

First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan



Sunday, June 30, 2019
10:30am

Service for the Lord's Day
3rd Sunday After Pentecost

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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

*Through It All
Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

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Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Welcome one another in Jesus' name,
for Christ is truly present among us.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
the mercies of God never come to an end.

For freedom Christ has set us free.

Now we live by the Spirit of God.

***Opening Prayer**

O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn #210 (blue)**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Call to Confession

When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Silent Confession

Sung Response

God is So Good

sing twice

***God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, he's so good to me.***

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! 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 Readings

Psalm 77:1-2; 11-20

Jeremiah 29:10-14

Sermon

Jamie Sanders

***Hymn #276 (blue)**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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

Be Still and Know

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

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

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Hymn #403 (blue)

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

*Benediction

*Postlude

Today's Scripture Reading

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

I cry out loud to God—out loud to God so that he can hear me! During the day when I'm in trouble I look for my Lord. At night my hands are still outstretched and don't grow numb; my whole being refuses to be comforted.

But I will remember the Lord's deeds; yes, I will remember your wondrous acts from times long past. I will meditate on all your works; I will ponder your deeds. God, your way is holiness! Who is as great a god as you, God? You are the God who works wonders; you have demonstrated your strength among all peoples. With your mighty arm you redeemed your people; redeemed the children of Jacob and Joseph. The waters saw you, God—the waters saw you and reeled! Even the deep depths shook! The clouds poured water, the skies cracked thunder; your arrows were flying all around! The crash of your thunder was in the swirling storm; lightning lit up the whole world; the earth shook and quaked. Your way went straight through the sea; your pathways went right through the mighty waters. But your footprints left no trace! You led your people like sheep under the care of Moses and Aaron.

Jeremiah 29:10-14

The Lord proclaims: When Babylon's seventy years are up, I will come and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me. I will be present for you, declares the Lord, and I will end your captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have scattered you, and I will bring you home after your long exile, declares the Lord.

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:

Travelling Mercies for those who are going on vacation; Karen Rozen; Shelly's friend Beth; Reshawn Whetstone; Kathy Francis; Vickie Jackson; Bonnie Smith; 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;

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:

- Women's Breakfast –Monday, 9:00am – Hearthstone Oven
- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry

Service Volunteers – July 7, 2019:

- Joy Heinlein, Liturgist
- Brad & Vickie Thum, Greeters
- Brad & Vickie Thum, Ushers
- Karen Emery, Coffee Hour
- Kathy Vanderbeek & Rick Teal, Counters

Pastor Christina on Vacation

Pastor Christina will be on vacation June 27-July 12. If you have a pastoral emergency, call the church office and the office volunteers will pass your emergency on to the on-call pastor. We pray for safe travels for Pastor Christina and her family.

2 Sundays You Don't Want to Miss!

July 7 – Members of our Session will lead a meaningful service based on the writings of Ann Weems, late “poet laureate” of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

July 14 – We worship at Camp Westminster on Higgins Lake. Sign up on the table in the hallway to share rides. We will worship and have lunch with the campers and camp staff.

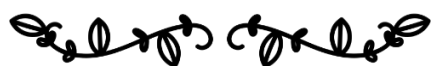
A Quilted Communion Cloth to Celebrate our Sesquicentennial

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of our congregation, we would like to create an "Old Rugged Cross" quilted banner. We would like each member to check their "rag bag" or the back of their closet for a piece of discarded cloth. Color and size do not matter - every color is accepted, and every piece can be made to fit – just know you won't be getting it back. There is a wicker hamper in the fireplace room, near the fireplace, to receive your donation. **We would like to collect all donations by July 31, 2019**, so that we will have time to weave and complete the quilt by our 150th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service, on February 16, 2020.

When you place your donation in the basket, it would be helpful if you would please write the names of the donors on the clipboard near the basket. If you have any questions, please see Sandy Parr.

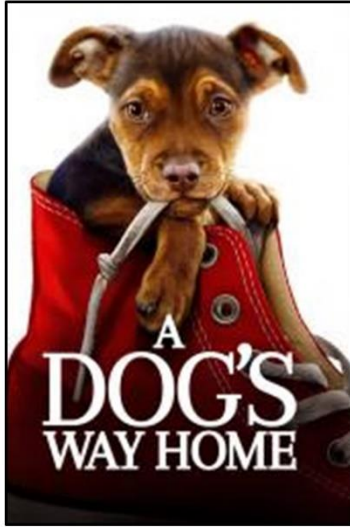
Looking for Pictures and Memories

With our 150th Anniversary Celebration on the horizon, we are looking for any pictures, mementos, or other memories you might have of our church's history. The history book that was written a few years ago is a lovely place to read about our history, but we are looking for pictures. Were you married at our church? Did you have a child baptized here? Did you attend as a child? Please bring your photos of the church – or church activities – to the church office with your name clearly marked on them. We will scan them in and get the originals back to you. We can't make our anniversary the best without everyone's help. For more info, see Pastor Christina.

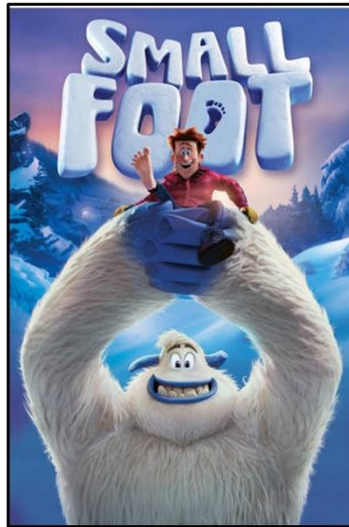


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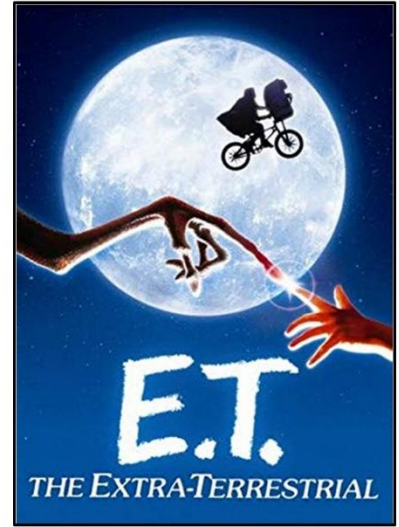
Movies on the Wall 2019



June 22



July 20



August 17

All movies start at dusk.

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218 E Newark St. - Ithaca, Michigan**

**Bring your own chair
Free Popcorn! Free Hot Dogs! Free Drinks!**

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Leading Worship Today:

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Cynthia Smith, Liturgist
Bob Crist, Music Director
Jim & Carolyn Gruesbeck, Greeters
Cynthia Smith & Cheri Booth, Ushers
Tom Heinlein & Carolyn Gruesbeck, Counters

Staff:

The Rev. Christina L. Jensen, Pastor
Bob Crist, Music Director
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Shelley Zamarron, Custodian



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