

First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan



Sunday, July 28, 2019
10:30am

Service for the Lord's Day
7th 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	<i>I'm So Glad</i>	pg. 25
	<i>Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)</i>	pg. 19

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Nothing can separate us from God's love.

The Lord upholds those who are falling;

God raises those who are bowed down.

Jesus said: Ask, and it will be given to you;

for everyone who asks receives.

***Opening Prayer**

Eternal God, protector of all who put their trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Fill us with your mercy and your grace, that, with you to rule and guide, we may so use the good things of this present life that we do not neglect those of eternal worth; 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 #481**

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

Call to Confession

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

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

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! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks: In 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

Ruth 1:6-18

Sermon

***Hymn #376**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Prayers of the People

...we pray to you, O God:
Hear our prayer.

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 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**

Scots Confession, ch. 1

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

***Hymn #425**

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Today's Scripture Reading

Ruth 1:6-18

Then she arose along with her daughters-in-law to return from the field of Moab, because while in the territory of Moab she had heard that the Lord had paid attention to his people by providing food for them. She left the place where she had been, and her two daughters-in-law went with her. They went along the road to return to the land of Judah.

Naomi said to her daughters-in-law, "Go, turn back, each of you to the household of your mother. May the Lord deal faithfully with you, just as you have done with the dead and with me. May the Lord provide for you so that you may find security, each woman in the household of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.

But they replied to her, "No, instead we will return with you, to your people."

Naomi replied, "Turn back, my daughters. Why would you go with me? Will there again be sons in my womb, that they would be husbands for you? Turn back, my daughters. Go. I am too old for a husband. If I were to say that I have hope, even if I had a husband tonight, and even more, if I were to bear sons— would you wait until they grew up? Would you refrain from having a husband? No, my daughters. This is more bitter for me than for you, since the Lord's will has come out against me."

Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth stayed with her. Naomi said, "Look, your sister-in-law is returning to her people and to her gods. Turn back after your sister-in-law."

But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to abandon you, to turn back from following after you. Wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord do this to me and more so if even death separates me from you." When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her about it.

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; Karen Rozen; Shelly's friend Beth; Reshawn Whetstone; Vickie Jackson; Bonnie Smith; Garret Miniard; 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:

- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry

Service Volunteers – August 4, 2019:

- Sandy Parr, Liturgist
- Brad & Vickie Thum, Greeters
- Brad & Vickie Thum, Ushers
- Brad & Vickie Thum, Communion Servers
- Potluck, Coffee Hour
- Tom Heinlein & Rick Teal, Counters

Pantry Truck Delivery – July 30

Calling all hands on deck – the pantry delivery will be here on Tuesday, July 30! We need help unloading the pallets into the Fireplace Room, and then help moving food into the pantry. Delivery will probably be sometime in the morning.

We'll Have Visitors Next Week!

Our friends from Alma First Presbyterian Church will be here next Sunday, August 4, to share worship with us. We will celebrate communion together, and our traditional potluck will follow. Let's help make this a memorable Sunday for our neighbors from the north.

First Pres Release Going Monthly!

Beginning in August, the First Pres Release will be sent out once per month, instead of weekly. We will still send out occasional emails for "big" announcements, but the bulk of our news will come monthly. That being said, if you would like something included in the First Pres Release, it needs to be submitted to Pastor Christina by the 25th of the month before (for example, things for August need to be in by July 25).

Can We Get a Cow by August 20?

In our fundraiser for Heifer International, we have collected enough to cover ¼ of a cow! Since cows are our pastor's favorite animal, wouldn't it be fun to see how much more of a cow we could raise before Pastor Christina's birthday? There will be a collection jar on the table in the hallway . Any time you feel like contributing some of the change in your pocket or purse, you are welcome to do so. As the contributions grow we will keep you informed as to the amount collected and you will be able to see from the chart on the bulletin board the difference we can make. We will be working with Heifer International to insure that our donations have the greatest impact possible. Heifer International has worked since 1944 to bring help, healing and hope to impoverished families worldwide. Their livestock and agriculture programs aimed at alleviating hunger and poverty are among the most successful in the world.

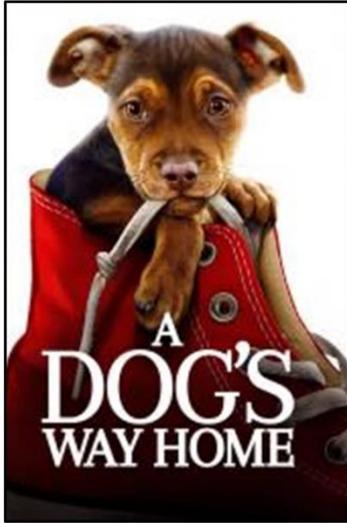
A Quilted Banner to Celebrate our Sesquicentennial

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.

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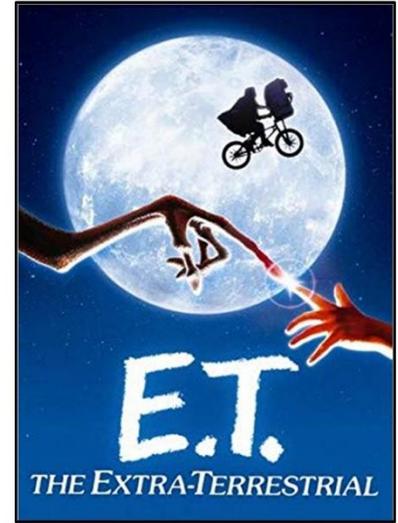
Movies on the Wall 2019



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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