

# First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan



**Sunday, July 21, 2019**  
**10:30am**

Service for the Lord's Day  
5<sup>th</sup> 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**

*Ten Thousand Reasons  
In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified*

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**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** (responsive)

Surely the Lord is in this place!

**This is the house of God.**

In Christ we are no longer strangers;

**we are members of the household of God.**

Christ is the image of the invisible God;

**in him the fullness of God came to dwell.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Eternal God, Author of our life and End of our pilgrimage: guide us by your Word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, nor stumble in the darkness; but may finish our course in safety, and come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace and merit of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**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**

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. 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**

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! By 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**

**Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from Your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

Judges 11:29-40

**Sermon**

Pastor Christina

**\*Hymn #391**

*Take My Life*

## WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

### Morning Offering

#### \*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.**

## GOD'S WORD IS SEALED IN US

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Prayers of the People

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your Glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ....

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.***

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

...Through your son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

## **\*Sharing the Bread and Cup**

## **Prayer After Communion (unison)**

**In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to You. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Hymn #281**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

## Today's Scripture Readings

### Judges 11:29-40

Then the spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh. He passed on to Mizpah of Gilead, and from Mizpah of Gilead he passed on to the Ammonites. And Jephthah made a vow to the Lord, and said, "If you will give the Ammonites into my hand, then whoever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return victorious from the Ammonites, shall be the Lord's, to be offered up by me as a burnt offering." So Jephthah crossed over to the Ammonites to fight against them; and the Lord gave them into his hand. He inflicted a massive defeat on them from Aroer to the neighborhood of Minnith, twenty towns, and as far as Abel-keramim. So the Ammonites were subdued before the people of Israel.

Then Jephthah came to his home at Mizpah; and there was his daughter coming out to meet him with timbrels and with dancing. She was his only child; he had no son or daughter except her. When he saw her, he tore his clothes, and said, "Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low; you have become the cause of great trouble to me. For I have opened my mouth to the Lord, and I cannot take back my vow." She said to him, "My father, if you have opened your mouth to the Lord, do to me according to what has gone out of your mouth, now that the Lord has given you vengeance against your enemies, the Ammonites." And she said to her father, "Let this thing be done for me: Grant me two months, so that I may go and wander on the mountains, and bewail my virginity, my companions and I." "Go," he said and sent her away for two months. So she departed, she and her companions, and bewailed her virginity on the mountains. At the end of two months, she returned to her father, who did with her according to the vow he had made. She had never slept with a man. So there arose an Israelite custom that for four days every year the daughters of Israel would go out to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite.

**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:**

Carol Merchant; Beth Brostrom, who had knee replacement on 7/15; The Families of Kathy Francis, Dale Greer, David McMacken, and Don Clingenpeel; Bob Crist, who had hip replacement surgery on 7/2; Travelling Mercies for those who are on vacation; Karen Rozen; Shelly's friend Beth; Reshawn Whetstone; 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; Rick & Mary Rimmel; 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

## **Next Week's Volunteers – July 28, 2019:**

- Rick Teal, Liturgist
- \_\_\_\_\_, Greeters
- Rick Teal & Joy Heinlein, Ushers
- \_\_\_\_\_, Coffee Hour
- Joy Heinlein & Kathy Vanderbeek, Counters

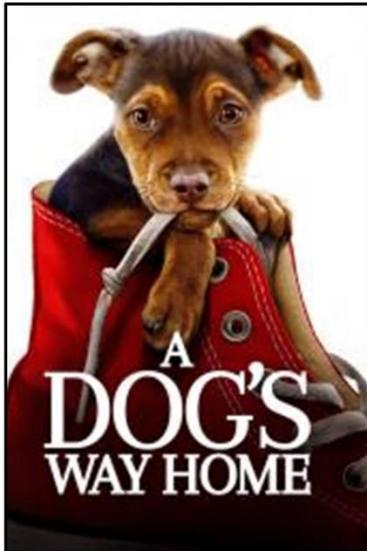
## **Parking Assistants Needed! Monday, July 29**

The Ithaca Community Food Pantry Board is looking for volunteers to help with the parking at the Gratiot County Fair for Youth. We need 4-5 more volunteers to have a good crew to get this fun work done. Our time slot is 6-9pm, and volunteers can work the 3-hour block or any portion thereof. Money received from this fundraiser benefits all of the Food Pantries associated with the Gratiot Hunger Network. For more information, see Vickie Thum.



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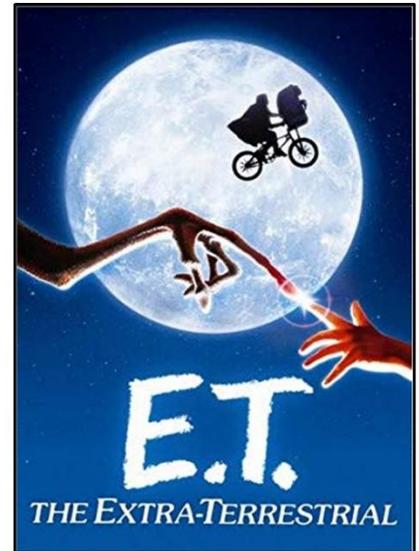
# Movies on the Wall 2019



**June 22**



**July 20**



**August 17**

**All movies start at dusk.**

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

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Brad & Vickie Thum, Ushers  
Sandy Parr & Cheri Booth, Communion Servers  
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