

First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan



Sunday, September 8, 2019
10:30am

**Service for the Lord's Day
13th 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>Come, Now is the Time to Worship</i>	pg. 15
	<i>Give Thanks</i>	pg. 39

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Love does no wrong to a neighbor;

love is the fulfillment of the law.

Be strong; do not fear! God is with us.

The Lord will come to save us.

Happy are those who delight in God's word.

They are like trees planted by the water.

***Opening Prayer**

Direct and help us, O Lord, in all our deeds, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; 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 #288** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

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 (unison)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

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 (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

Psalm 100

Sermon

"Thanks"

Pastor Christina

***Hymn #555**

Now Thank We All Our God

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn #369

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*Benediction

*Postlude

Today's Scripture Readings

Psalm 100

Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with celebration!

Come before him with shouts of joy!

Know that the Lord is God—

he made us; we belong to him.

We are his people,

the sheep of his own pasture.

Enter his gates with thanks;

enter his courtyards with praise!

Thank him! Bless his name!

Because the Lord is good,

his loyal love lasts forever;

his faithfulness lasts generation after generation.

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:

Hannah Harlow; Sharon Froom; Shelly's friend Beth; Reshawn Whetstone; 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;

Thanksgivings:

The birth of Ellery Philip Booth on 8/15; The birth of Elijah Harrison Nester on 7/29; Miracles and healing mercies granted; An expected grand-babie 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; 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
- Team Meetings – Tuesday, 7:00pm – Fireplace Room
- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry
- Clergy Association – Wednesday, 11:45am – Hearthstone Oven

Service Volunteers – September 15, 2019:

- Joy Heinlein, Liturgist
- Brad & Vickie Thum, Greeters
- Cynthia Smith & Joy Heinlein, Ushers
- Rick Teal & Kathy Vanderbeek, Counters
- Nester Family, Coffee Hour

Last Week By the Numbers – September 1

Attendance: 33

Offering: \$2,668

Picnic at Reed's Park – TODAY!

Join us at 2pm TODAY at Reed's Park for our annual church picnic. The church will provide the hot dogs and table service. Please bring a dish to pass. It's a fun time together as the church family!

Choir Practice Resumes

Chancel Choir practice resumes for the fall today at 5:30pm. If you'd like to join the choir, please come and make music with us! All are welcome!

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.

Help. Thanks. Wow. New Sermon Series Begins September 1

What are the three categories our prayers can be put into? Help. Thanks. Wow. Join us in September as Pastor Christina leads us through and exploration of what these three prayers are about.

New Mid-Week Adult Study

For our fall mid-week adult study, we will be reading, studying, and discussing John Ortberg's book *If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat*, which, according to Amazon, is an award-winning book that uses the New Testament account of Jesus walking on water as a conceptual framework for discussing leaps of faith and encouraging readers to make them. This 6-week class will meet Wednesdays at 7:00pm, beginning October 2. If you'd like to participate, please sign up on the sheet on the table before September 11, so we can order enough books.

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