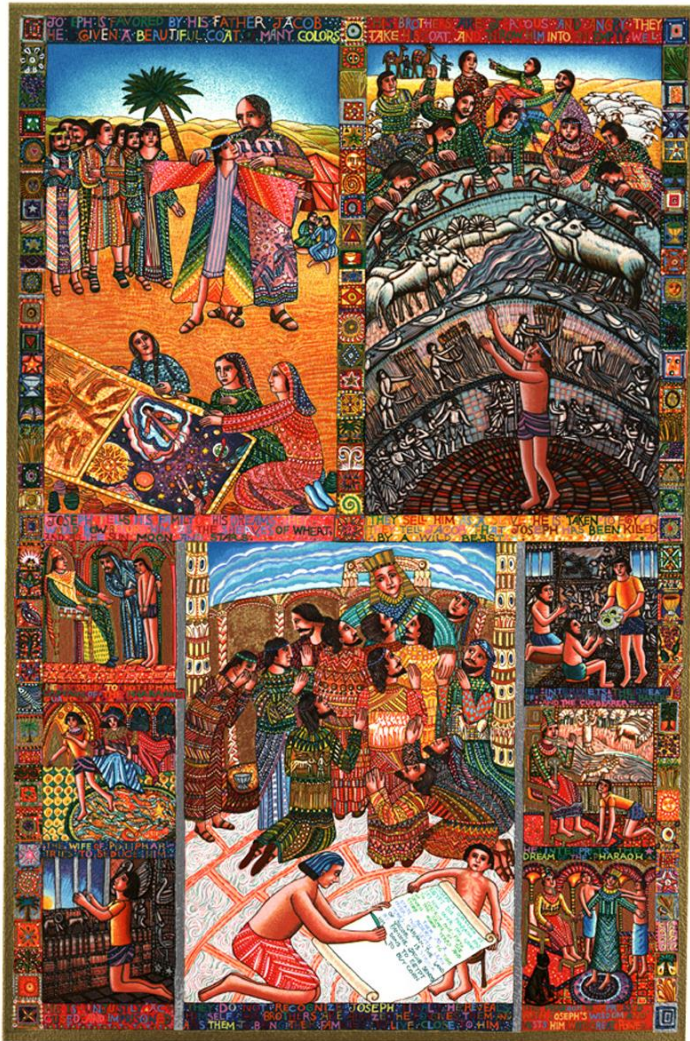


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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY
AUGUST 18, 2024 @ 10:00 AM
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

CALL TO WORSHIP

BARBARA AMUNDSEN

Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you deep respect for God.

**Which of you desires life
and longs for many days to enjoy good?**

Depart from evil and do good;

seek peace and pursue it.

Revere God, O holy ones,

for those who live in awe of God have no want.

++ HYMN #37[GTG] Let All Things Now Living
*Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as
Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to
both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle Benedicite, omnia opera
Domine (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).*

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

BARBARA AMUNDSEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATION

**O Lord, the voice of your wisdom rings out in the world,
guiding us to place our trust in you.**

**The voice of your wisdom rings out in the world,
challenging us to seek the things that matter.**

++indicates standing in body or spirit

**Too often, O Lord, we refuse to listen.
We place our trust in things that are fleeting.
We seek the things that make us comfortable,
rather than seeking the way of your peace.
Forgive us, God of grace,
and teach us to walk in the path lined by your wisdom.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON BARBARA AMUNDSEN

Now stand firm in your faith,
covered by the saving grace of God
and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

++ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #188 [GTG] JESUS LOVES ME!

***Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

++ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

BARBARA AMUNDSEN

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

#414 [GTG] *Be still and know that I am God (3x).*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

BARBARA AMUNDSEN

Faithful God, how blessed are those
who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit
so that we may glorify you

in the company of the faithful;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING: JOHN 6:51-58

BARBARA AMUNDSEN

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**

SPECIAL MUSIC “Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled” by Oley Speaks
Katie Sundeen, soprano

SECOND READING: Genesis 37:1-28

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ²This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

⁵Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. ⁶He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. ⁷There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." ⁸His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words. ⁹He had another dream, and told it to his brothers, saying, "Look, I have had another dream: the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." ¹⁰But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him, and said to him, "What kind of dream is this that you have had? Shall we indeed come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow to the ground before you?" ¹¹So his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

¹²Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, ¹⁵and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶"I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²²Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" — that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.

²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁵Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it

down to Egypt. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. ²⁸When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

SERMON

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

++ HYMN #452[GTG] Open the Eyes of My Heart

The initial petition of this song is based on the language of Ephesians 1:18, while the second part draws on the account of Isaiah’s vision in Isaiah 6:1-5. That event, in turn, is the basis of the threefold Sanctus that has become a traditional element in Christian worship.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GEORGE BENNETT

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)

OUR 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]

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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!

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b Dm7 G

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

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1984

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AMEN (Haugen)

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offering

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

Offertory Music

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” by Isaac Watts

Katie Sundeen, soprano

++Doxology #607 [GTG]

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

Prayer of Dedication

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

HYMN #747[GTG] The Lord Now Sends Us Forth (English, Spanish)
This text by a Cuban Pentecostal pastor is plural here in English and singular in the original Spanish version; singing both languages helps to show who the call to action in the world is both corporate and individual. The minor tune suggests the resolve needed to do God’s work.

BENEDICTION

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

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: BARBARA AMUNDSEN

ORGANIST / PIANIST: SERGEI KVITKO

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: MEGAN HIGLE

DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH: PRINCE SOLACE

PASTOR: REV. STANLEY JENKINS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS are available.

Flowers today are in honor of the 54th wedding anniversary of Sam and Kathe Smith.

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, August 18

10:00 a.m.	Sunday service – Chapel
11:30 a.m.	Finance Committee - Library
12:30 p.m.	Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel

Monday, August 19

10:00 a.m.-5	GIL classes
5:30 p.m.	Yoga – Yoga room

Tuesday, August 20

10:00 a.m. -2	GIL Classes
9:00 a.m.	NWI Food Truck prep
6:00 p.m.	Mid MI Photo Officers – Library
6:30 p.m.	Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m.	Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

Wednesday, August 21

10:00 a.m.-5	GIL Class
12:00 P.M.	Bible study, Zoom
5:30 p.m.	Yoga – Yoga room
7:00 p.m.	Session – Gill room

Thursday, August 22

9:00 a.m.	NWI Food Truck prep
7:00 p.m.	Victory in Jesus Ministries – Library

Friday, August 23

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, August 24

Sunday, August 25

10:00 a.m.

Sunday service – Chapel

12:30 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Volunteers are needed. Our young learners are looking for a few people to be “helpers” during their learning time. They need help with cutting, gluing, snacks, etc. (You will be aided by the teacher for that day, so no preparation is required.) Contact Megan Higle at mhigle@lansingfirstpres.org.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Calling all students and teachers!

Bring your backpacks and teaching bags to church on Sunday, September 8 for our Blessing of the Backpacks.



Grown Ups/Parents...our conversation about the Michael G. Long book, “Peaceful Neighbor” will take place on Saturday, August 24th at the home of Bill & Alyse Collins. Please talk to Megan or Alyse if you have any questions (otherwise, check your email!)

Music Ensembles - chancel choir and handbell choir will start rehearsal at the beginning of September! Both groups welcome new members!
Chancel Choir Director, Megan Higle
Bell Choir Director, Darin Showalter