

**First Presbyterian Church
of Ithaca, Michigan**

*Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness...*



...for they will be filled.

**Sunday, May 26, 2019
10:30am**

Service for the Lord's Day
6th Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019

10:30am

** 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

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Blessed is God, who hears our prayers,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

There is no greater love than this:

to lay down one's life for one's friends.

God calls us to proclaim the good news.

Let us open our hearts to hear God's word.

***Opening Prayer**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn #262** (blue)

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

Call to Confession

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Sung Response *Alleluia*
Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace 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

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

Psalm 67

Scripture Reading

Romans 9:30-10:4

Sermon

Pastor Christina

***Hymn (insert)**

This is My Song

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1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

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 glory, forever. Amen.

Sung Response

Christ, Be Our Light

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine in the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine on your church, gathered today.***

Morning Offering/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.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Memorial Day Prayer

***Reading of the Names**

***Hymn #562 (blue)**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Today's Scripture Readings

Psalm 67

Let God grant us grace and bless us; let God make his face shine on us, so that your way becomes known on earth, so that your salvation becomes known among all the nations. Let the people thank you, God! Let all the people thank you! Let the people celebrate and shout with joy because you judge the nations fairly and guide all nations on the earth. Let the people thank you, God! Let all the people thank you! The earth has yielded its harvest. God blesses us—our God blesses us! Let God continue to bless us; let the far ends of the earth honor him.

Romans 9:30-10:4

So what are we going to say? Gentiles who weren't striving for righteousness achieved righteousness, the righteousness that comes from faith. But though Israel was striving for a Law of righteousness, they didn't arrive. Why? It's because they didn't go for it by faith but they went for it as if it could be reached by doing something. They have tripped over a stumbling block. As it is written: Look! I'm putting a stumbling block in Zion, which is a rock that offends people. And the one who has faith in him will not be put to shame. Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire is for Israel's salvation. That's my prayer to God for them. I can vouch for them: they are enthusiastic about God. However, it isn't informed by knowledge. They don't submit to God's righteousness because they don't understand his righteousness, and they try to establish their own righteousness. Christ is the goal of the Law, which leads to righteousness for all who have faith in God.

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:

Kathy Francis; Vickie Jackson; Bonnie Smith; Jamie Sanders; Sally Nester; Garret Miniard; Jim Elliott; Barb Elliott; Lois Palmer; Al Bartholomew; Tina Castillo and her mom, Gayle; Jan Felton; The Rev. George Gillette; Mackenzie Brown; Susie Page; Pat MacDonald; Brenda Bollman; Rhonda Handley; Geneva Foster; Soulemayne Galadi, serving in the Congo; 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; Travelling mercies;

Thanksgivings:

Miracles and healing mercies granted; Three expected grand-babies in the church family this year; 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; Randy Jenison; Christina Latoski & family; Barb Pharr; Karen Rozen; Shelly & Jamie Sanders; Randy Smith, David Thum; 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
- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry

Service Volunteers – June 9, 2019:

- Sandy Parr, Liturgist
- Tom & Sally Nester, Greeters
- Joy Heinlein, Ushers
- _____, Coffee Hour
- Tom & Joy Heinlein, Counters

By the Numbers – May 19, 2019

Attendance: 61 – Offering: \$2,661

Sharing Worship with our Neighbors - June 2 at Alma First

We will be sharing worship with our neighbors at Alma First again this summer. They will host us for worship at 10:30am with lunch following on June 2. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the hallway for ride sharing to Alma. Please sign up, and indicate if you would like a ride, or if you are able to drive and how many you can take in your vehicle. **There will be NO service at Ithaca First that Sunday.** Let's go worship with our neighbors to the north - and help welcome their new interim pastor, Pastor Joy



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We Remember...

Clifton Booth
US Army, WWII

Richard B. Goostrey
US Army Air Force, WWII

Edward M. Kennedy
US Army, WWII

Raymond Brostrom
US Army, WWII

Willis P. Harvey
US Army, WWI

John McDaid
US Army, Vietnam

Walter Louis Dellinger, Sr.
US Navy, WWII

Richard Heathcock
US Navy, Korea

Larry Morgan
US Army, Vietnam

Donald Eichorn
US Army, WWII

Reuben Heinlein
US Army, WWII

Lee Smith
US Navy, WWII

Lawrence Garzelloni
US Army, WWII

Henry C. Jensen, Jr.
US Navy, Korea

Marvin Thum
US Army, Vietnam

"May we never forget freedom isn't free."



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Bob Crist, Music Director
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Sandy Parr & Chuck Emery, Ushers
Tom Heinlein & Carolyn Gruesbeck, Counters

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