

# First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan



**Sunday, September 15, 2019**  
**10:30am**



**Service for the Lord's Day  
14<sup>th</sup> 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**

*Hear Our Praises*

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*When I Look into Your Holiness*

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**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** (responsive)

Whether we live or die, we belong to God.

**Christ is Lord of the dead and the living.**

I called to God: Lord, save my life!

**God has delivered my soul from death.**

Rejoice with me! The lost are found.

**There is joy in the presence of God.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Almighty God, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; 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 #274**

*O God of Earth and Space*

## **Call to Confession**

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

## **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**

Psalm 8

**Sermon**

"Wow"

Pastor Christina

**\*Hymn #467**

*How Great Thou Art*

# 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.***

***Be still and know that I am God.***

***Be still and know that I am God.***

## Morning Offering

### Offertory

*Joy in the House*  
Chancel Choir

arr. M. McDonald

### \*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 #430

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

## Today's Scripture Reading

### Psalm 8

Lord, our Lord, how majestic

is your name throughout the earth!

You made your glory higher than heaven!

From the mouths of nursing babies

you have laid a strong foundation

because of your foes,

in order to stop vengeful enemies.

When I look up at your skies,

at what your fingers made—

the moon and the stars

that you set firmly in place—

what are human beings

that you think about them;

what are human beings

that you pay attention to them?

You've made them only slightly less than divine,

crowning them with glory and grandeur.

You've let them rule over your handiwork,

putting everything under their feet—

all sheep and all cattle,

the wild animals too,

the birds in the sky,

the fish of the ocean,

everything that travels the pathways of the sea.

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!

**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:**

Karen Moore; Hannah Harlow; Sharon Froom; Shelly's friend Beth; Reshawn Whetstone; Bonnie Smith; Garret Miniard; Lois Palmer; Al Bartholomew; The Rev. George Gillette; 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-baby 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:**

- Session – Sunday, 12:00pm – Chapel
- Women’s Breakfast – Monday, 9:00am – Hearthstone Oven
- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry

## **Service Volunteers – September 22, 2019:**

- Jamie Sanders, Guest Preacher
- Val Melow, Liturgist
- Ken & Nola Owen, Greeters
- Ken & Nola Owen, Ushers
- Carolyn Gruesbeck & Kathy Vanderbeek, Counters
- Ken & Nola Owen, Coffee Hour

## **Last Week By the Numbers – September 8**

Attendance: 40

Offering: \$1,055

## **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.

## **Pastor Christina on Study Leave**

Pastor Christina will be on Study Leave Tuesday, 9/17 through Thursday, 9/26. Pastor Peggy Ronk will be covering pastoral emergencies if they arise, and our own Jamie Sanders will be preaching on Sunday, 9/22.

## **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. Books have been ordered – and there are a few extras coming if you didn't get a chance to sign up.

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**Leading Worship Today:**

The Rev. Christina Jensen, Preacher  
Joy Heinlein, Liturgist  
Bob Crist, Music Director  
Brad & Vickie Thum, Greeter  
Cynthia Smith & Joy Heinlein, Ushers  
Kathy Vanderbeek & Rick Teal, Counters

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The Rev. Christina L. Jensen, Pastor  
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