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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Aug. 6, 2023 10:00 a.m.
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In order to maintain our worship environment, please turn off your cell phones. Thank you.

PRELUDE

Megan Higle

CALL TO WORSHIP

Geoff Blair

We come, carrying just what we need for the journey:

five loaves, two fish.

We come, bringing whatever we have to offer:

our time, our talents, our gifts.

We come, knowing God will multiply our offerings:

in God's hands, what we have is enough.

++HYMN #743 [GTG] O God, You Are My God

Though this refrain from a longer song is not a paraphrase of any particular psalm, the language in the first six lines has definite scriptural overtones (such as Psalms 31:14, 5:3; Deuteronomy 26:17). The final two lines sound more spontaneous and lead to a confident conclusion.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Geoff Blair

Unison Prayer of Confession

Generous God, you freely offer us all we need.

You offer us the bread of life, so we may never be hungry again.

You offer us living water, so we will never thirst.

But we scoff at your gifts, wasting our money, time, and energy

on things that do not satisfy. Forgive us and call to us again,

reminding us of your gifts of new life that are ours if we would only accept them

++indicates to stand in body or spirit

Assurance of Pardon

Incline your ear, listen: God makes an everlasting covenant with us.
God forgives us, renews us, refreshes us, and leads us onward.
Thanks be to God!

++Response to Forgiveness

584[GTG]

Gloria

Glory, Glory, Glory

584

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to God on high!
¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, en las al - tu - ras a Dios!

And on earth peace to all peo-ple in whom God is well pleased.
Y en la tie - rra, paz a la gen - te que a - ma el Se - ñor.

TEXT: Based on Luke 2:14; Pablo Sosa, 1989
MUSIC: Pablo Sosa, 1989
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CUEQUITA

++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Geoff Blair

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Be still and know that I am God (three times)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ms. Megan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Geoff Blair

Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth
to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise
to your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Geoff Blair

¹Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

²From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right. ³If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress. ⁴As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. ⁵My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

⁶I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.

⁷Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. ¹⁵As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Ho, All Who Thirst” by Alexander M. Peters, Megan and Robert Higle

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 32:22-31

²²The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” ²⁷So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.” ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.” ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

SERMON

“Let your faith wrestle with you”

Rev. Charles Herrick

++HYMN #183 [GTG] Come To Me, O Weary Traveler

This paraphrase and expansion of Matthew 11:28-30 by a Canadian minister is structured so that the first three syllables of each stanza provide the hymn's skeleton and summary. The immediacy of the text is enhanced by the folk-song-like setting later composed for it.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Sanctus:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Unison Prayer after the Supper:

Strengthen us, O God, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to bring good news to the poor and lift blind eyes to sight, to loose the chains that bind and claim your blessing for all people. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. All this we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Megan Higle

Offering

++ Doxology #710[GTG] "We Lift Our Voices"

We Lift Our Voices

We Are an Offering

710

Musical score for the hymn "We Lift Our Voices" in 4/4 time. The score consists of eight staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering." The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, and triplets.

Prayer of Dedication

++HYMN #536 [GTG] Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

The second line of the first stanza shows that this hymn is meant for use in the context of the Lord's Supper, but the last stanza further clarifies its special purpose as a sending hymn celebrating the values guiding the work of the church in the world: service, courage, mercy.

BENEDICTION

BLEST BE THE TIE 306[GTG]

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

POSTLUDE

Megan Higle

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MORE LIGHT

PRESBYTERIANS



MATTHEW 25

Sermon notes:

INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist	Geoff Blair
Director of Music	Megan Higl
Dir. Church Life/Comm. Outreach	Prince Solace
Preaching/Communion	Rev. Charles Herrick

Rev. Stan Jenkins is on sabbatical.

Concerns of the congregation:

In care facilities: Jean Dietrich (Story Point of Grand Ledge)
Dianne Rector (Rosewood Adult Foster Care- DeWitt)

CHANCEL FLOWERS TODAY are for Joyce and Gary Schaub in honor of their 21st Anniversary.

FLOWER CHART There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The new price is \$50. Simply sign up on the chart (in the office hall), indicate the occasion that you would like celebrated or honored (birthday, anniversary or memorial), write a check to the church and give it to Betsy, and we will order for you. If you would like to purchase or provide a silk arrangement for use when we don't have a fresh arrangement scheduled, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! - Worship Committee.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Aug.6

10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship – Molly Grove Chapel

12:30 a.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries - Chapel

Monday, Aug. 7

9:00 a.m.- 2

GIL classes

10:00 a.m.

Staff meeting – library

10:00 a.m.

NWI focus group – Litten Hall

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – yoga room

6:00 p.m.-9

GIL classes

6:00 p.m.

Emergency Preparedness Committee/Zoom

7:00 p.m.

Membership Committee/Zoom

7:00 p.m.

Capital City Chordsmen - chapel

Tuesday, Aug. 8

8:00 a.m.-10

Prep Mobile Farmers Market – kitchen

9:00 a.m.- 2

GIL classes

5:30 p.m.

Worship Committee - library

6:00 p.m.-9

GIL classes

6:30 p.m.

Glen Erin Pipe Band – Litten Hall

Wednesday, Aug. 9

9:00 a.m.- 2

GIL classes

1:00 p.m.

Adult Education Committee/Zoom

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga Room

Thursday, Aug. 10

9:00 a.m.- 2

GIL classes

8:00 a.m.

NWI Mobile Farmers Market Prep - kitchen

7:00 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Bible Study – Library

Friday, Aug. 11

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, Aug. 12

Sunday, Aug. 13

10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship – Molly Grove Chapel

12:30 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The next Women's Gathering will take place on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 27, at the home of Megan Hagle. Mark your calendar and get your feet ready. Theme is "Bare Feet."

Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals Thursday, Aug. 31 from 7-9 p.m. in the choir room. Contact Megan with any questions. (mhagle@lansingfirstpres.org).

Welcome Morning Bible Study will pick back up in September with Rev. Robert Hagle.

ADULT FORUM

Resumes on Sept. 17 after worship service.