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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY

JAN. 26, 2024 @ 10:00 AM
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRYDERICK ACHUONJEI

We praise you, God, for the diversity of your body.

By God's Spirit, we are one.

From diverse backgrounds and diverse places,

by God's Spirit, we are one.

From diverse cultures and diverse generations,

by God's Spirit, we are one.

From diverse questions and diverse dreams,

by God's Spirit, we are one.

We celebrate our diversity. We celebrate our unity.

By God's Spirit, we are one. Hallelujah!

++ HYMN #395[GTG] Blessed Jesus, At Your Word
Originally conceived to be sung before the sermon, this hymn assumes a congregation that assembles regularly, and it need to be placed near the beginning rather than the end of worship. The simple repetitive tune reinforces the text's sense of receptivity and expectation.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRYDERICK ACHUONJEI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess
that we have wandered from your light.
We follow paths of self-indulgence,
instead of focusing on our need of you.
We passively accept**

++Indicates Congregation standings as able

**the suffering of the world,
expecting others to stand up and work
for the change we would like to see.
Lord, in your strength,
renew us and compel us by your invitation
that we may work to pursue
your justice and mercy for all people,
sharing your light in ways great and small.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRYDERICK ACHUONJEI

May the God of mercy, the Lord of strength,
forgive you all your sins;
and may the Holy Spirit
keep you in new life. **Amen.**

++ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #659 [GTG]

***Know that God is good. Know that God is good.
Know that God is good; God is good; God is good.***

++ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

PRYDERICK ACHUONJEI

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

PRYDERICK ACHUONJEI

Saving God, source of our calling,
your Word is full of power and glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
so that we may receive your grace
and live as your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 19

PRYDERICK ACHUONJEI

¹The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. ²Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. ³There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. ⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; ⁸the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; ⁹the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹²But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. ¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem “My Jesus, I Love Thee” arr Molly James CHANCEL CHOIR

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; for Thee, all the follies of sin I resign;

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;

I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow; if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I will love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;

*And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow, if ever I loved Thee, 'tis now!
In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow. If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

SERMON

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

++HYMN #692[GTG]

Spirit, Open My Heart

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining venerable to our emotions and to the humans of other people. This playful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

REV. STAN JENKINS

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.

(Prayers continue)

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.

AMEN: #554 [GTG]

554

Amen

Capo 3: (G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

A - men, a - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1995

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LAND OF REST

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Balm In Gilead" arr Walter Ehret

Katie Sundeen, Maco Jalenewski, Rose
Rodrigue, Ben English, Troy Forbush, Joey
Baunoch

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead to soothe the sin-sick soul.

*Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my works in vain, but then the
Holy Spirit revives my soul again.*

++Doxology #608 [GTG]

Praise God, from Whom 608
All Blessings Flow

Musical score for the hymn "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow". The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple here be-low; praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore." The chords indicated above the notes are: G, C, Am7, Dsus, D, G, D, Am7, Dsus, D, Am7, D, G, Am7, G, C, Am7, G, Am7, D, G.

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN #744 [GTG] Arise, Your Light Has Come!

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune (FESTAL SONG). Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds #306 [GTG]

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

POSTLUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

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INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:	PRYDERICK ACHUONJEI
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:	MEGAN HIGLE
ORGANIST:	SERGEI KVITKO
DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH:	PRINCE SOLACE
PASTOR:	REV. STANLEY JENKINS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS are available.

FLOWER CHART There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The 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, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! ~ Worship Committee.

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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 26

10:00 a.m.	Worship service – Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Adult Forum – Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Children's Faith Formation
12:30 p.m.	Victory in Jesus Ministries – Sanctuary
2:00 p.m.	Lansing Symphony Orchestra - Chapel

Monday, January 27

9:00 a.m.	GIL classes
10:00 a.m.	Staff meeting – Library
5:30 p.m.	Yoga – Yoga room
6:30 p.m.	Bells of First rehearsal – Choir room

Tuesday, January 28

9:00 a.m.

GIL classes

7:00 p.m.

Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal - Chapel

Wednesday, January 29

9:00 a.m.

GIL classes

4:30 p.m.

Lansing Children’s Choir rehearsal – Choir room

5:30 p.m.

Yoga

Thursday, January 30

9:00 a.m.

GIL classes

7:00 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries Bible Study - Library

7:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 31

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga room

Saturday, February 1

Sunday, February 2

10:00 a.m.

Worship service - Sanctuary

11:30 a.m.

Birthday Potluck – Litten Hall

12:30 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

2:00 p.m.

Lansing Symphony Orchestra – Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Show off your talent by yourself or with a group. A **talent show** will take place on March 8, 2025, at 3 pm. If you want to be in the show please contact Pam Blair blairkids3@yahoo.com The show needs an audience too, so if you are not in the show come to be wowed and enjoy the fun.

Birthday Potluck is February 2, 2025, after worship. Come find out who celebrates a birthday in the same month you do. Bring a dish to pass that feeds 10-12 people. Enjoy great food, good conversation, and a birthday party.

Euchre Tournament January 26 at noon at Holt First Presbyterian Church. The youth are hosting a Euchre party all skill levels welcomed, no partners needed. Food and childcare are provided. If you have questions, contact Pam Blair 517-281-9099

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (INCLUDING ADULT FORUM AND CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION)

(11:15-12:15 in Litten Hall downstairs or on zoom).
(Childcare is available through this time.)

January 26

No Formal Adult Education - Facilities Improvement, Capital Campaign and Infrastructure Grant Update/Presentation in Sanctuary after Worship Service. (Coffee Hour will take place afterwards)

Children's Faith Formation - "Do Not Fear! Listen For God" - Alyse Collins, teacher

February 2

No Christian Education - Join us in Litten Hall for a Birthday Potluck! Bring a dish to pass (note - birthday cake will be provided).

Wired Word packets will be available! Ceci & Pr. Bob will be able to answer any questions you may have.

February 9

Adult Forum - "The Journey Home" - join Elder Willye Bryan as she shares her recent travels to discover her ancestors in Cameroon.

Children's Faith Formation - "Do Not Fear! Trust God's Promises" - Kathy Banghart, teacher

February 16

Adult Forum - "Justice League of Greater Lansing Michigan" - hear about upcoming events, recent successes and First Pres' involvement in Repairing the Breach.

Children's Faith Formation - "Do Not Fear! One Step At A Time" - Alyse Collins, teacher