

First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan



Sunday, October 6, 2019
10:30am

Service for the Lord's Day
World Communion Sunday

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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

Kum ba Yah

Hymn #338

Uyai Mose

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari;

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari;

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari;

Uyai mose zvino.

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;

Come now and worship the Lord.

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

The Lord has delivered us from slavery;

there is no other god but the Lord.

In Jesus Christ we know the glory of God;

he sustains all things by his mighty word.

Keep watch for a word from the Lord.

The righteous will live by their faith.

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn #298**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Silent Confession

Sung Response

Rain Down

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.

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. In the name 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

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

Romans 8:1-11

Sermon

“No Condemnation”

Pastor Christina

Part 1 of a 4-Part Series, “Who Can Be Against Us?”

***Hymn #386**

O For a World

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Morning Offering

Offertory

At the Table of the Lord
Chancel Choir

Angerman/Martin

***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 right and our greatest joy...

... and singing the hymn of the whole creation:

***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.***

We praise you, most holy God,...

...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 #504**

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Today's Scripture Reading

Romans 8:1-11

So now there isn't any condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. God has done what was impossible for the Law, since it was weak because of selfishness. God condemned sin in the body by sending his own Son to deal with sin in the same body as humans, who are controlled by sin. He did this so that the righteous requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us. Now the way we live is based on the Spirit, not based on selfishness. People whose lives are based on selfishness think about selfish things, but people whose lives are based on the Spirit think about things that are related to the Spirit. The attitude that comes from selfishness leads to death, but the attitude that comes from the Spirit leads to life and peace. So the attitude that comes from selfishness is hostile to God. It doesn't submit to God's Law, because it can't. People who are self-centered aren't able to please God.

But you aren't self-centered. Instead you are in the Spirit, if in fact God's Spirit lives in you. If anyone doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, they don't belong to him. If Christ is in you, the Spirit is your life because of God's righteousness, but the body is dead because of sin. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your human bodies also, through his Spirit that lives in you.

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; Stacy Bosley Mockridge; 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:

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:

- Women's Breakfast – Monday, 9:00am – Hearthstone Oven
- Men's Breakfast – Tuesday, 8:30am – Hearthstone Oven
- Team Meetings – Tuesday, 7:00pm – Fireplace Room
- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry
- If You Want to Walk – Wednesday, 7:00pm – Fireplace Room
- Ithaca HS Homecoming – Friday, All Day – Ithaca HS

Service Volunteers – October 13, 2019:

- Cynthia Smith, Liturgist
- Chuck & Karen Emery, Greeters
- Cynthia Smith & Cheri Booth, Ushers
- Dale Nester & Tom Heinlein, Counters
- _____, Coffee Hour

Last Week By the Numbers – September 29

Attendance: 48

Offering: \$1,129

Peacemaking Offering - October 6

In your bulletins today, you will find envelopes for this year's Peace and Global Witness Offering, which is one of the Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA). According to the Presbyterian Mission Agency, this church-wide offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to give as we celebrate World Communion Sunday.

New Members Classes October 13 & 20

If you're interested in becoming a member of Ithaca First Presbyterian Church, then we have the class for you! A 2-Part New Members Class is planned for October 13 & 20, during coffee hour. Please let Pastor Christina know if you are planning to attend by October 6. New members will be publicly received October 27 during worship.

Mission Opportunity - Care and Comfort for Our Deployed Soldiers

The American Legion in our area has been supporting overseas troops for many years by sending care packages throughout the year. Last Christmas season 210 boxes were shipped totaling 1,995 pounds, including 1,596 cards, art from children and notes. The Mission & Fellowship Team sees this as another opportunity for our church members to share with and care for others. Throughout October we will collect items for our deployed soldiers and turn the collected items over to the American Legion to be send overseas in time for Christmas. A list of needed items can be found near the church bulletin board and the collection container is located in the hallway outside the church office. Children's artwork, greeting cards, and written thank you notes are always welcome and will find their way to our soldiers. If you are unable to shop for items but would still like to be a part of this project, we encourage you to write a note and/or make a monetary contribution to help with postage. (It costs about \$1.35 per pound to send packages to the soldiers.) If you have any questions, please see Ken Owen.



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