

First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan



Sunday, August 18, 2019
10:30am

**Service for the Lord's Day
10th 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>How Great is Our God</i>	pg. 31
	<i>Shout to the Lord</i>	pg. 37

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Maintain justice, and do what is right.

God our Savior is coming soon.

Wisdom had prepared a feast for us;

let us eat and drink of God's gifts.

The word of the Lord is like fire,

like a hammer that smashes a stone.

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn #285**

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Call to Confession

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's mercy, 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 we cannot change; open to us 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! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. Believe this good news: 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

Proverbs 3:1-8

Sermon

***Hymn (insert)**

Trust and Obey

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E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat B \flat E \flat A \flat

1 When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a glo-ry he
 2 Not a bur-den we bear, not a sor-row we share, but our toil he will
 3 But we nev-er can prove the de-lights of his love un-til all on the
 4 Then in fel-low-ship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his

E \flat B \flat E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat B \flat

sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he a-bides with us
 rich-ly re-pay; not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a
 al-tar we lay; for the fa-vor he shows and the joy he be-
 side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will

Refrain

E \flat A \flat E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat B \flat E \flat

still, and with all who will trust and o-bey.
 cross, but is blest if we trust and o-bey.
 stows are for them who will trust and o-bey. Trust and o-bey, for there's
 go—nev-er fear, on-ly trust and o-bey.

C Fm B \flat 7 E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat

no oth-er way to be hap-py in Je-sus, but to trust and o-bey.

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Prayers of the People

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

from the Confession of 1967

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with man. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became man and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, human, and the world. Therefore, the church calls men and women to be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Hymn #306

Fairest Lord Jesus

*Benediction

*Postlude

Today's Scripture Reading

Proverbs 3:1-8

My son, don't forget my instruction. Let your heart guard my commands, because they will help you live a long time and provide you with well-being. Don't let loyalty and faithfulness leave you. Bind them on your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will find favor and approval in the eyes of God and humanity. Trust in the Lord with all your heart; don't rely on your own intelligence. Know him in all your paths and he will keep your ways straight. Don't consider yourself wise. Fear the Lord and turn away from evil. Then your body will be healthy and your bones strengthened.

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:

Sharon Froom; Fred Grasley; 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:

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

Service Volunteers – August 25, 2019:

- The Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville, Preacher
- Cynthia Smith, Liturgist
- Rex & Doff Rimmel, Greeters
- Cynthia Smith & Cheri Booth, Ushers
- Cynthia Smith, Coffee Hour
- Tom Heinlein & Rick Teal, Counters

Last Week By the Numbers – August 11

Attendance: 44

Offering: \$3,056

Simply Give – Now Through September 28

Meijer is having another Simply Give campaign August 18-September 28. Each \$10 Simply Give card purchased is a donation to the Gratiot Hunger Network, of which our pantry is a member. Double Match Days are August 30 and September 13.

Pantry Truck Tomorrow!

Many hands make light work! If you're available on Monday, August 19 (that's tomorrow) around 11am, we could use your help unloading the pantry delivery into the Fireplace Room, and then moving food into the pantry. Thanks in advance for your help!

Next Sunday – Alma College Comes to Ithaca First

On August 25, we will welcome The Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville to our pulpit! Andrew is the Chaplain and Director of Spiritual Life at Alma College. Please plan to be here to welcome Andrew to Ithaca First!

Backpack and Workbag Blessing – September 1

Calling all backpacks, lunch bags, work bags, and satchels – and the people who carry them! We will be having our 2019 Blessing of the Bags on Sunday, September 1 during worship service. Please plan to join us!

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.

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