

First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan



Sunday, August 11, 2019
10:30am

Service for the Lord's Day
9th 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>We Have Come into His House</i>	pg. 4
	<i>You Are My All in All</i>	pg. 3

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Let us hear what the Lord will speak.

God will speak peace to the faithful.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Happy are those who trust in God.

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.

***Opening Prayer**

Grant us, O Lord, the grace always to do and think what accords with your purpose; that we, who cannot exist without you, may be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn #276**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Call to Confession

We have been buried with Christ in baptism, in order that we might be raised to new life with him through faith in the power of God. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. 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

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 (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

John 11:17-27

Sermon

***Hymn #403**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy,
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.

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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**

Heidelberg Catechism, question 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

***Hymn #434**

Today We All Are Called to be Disciples

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Today's Scripture Reading

John 11:17-27

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was a little less than two miles from Jerusalem. Many Jews had come to comfort Martha and Mary after their brother's death. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary remained in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died. Even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you."

Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha replied, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She replied, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, God's Son, the one who is coming into the world."

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; Lois Palmer; Al Bartholomew; The Rev. George Gillette; Mackenzie Brown; 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; The communities of Gilroy, California, El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio

Thanksgivings:

The birth of Elijah Harrison Nester 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:

- Men's Breakfast – Tuesday, 8:30am – Hearthstone Oven
- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry

Service Volunteers – August 18, 2019:

- Vickie Thum, Liturgist
- Brad & Vickie Thum, Greeters
- Brad & Vickie Thum, Ushers
- Thum Family, Coffee Hour
- Tom Heinlein & Carolyn Gruesbeck, Counters

Last Week By the Numbers – August 4

Attendance (including Alma 1st): 67

Offering: \$2,105

Tabitha Circle Returns September 3

Our next Tabitha Circle meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3, at 7:00pm in the downstairs lounge. We will begin a study of Psalms 23 using the book *Traveling Light* by Max Lucado. In this study we will be given a better understanding of the words of Psalms 23 and we will be guided and encouraged to release burdens that God has never intended for us to carry. There is no age restriction for Tabitha Circle nor is attendance required every month. We do have a good time studying together and invite all of our church women to join us! If you would like to have the book *Traveling Light* ordered for you, please sign the sheet by the bulletin board or call the church office on Monday morning between 9:00 and noon. For more information, see Joy Heinlein.

Can We Get a Cow by August 20?

In our fundraiser for Heifer International, we have collected enough to cover just over 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.

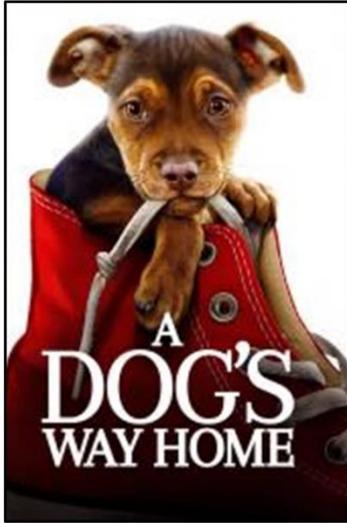
A Quilted Banner to Celebrate our Sesquicentennial

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 will still take your fabric donation**, 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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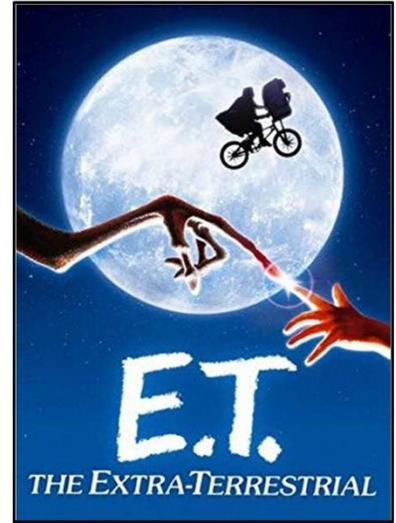
Movies on the Wall 2019



June 22



July 20



August 17

All movies start at dusk.

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218 E Newark St. - Ithaca, Michigan

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

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