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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 12, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Sergei Kvitko

CALL TO WORSHIP

Geoff Blair

What a blessing!

We gather to listen and to discern God's will.

What a fellowship!

**We join together and share our testimony
in the presence of God.**

Our delight in God will be our song of praise.

We come to worship God with our whole hearts.

++HYMN #634[GTG] To God Be the Glory

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Geoff Blair

Unison Prayer of Confession

**O Christ who prayed for us, died for us, and lives for us,
you taught us that we belong to you,
and your word is our truth.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, when we live as if
we belonged only to ourselves.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, when we foolishly think
that power is the ultimate truth.**

**Speak your words of peace to us this day,
and make our lives a testimony to your grace.**

**For you are the source of life itself,
and only in you can we truly live.**

++ indicates to stand in body or spirit

Assurance of Pardon

Geoff Blair

Hear the good news of God's promise:
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

++Response to Forgiveness #544 [GTG] Bless the Lord

***Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.***

++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

Living God, with joy we celebrate
the presence of your risen Word.
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit
so that we may proclaim the good news
of eternal and abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 1

Geoff Blair

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

²but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM “Awake, My Heart” arr Jane Marshall

*Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender, Thy Maker, thy preserver,
A song of love and fervor.*

Confirm my deeds and guide me, My day, with thee beside me,

Beginning, middle, ending, beginning, middle, ending,

Will all. E upward tending.

My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling;

Thy word my nurture, thy word my nature, given to bring me on toward heaven.

GOSPEL READING

John 17:6-19

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

SERMON

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

++HYMN #481[GTG] I Believe in God the Father

This text is a 21st-century metrical paraphrase of the Apostles’ Creed (in the manner of Calvin’s Strasbourg liturgy). Its connections with Reformed tradition are further strengthened by being set to the tune created for Psalm 42 in the 1551 Genevan Psalter (see also no. 87)

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 #568[GTG]

568 Amen

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)
 Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b F C

A - men, a - men, a - men!

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TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1984
 Music © 1984 GIA Publications, Inc. AMEN (Haugen)

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offertory Music

Offering

++Doxology #607 [GTG]

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

***Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication

++HYMN #839 [GTG] Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymn writer (Fanny Crosby) wrote texts for others to use, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable. (Music composed by Phoebe Palmer Knapp.)

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

Sergei Kvitko

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MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist	Geoff Blair
Organist/Pianist	Sergei Kvitko
Director of Music	Megan Higle
Dir. Church Life/Comm. Outreach	Prince Solace
Pastor	Rev. Stanley Jenkins

Concerns of the congregation:

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

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, May 12

10:00 a.m.

Sunday service - Sanctuary

11:30 a.m.

Adult Forum – Litten Hall

Monday, May 13

9:00 a.m.

GIL classes

10:00 a.m.

Church staff meeting - Library

3:00 p.m.

Greater Lansing Area Moms – Litten Hall

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga room

6:30 p.m.

Bells of First rehearsal - Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 14

9:00 a.m.

GIL Classes

5:30 p.m.

Worship Committee

6:30 p.m.

Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall

7:00 p.m.

Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

Wednesday, May 15

9:00 a.m.

GIL Class

4:30 p.m.

Lansing Children's Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga room

7:00 p.m.

Session – GIL room

Thursday, May 16

9:00 a.m.

GIL Class

7:00 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries– Library

Friday, May 17

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, May 18

Sunday, May 19

10:00 a.m.

Worship - Sanctuary

11:30 a.m.

Church Potluck

12:30 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

1:30 p.m.

Glen Erin Pipe Band – Litten Hall

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We will celebrate our Graduates on Sunday, May 19! (We will also recognize graduates during service on Sunday, June 2) Join us during our Worship Service to recognize their accomplishments. There will be a POTLUCK following the worship service. Please bring a dish to pass! *Crafts for younger learners to celebrate Pentecost will be available at the small, round table during our fellowship*

10th Annual Hope in One Golf Outing, Aug. 7, Groesbeck Country Club.

This is a special year and North Westminister Presbyterian Church is recognizing those who have been a part of the golf event for 8 or 9 years. LFPC is one of them. Donors have contributed over \$50,000 for the missions of Advent House and North Westminister Presbyterian. LFPC will be highlighted in the event program and in announcements.

Reminder: The annual per capita payment to the Lake Michigan Presbytery this year is \$40.05. Hopefully every member can pay that amount. The check can go to the church noting per capita. Please consider paying the per capita for those who cannot afford to. Thank you.

Lugnut church outing on June 14. The game is 7:05 p.m. and are \$12. Anyone can sign up through Rich Blankenship by email, text or in person on Sundays.

LINK NEWS - Northeast/DeWitt & All Points North Link

We will share lunch and conversation every third **Saturday** of the month at 1 p.m. On **May 18** we will meet at Coral Gables East Lansing located at 2838 Grand River Ave. On **June 15** we will meet at Boston's Restaurant and Sports Bar at 3301 Centre Blvd: Lansing. Contact Pat Eenigenburg.

South Lansing Link meets the second Sunday after worship. Check with Prince Solace and Bethanne Jenks for plans!

HOME Link will gather at Delhi Café on **Friday May 17 @ 11:30**. Contact Joyce Schaub.

ADULT FORUM

11:30-12:30 in Litten Hall downstairs or on Zoom . Childcare available through this time.

MAY 12

What Might it Mean to Call our Country a “City on a Hill?”

Over the years, debates have raged over whether the United States is/ was/ was meant to be/ was founded as/ should be/ a “Christian Nation.” What might that even mean? Does it have any legitimacy today? This question is closely related to the “idealization” of America, even its possible uniqueness among the nations of the world as it made its inevitable way westward. At the same time, there is a long history, even while we were yet colonies, of a *brokenness* to our society. That is, there have been serious clashes short of secession based not only on politics, but religion, geography, “States’ rights,” etc. That plague comes down to our own fragmented time. What do you make of this national debate in a crucial election year? **Charlie Herrick** will attempt in one hour to draw together insights from recent books and articles to lead us.

MAY 19

Potluck Sunday

Come celebrate with our graduates, savor great food and enjoy the coming of spring!