


**The Service for the Lord's Day  
with the Sacrament of Holy Communion**



**June 4, 2023**

Trinity Sunday and Confirmation Celebration

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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. Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade after the Time with Children.*

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

#### **PRELUDE**

“Fanfare and Trumpet Tune on *Nicaea*”

*Christopher Tambling*  
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#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

One: The grace of the Triune God is evident in so many ways:

**All: In the love and care of our families and friends,**

One: In our service to neighbors and community,

**All: In the gathering of people who trust in God’s goodness.**

One: Let us respond to the grace of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

**All: In our worship and prayers, saying, *help, thanks, wow, and I’m sorry.***

One: In our actions for justice and peace in the world.

**All: In the dedication of our lives.**

#### **\*HYMN #350**

“The Summons”

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

One: Because of the gift of grace, we can feel safe and at home in God’s presence. So let us come before God with the truth of our lives, trusting that God can and will free us from our sin. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

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

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: God, you love us so well. Forgive us for the times when we struggle to love ourselves. Help us to remember that you created us in your image and that we are good: our bodies, our minds, and our souls. When we feel we are no good or undeserving of love, restore our trust in you, our Creator. Restore our spirits so that we may proclaim who we are and whose we are. And then, help us to boldly share your love with those who are having the hardest time.**

*[silence for individual prayer]*

One: In Christ’s name we pray,

**All: Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Christ has set us free! Our sins have been turned as if to ashes. Because of God's grace, they blow away on the wind and are no more.

**All: We thank God for this good news!**

*The worship leaders will light the papers on fire, representing the sins and confessions we offer to God. Watch as these are turned to ash and fly away. The Confirmation Class enjoyed learning about Confession and Forgiveness using this activity together.*

## **\*JOYFUL RESPONSE,**

**HYMN #136, v.1**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

**“Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

***Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.***

***Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!***

***God in three persons, blessed Trinity!”***

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## **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The Spirit has drawn us together in unity and shown us the gift of reconciliation, which is ours to share. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

### **CONFIRMATION**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **PRESENTATION**

#### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

#### **PRAYER AND BLESSINGS**

#### **WELCOME**

One: Nathan, Annabella, Charlie, and Riley, having been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism and by publicly professing their faith, have expressed their intention to continue in the covenant God has made with them. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

**All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

#### **PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES**

## II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All:** Holy God, you have given us the Bible so that we can more clearly see and understand you. You have given us these words so that we may also recognize you outside the scriptures: in people, in friendships, in service, in love. Open our eyes and our hearts that, by the power of your Spirit, we may come to know you more deeply. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 36:5-7  
Ephesians 3:18-19

*Pew Bible, OT pg. 563*

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 206*

### PSALM

“Psalm 119”

*Hal H. Hopson*

*Please join in singing the refrain upon a cue from the cantor.*



You are my strength, O God. I will love you for - ev-er.

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### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 8:35-37-39  
1 John 3:1

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 165*

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 259*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

“Be Thou My Vision”

*arr. Carlton Young*

*~Chancel Choir*

*“Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art—thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word, I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father and I Thy true son, O thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s sun! Heart of my own heart, what ever befall, O still be my vision, thou ruler of all.”*

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### MESSAGE

“A Reminder,” by Sarah Bessey<sup>1</sup>

## III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

“Consecration”

John Ness Beck/Craig Courtney

~Bryan Clinthorne

*“Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my voice and let it sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.”*

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## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

## INVITATION

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD’S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

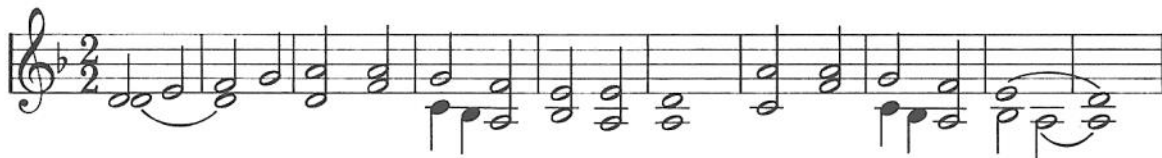
**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: We praise your name, most holy God... we join our praise with the sound of all creation to sing joyfully in praise of your wondrous glory:

### Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na



in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

One: We sing your praise, eternal God...By faith we trust:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

One: Remembering his life, death, and resurrection...Keep us faithful in our service to you that we might give you glory and honor and praise forevermore saying together:

### **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**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion! You are welcome at God's table here regardless of your denomination or affiliation.*

*You are invited to come forward to the servers at the front of the church to receive the bread and cup. Please open your hands and the server will place the bread into them. Eat the bread when you receive it. A gluten free bread option is available in the center of the plate; please let the server know and you're invited to take the GF bread from the plate yourself. Take a cup and drink from it, then place the cup in the trashcan nearby. If you prefer to be served in the pew, please remain there and a server will come to you.*

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**All: God, you have greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. As a result of this meal, give us grace that, in everything, we may give ourselves and our actions to you. May the love and grace you lavish so freely on us overflow as love and grace to others. Amen**

## **IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

### **\*HYMN #680**

“Borning Cry”

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### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

“Toccatà”

Richard Keys Biggs

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

**Liturgist:** Scott Kortlandt

- 1 Sarah Bessey, “A Reminder,” *A Rhythm of Prayer: A Collection of Meditations for Renewal*, ed. Sarah Bessey (New York: Convergent, 2021).

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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.*

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### **Please Note Worship Schedule:**

There is **one 10:30am worship service** next **Sunday, June 11** for the Global Hymn Festival.

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### **Through Labor Day, the church office is 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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### **S.T.A.G.E. Schedule • Youth Ministry for Grades 6-12**

**June 4:** End of Year Picnic at Cana/Drayton at 4:30pm for students and families.

**July 9-15:** High School Mission trip to Chicago.

**July 24-27:** Middle School Mission Week in Metro Detroit. Registration now available.

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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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**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!



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.

Today's **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by Sally & Greg Gilreath in honor of the confirmands. Blessings and congratulations!

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**After worship, please join us for a special coffee hour with cake and punch in Kirkman Fellowship Hall to celebrate the confirmands, hosted by the Christian Education committee.**

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### **Global Hymn Fest of Anthems on June 11 at 10:30am**

On Sunday, June 11 at 10:30am we will give God our praise in song through a Global Hymn Festival. In singing the **music of many peoples and languages**, we seek to recognize the diversity God has created in humanity. We also seek to experience our connection to God through sounds and songs that may be new to us. The Chancel Choir, Jubilate Handbell Choir, and Sunburst Singers Children's Choir will end their program year in this celebratory service! The **Nacho Grill Food Truck** will be at FPCRO following worship. Purchase a tasty lunch or snack and join us for a picnic on the lawn as we kick off the summer!

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### **Summer Worship Time Change to 10am begins June 18**

The Session has voted to move to one worship service during the summer months this year. **We will worship each Sunday this summer at 10:00am, beginning June 18** through Labor Day. We hope the adjusted time brings members who attend each of our normal services together for a single worship opportunity. Those who normally worship in the sanctuary can also get out a few minutes earlier on Sundays to enjoy the summer weather!

On the **third Sunday of June, July, and August we will worship outdoors on the Hendrie Lawn. June 18 at 10am will be an outdoor service.** Bring a lawn chair or blanket, a hat, and sunscreen and enjoy worship out in God's creation!

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### **STELLAR Vacation Bible School • Volunteer for STELLAR VBS!**

Our 2023 STELLAR VBS is **June 26-30 from 9 am-12 noon**. Registration is now open! Visit **<https://form.jotform.com/223405660685054>** to register. Our fun week of finding Jesus' light is coming soon! We are looking for volunteers for a variety of areas. Please visit our sign-up genius at **<https://tinyurl.com/ycka7hwf>** to join in on the fun!

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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).