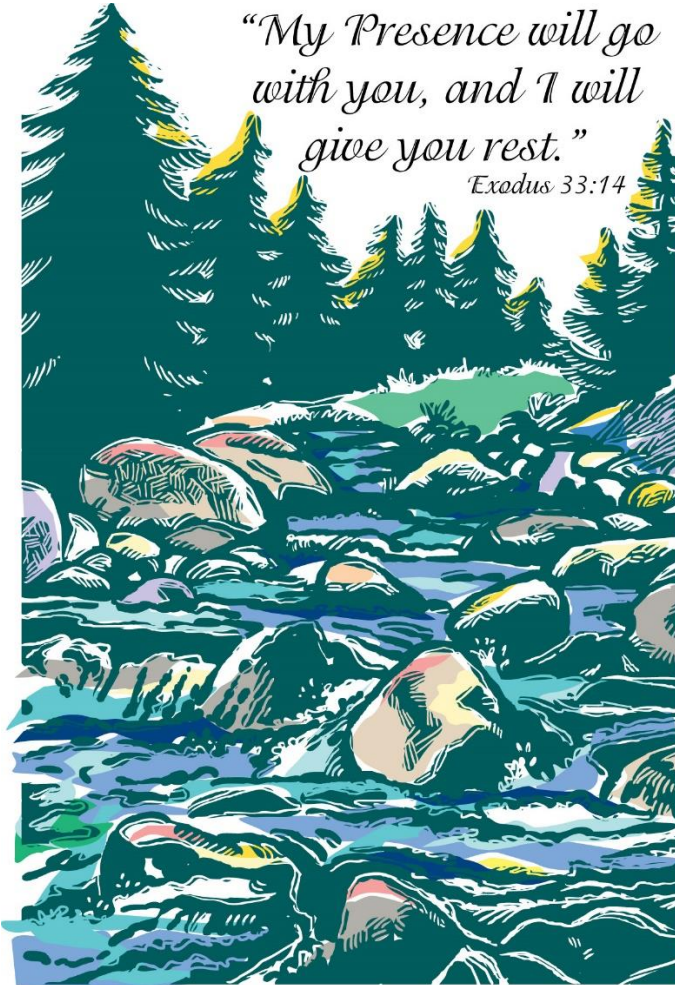


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*“My Presence will go  
with you, and I will  
give you rest.”*

*Exodus 33:14*



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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 22, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## PRELUDE

Sergei Kvitko

## CALL TO WORSHIP

David Angus

God's glory is too much to comprehend,  
but we see God's face among us  
when we come together as the church.  
**Let us witness to God's glory together!**

## **++GATHERING HYMN #1 [GTG] Holy, Holy, Holy**

*Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2-11, which its author, an Anglican bishop (Reginald Herber), knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad (the first three notes at the beginning and middle of each verse).*

## SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

David Angus

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of justice and truth, you ask us to give to you the things that are yours.  
If we are honest, we know we hold so much back.  
We have promised you our obedience,  
but we often fulfill our own desires first.  
We have promised you our worship,  
but we give our attention to idols instead.  
We have promised to do your work in the world,  
but we put it last on the list of priorities.  
Have mercy on us and forgive us.  
Increase our generosity that we might give freely,  
grateful for all of the gifts you have given us.**

**++**indicates to stand in body or spirit

## Assurance of Pardon

David Angus

The good news remains true:  
God has chosen us, forgives us,  
and walks beside us,  
helping us become imitators of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Alleluia!**

++Response to Forgiveness      447[GTG]      We are Forgiven

447      We Are Forgiven

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G.

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to  
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.  
We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

## ++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

David Angus

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

David Angus

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts

and your Spirit govern our lives  
until at last we see the fulfillment  
of your realm of justice and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

Psalm 99:1-9

David Angus

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

<sup>2</sup>The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

<sup>4</sup>Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

<sup>5</sup>Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

<sup>7</sup>He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

<sup>8</sup>O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

<sup>9</sup>Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

“Best of Rooms” by Randall Thompson

Chancel Choir

*Christ, He requires still, where sober He comes, to feed, or lodge, to have the best of rooms:  
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part of all the house, the best of all's the heart.*

**SECOND LESSON**

Exodus 33:12-23

Greg Botting

<sup>12</sup>Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ <sup>13</sup>Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” <sup>14</sup>He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” <sup>15</sup>And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. <sup>16</sup>For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.” <sup>17</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” <sup>18</sup>Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” <sup>19</sup>And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to

whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup>But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." <sup>21</sup>And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; <sup>22</sup>and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; <sup>23</sup>then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

**SERMON**

"It's Easy To Be A Saint In Paradise"

Greg Botting

**++HYMN**

**#701[GTG]**

Lord, Prepare Me (three times)

*The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, Paul's reminder to the Christians at Corinth that "[they] are God's temple and that God's spirit dwells in [them]."*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Gwen Botting

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 #571 [GTG] Amen**

571

## Amen

Capo 5: (Am) (Em) (F) (Am) (D7) (Em7) (A)  
 Dm Am B<sup>b</sup> Dm G7 Am7 D

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

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
 MUSIC: Curt Oliver, 1997  
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AMEN (Oliver)

## PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “10,000 Reasons” by Annie Rowbal, Katie Sundeen,  
 Tori Tyler, Megan Higle, Ben English, Colin Dewitt

*Bless the Lord, o my soul.*

*Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul.*

*I worship Your holy name.*

*The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning.*

*It's time to sing Your song again.*

*Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the ev'ning comes.*

*You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.*

*Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.*

*For all Your goodness I will keep on singing;*

*Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.*

*And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come,*

*Still my should will sing Your praise unending: ten thousand years and then forever more!*

**++ Doxology #717[GTG] “For the Life That You Have Given”**

# 717 For the Life That You Have Given

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in

Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these

gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;

heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to

love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are placed between the vocal and piano lines.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION / THANKSGIVING

**Amen.**

**++HYMN #542 [GTG] God Be with You Till We Meet Again**

*After writing the first stanza of his "Christian Good-bye," the author (Jeremiah Eames Rankin) sent it to two composers, one celebrated and one unknown, to see how each would set it. This is the second person's tune (William G. Tomer), which the author found more effective and used for the hymn's first publication.*

**BENEDICTION**

**BLEST BE THE TIE 306[GTG]**

*(We encourage you to reach out to those around you in the congregation)*

***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	David Angus
Organist/Pianist	Sergei Kvitko
Director of Music	Megan Higle
Dir. Church Life/Comm. Outreach	Prince Solace
Prayers of the People	Gwen Botting
Preaching	Greg Botting

Church service leaders:

Bell Choir Director	Darin Showalter
Pastor (on sabbatical thru Oct.)	Rev. Stanley Jenkins

Our **CHILD CARE** Room, located up the ramp from the Pine St. entrance is available during Worship and Adult Forum. Staff: Lily Ferris, Makenna Davis and Sidney Knapp.

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 a silk arrangement.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** (The devices have been checked to ensure their functioning.) **LARGE PRINT AND BRAILLE BULLETINS** (If you would like a Braille bulletin, please let the church office know ahead of time.) We also have **CUSHIONS** available if you find the pews uncomfortable! Please see one of the ushers if any of these aids to worship will enhance your participation in the service.

**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, Oct. 22**

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship – Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum - Litten Hall  
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – chapel

## **Monday, Oct. 23**

9:00 a.m. GIL classes  
10:00 a.m. Church staff meeting, library  
5:30 p.m. Yoga – yoga room  
5:00 p.m.-9 GIL Classes  
6:30 p.m. Bells of First rehearsal – choir room

## **Tuesday, Oct. 24**

9:00 a.m. GIL classes  
5:00 p.m.-9 GIL Classes  
6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band Rehearsal – Litten Hall  
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen - chapel

## **Wednesday, Oct. 25**

9:00 a.m. GIL classes  
10:30 a.m. Bible Study – Zoom  
4:30 p.m. Lansing Children’s Choir rehearsal – chapel  
5:00 p.m. OpenSpot Theatre – Litten Hall  
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

## **Thursday, Oct. 26**

9:00 a.m. GIL classes  
9:00 a.m.-2 NWI Food distribution – Litten Hall  
1:00 p.m. Bridge in the parlor  
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Bible Study – Library  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir room

## **Friday, Oct. 27**

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

## **Saturday, Oct. 28**

## **Sunday, Oct. 29**

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship – Sanctuary  
11:15 a.m. Holiday Baskets & CPR Training- Litten Hall  
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – chapel

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**NAME TAGS:** Would you like a name tag? Or does your old one need to be replaced? Please email Pam Blair [blairkids3@yahoo.com](mailto:blairkids3@yahoo.com) or call/text 517-281-9099. The deadline to get names to the printer is November 12, 2023.

## **Children's Faith Formation**

October 22: Join Ms. Ann on a reading of Psalm 28 using page 154, "Help Me God". We plan on making our own style of a stain glass window!

October 29: Join Ms. Pam where we make our own armor! Our story will be "Speak Up, Jeremiah" from page 148 in our Bibles.

November 5 - Ms. Deb will lead our class with a Beatitudes Wheel as we learn about the blessings God has given us. Our story will be "A Blessing Map" on page 324 of our Bible Story Book (Matthew 5:1-12).

**Church Orientation** will be after service October 22, 2023, in the parlor. If you have questions or just want to learn more about Lansing First Pres. this is for YOU. We will discuss what it means to be a Presbyterian and what it means to be a friend or member at Lansing First Pres. Bring your questions and any ideas on October 22. Please RSVP to Pam Blair [blairkids3@yahoo.com](mailto:blairkids3@yahoo.com) or call/text 517-281-9099.

**Handbell choir** rehearsals are Mondays, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome! Contact Darin Showalter for more information.

BIBLE STUDY continues each Wednesday at 10:30 AM by ZOOM. This study is led by Pastor Bob Higle and attended by members of FPC and Plymouth. All are welcome! We explore readings from the Revised Common Lectionary. As there are many lessons from both the Old Testament and New Testament, we will choose one or two lessons for our study time on Wednesday. A link will go out in an all-church email on Monday highlighting those lessons. Here is a link to the Revised Common Lectionary: <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/> In the event you want to join us in person, please contact Bob Higle by phone at 517-512-8018, Here is the Zoom link to connect: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83215658039?pwd=c21vSVhNQIJ2eHNBNmxZU1pyWWwydz09> Meeting ID: 832 1565 8039, Passcode: 661418

# ADULT FORUM

(11:15-12:15 in Litten Hall downstairs or on zoom. Childcare provided.)

## OCTOBER 22

The third **MATTHEW 25** tenet on Eradicating Systemic Poverty will be presented with a video and a launch of the book “Poverty, by America” as an All Church Read.



## OCTOBER 29 - Holiday baskets. CPR/AED training Light lunch will be served.

Join the whole congregation as we begin the process of filling holiday food baskets with non-perishable items. Perishable items will be added later. Please see p.2 of the October First Epistle for details, or call the office. The first **CPR/AED training** for participants who signed up, given by

**Geoff Blair** from the Emergency and Building Security Committee, will be held today in Litten Hall after holiday baskets have been filled (about 12:45). Please see p. 8 in the October First Epistle for details, or call the office.

## NOVEMBER 5

**Building/Emergency Procedures Drill** will be given by the Emergency and Building Security Committee.

## NOVEMBER 12

**Thanksgiving – Thanks but No Thanks?**

Elliot Ryser

Our traditional Thanksgiving holiday along with several others has continued to decline in popularity compared to some recently adopted holidays. However, there is at least one thing for which we are all universally thankful, namely the food that sustains us. Come and hear how many people it takes to get your Thanksgiving dinner to the table. It's more than you think.