

First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan



Sunday, February 9, 2020
10:30am

Service for the Lord's Day
5th Sunday After Epiphany

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** indicates that the congregation may stand as they are able.
Bold text indicates where the congregation joins in unison.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude & Ringing of the Bell

Gathering Music

Hear Our Praises

pg. 27-28

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship (responsive)**

Jesus said: You are the light of the world.

Let our light shine, giving glory to God.

Do all things for the sake of the gospel.

So may we share in the blessings of God.

The Lord called out: Whom shall I send?

I answered: Here I am; send me.

***Opening Prayer (unison)**

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be light that shines in the world. Let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn #481**

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins before God, our help in times of trouble.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Sung Response

By His Grace

By His grace I am redeemed, by His blood I am made clean;

And I now can know Him face to face.

By His power I have been raised, hidden now in Christ by faith;

I will praise the glory of His grace.

Assurance of Pardon

In mercy, God forgives us our sin and grants us genuine repentance through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

*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. Amen.*

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Exchange words of peace and reconciliation with one another.

***Sung Response**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

**Overwhelm us with Your Spirit, O God, that the words we hear will
speak to our hearts as Your Word, made known to us in Christ the
Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Anthem

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Chancel Choir

arr. Shackley

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

“Salt, Light, and a Fast”

Pastor Christina

*Hymn #425

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Morning Offering

*Please remember to place your written prayer request cards
into the offering plate as it is passed.*

Offertory

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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.

Sung Response

Cares Chorus

*I cast all my cares upon you;
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,
and anytime I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon you.*

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Litany of Spiritual Gifts

There are different gifts,
But it is the same Spirit who gives them.
There are different ways of serving God,
But it is the same Lord who is served.
God works through different people in different ways,
But it is the same God
who achieves God's purpose through them all.
Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,
To use it for the common good.
Together we are the body of Christ,
And individually members of Him.
Though we have different gifts...

Presentation of Candidate

For Ordination & Installation: Karen Rozen

Questions to the Candidate

Questions to the Congregation

***Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Installation**

Almighty God: in every age You have chosen servants to speak Your word and lead Your loyal people. We thank You for Karen, whom You have called to serve You. Give her special gifts to do her special work; and fill her with the Holy Spirit, so she may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be a faithful disciple as long as she shall live. Amen

***Declaration of Ordination and Installation**

***Hymn #434** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Today's Readings

Isaiah 58:1-9a (NRSV)

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Matthew 5:13-20 (NRSV)

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer List:

Loving God, we lift the following in prayer to You. Hold these people and situations in Your hands, and in them, may Your will be done. Amen.

Concerns:

Dale Nester; Mike Zimmerman; Bree Melow; Kristen Winn; Jeff Arnold; Those fighting the “creepy crud;” The family of John Kirby; Heath Meyers; Tina Castillo and her mom, Gail; Sharon Froom; Garret Miniard; The Rev. George Gillette; Geneva Foster; Soulemayne Galadi, serving in the Congo; Travelling mercies; Those who do not know God’s love; Those who make decisions that affect others; Those living with mental illness; Our military and veterans; Our police, fire, and other emergency responders; Our country

Thanksgivings:

Miracles and healing mercies granted; Our church family; The church office volunteers; New jobs and the opportunities that come with them; For birthdays and anniversaries; For those who help others in crisis; For the angels in our church family

Continuing Prayers:

John & Nancy Allen; Penny Arnold; Marian Bouchey; Christina Latoski & family; Mick Lott; Karen Moore; Sally Nester; Barb Pharr; Rick & Mary Rimmel; Karen Rozen; Shelly & Jamie Sanders; Bonnie Smith & Ken Yordy; Randy Smith; Shelley Zamarron & family

If you would like someone added to the prayer list and announced during the Prayers of the People, please contact the church office or speak to Pastor Christina.

Happening this Week:

- Men's Breakfast – Tuesday, 8:30am – Hearthstone Oven
- Team Meetings – Tuesday, 7:00pm – Fireplace Room
- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry

Next Week's Volunteers – February 16, 2020:

- Joy Heinlein, Liturgist
- Bill & Jackie Bowen, Greeters
- Sandy Parr & Cynthia Smith, Ushers
- Tom Heinlein & Dale Nester, Counters



Prayer Cards – Trying Something New

You will find in your bulletins a slip of colored paper on which you may write your prayer requests. The prayers of the people and the offering will swap places in worship so that prayer requests may be collected with the offering, and Pastor Christina will have them to announce and pray for during the prayers of the people.

Anniversary Sunday – February 16

We kick off our year of celebrating our 150th Anniversary on Sunday, February 16. We will have our regular Sunday Morning 10:30am service. Later that day, we will have our Anniversary Service at 4pm, followed by dinner in Fellowship Hall. This promises to be a very meaningful event, and there are a lot of extra people coming. You don't want to miss it! **If you have pictures or other mementos from the church's history**, please bring them in so they can be displayed at our anniversary party! You will get them back, so make sure you mark your name on your pictures (and tell us who is in it and what the event was). Thanks in advance for your help!

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