this time of difficulty. If you have experienced the death of a loved one, are in physical pain, or have had an emotional upset, please consider joining us for a time of comfort and renewal. The brief 30-40 minute worship service will be in Evans Chapel. All are welcome.

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### **Common Ground Household Items Collection**

We are supporting Common Ground, a local organization that helps young adults move through crisis into hope, by holding a church-wide collection of household items to help young people moving into their first apartments. Take a tag from the board in the narthex or visit <https://tinyurl.com/y6dh7ezr>. From toiletries to baking sheets to cleaning supplies there are lots of items to choose from so a young person's new apartment is well-stocked and offers a welcoming space to call home. Please return items to church by **Sunday, November 20**.

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### **Hanging of the Greens**

After worship on **Sunday, November 20**, stick around and help with the annual Hanging of the Greens. Many hands make light work!

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### **Special Building Rental on November 20**

We are renting our building to a new community group, **Sportsman's Dog Training Club**, for an American Kennel Club Scent Work Trial on November 19 & 20. This means we will need to make adjustments to our building use on November 20 as we share our space with the dogs and handlers. Sunburst Singers, with kids singing in worship and practicing after church, will still take place. **Hanging of the Greens** will also take place after the 10:30 am service, with all items staged in the Parlor. We're grateful for your flexibility!

#### **A few requests for Sunday, November 20:**

- Enter the building through the Chapel or Hendrie doors. Signs will be out as reminders.
  - Please stay in the Sanctuary, Chapel, Parlor, and Narthex areas of the church building as much as possible. The restrooms will be open. If you are able, please use the ones at the top of the stairs in the CE Lobby.
  - The dogs are being timed, so please don't interact with them in any way.
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### **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!