

First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan



Sunday, August 4, 2019
10:30am

Service for the Lord's Day
8th 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 *What the Lord Has Done in Me*

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Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

The Lord gives food in due season;

God satisfies the desire of every living thing.

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.

Give us this bread always.

You have been raised with Christ.

Let us seek the things that are above.

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the Word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn #455**

All Creatures of Our God and King

***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

Esther 4:9-17

Sermon

Pastor Christina

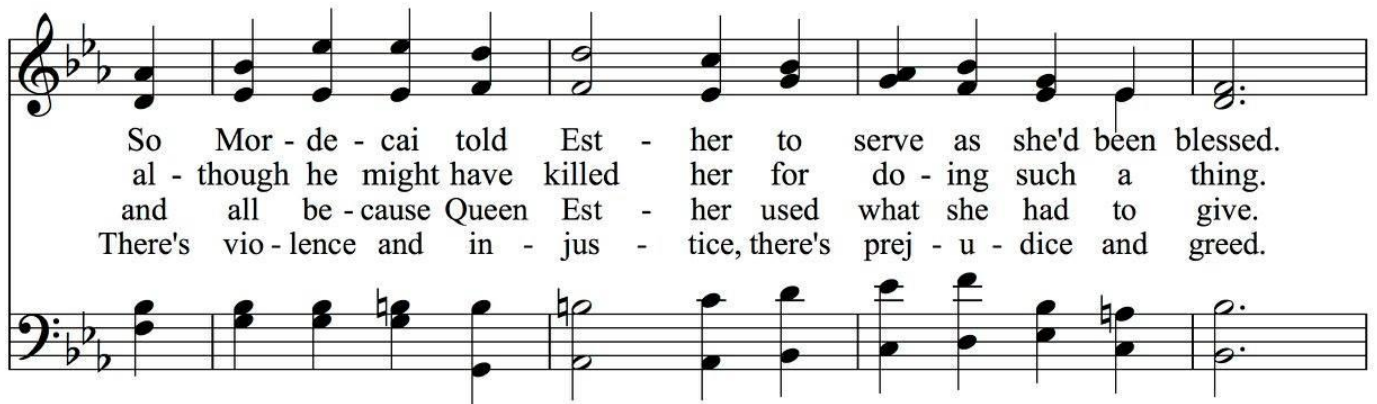
***Hymn (insert)**

Perhaps You Have Been Chosen

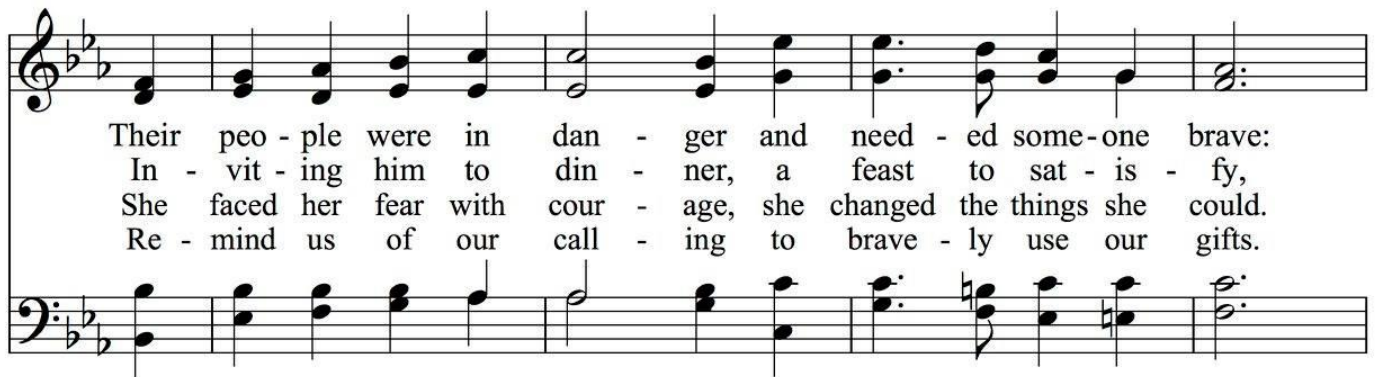
Perhaps you have been chosen



1. "Per - haps you have been cho - sen for such a time as this!"
2. She stood up for her peo - ple and dared ap - proach the king
3. The king gave what she want - ed and let her peo - ple live,
4. O God, we look a - round us and see a world in need.



So Mor - de - cai told Est - her to serve as she'd been blessed.
al - though he might have killed her for do - ing such a thing.
and all be - cause Queen Est - her used what she had to give.
There's vio - lence and in - jus - tice, there's prej - u - dice and greed.



Their peo - ple were in dan - ger and need - ed some - one brave:
In - vit - ing him to din - ner, a feast to sat - is - fy,
She faced her fear with cour - age, she changed the things she could.
Re - mind us of our call - ing to brave - ly use our gifts.



a queen who knew her call - ing to risk and act and save.
she asked of him a fa - vor: "Don't let my peo - ple die!"
She chose to make a dif - ference, to use her life for good.
Per - haps we have been cho - sen for such a time as this.

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 truly right and our greatest joy...

... the faithful of every time and place who forever praise your name:

***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 God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, your Son....

...for great is the mystery of faith:

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

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are 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 #554**

Let All Things Now Living

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Today's Scripture Reading

Esther 4:9-17

Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days." When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish." Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

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:

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; 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:

The birth of the Nester grandson on 7/29; Miracles and healing mercies granted; Two 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:

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

Next Week's Volunteers – August 11, 2019:

- Joy Heinlein, Liturgist
- Jim & Carolyn Gruesbeck, Greeters
- Sandy Parr & Joy Heinlein, Ushers
- _____, Coffee Hour
- Vickie Thum & Kathy Vanderbeek, Counters

Today we welcome our neighbors and friends from Alma First Presbyterian Church! We hope you will join us for potluck luncheon after service today, in our Fireplace Room.

Craft Day – Thursday, August 15

Join us for our next Craft Day on Thursday, August 15 at 5:30pm. We will have Walking Tacos for dinner, and then get to crafting. If you have a project you're working on, bring it with you. If not, we will have blankets to tie for our Mission Project. All are welcome for some crafty fun and fellowship!



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