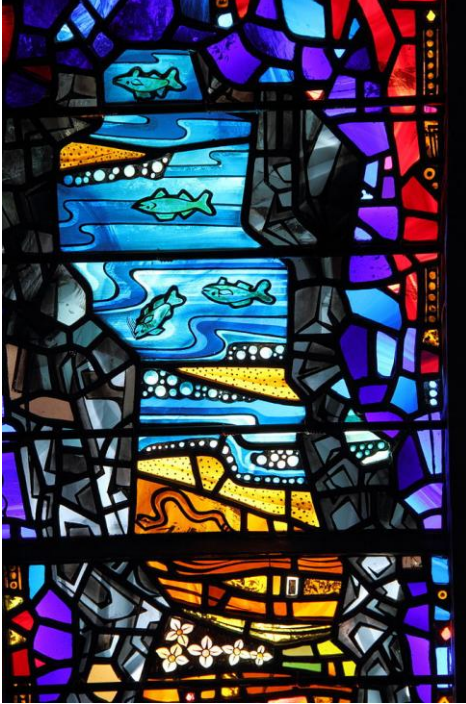


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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY

JULY 21, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BROOKE BROUGHTON

CALL TO WORSHIP (TAKEN FROM PSALM 23)

CHRISTOPHER VENETIS

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;**

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I will dwell
in the house of the LORD forever.**

++ HYMN #311[GTG] Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

This gentle hymn was created for a 1958 international convention of Christian educators in Japan. The tune's use of the gagaku mode, originally from China but later limited to use in the Japanese court, serves as a subtle but significant affirmation of Christ's sovereignty.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

CHRISTOPHER VENETIS

The scriptures teach that there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. The scriptures also teach that we have a high priest who has been tested as we are, yet without sin. As the letter to the Hebrews encourages us, "Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Let us pray

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATION

Good and gracious God, **we confess that we run ourselves ragged. We are busy and preoccupied with so many things. We neglect to be still and know that you are God. Even our sabbath time can be filled with "busy-ness." Forgive us, Lord, for not accepting your gift and guidance of rest and restoration. Help us to put on the yoke of Jesus and walk in the way he models for us, mindful of our spiritual health and responding with compassion to the needs of our neighbors. Loving God, thank you for Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, who makes us complete in everything good so that we may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight. We pray through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHRISTOPHER VENETIS

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Thanks be to God! For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

++ 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** CHRISTOPHER VENETIS
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).

CHILDREN'S MOMENT MS. MEGAN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION CHRISTOPHER VENETIS
Lord, to whom can we go? **You have the words of eternal life. We
have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of
God. Open our ears and our hearts to your teachings, Lord,
that we may be strengthened in our faith and equipped for
ministry in your name. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING JEREMIAH 23:1-6 CHRISTOPHER VENETIS
*Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the
metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the "flock"
of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from
David's line to save Israel and Judah.*

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of
my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD,
the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd
my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have
driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I
will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.

³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Here ends our First Reading

Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC "If You Love Me" by Michael Fabian
Ben English, Tenor & Megan Higle, Soprano

NEW TESTAMENT READING: MARK 6:30-34, 53-56 PASTOR BOB

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Here ends the Good News

Thanks Be to God

SERMON – “MY HOW TIME HAS CHANGED, OR HAS IT?”

PASTOR BOB

++ HYMN #803[GTG] My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a “living stream” to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet’s masterful use of single-syllable words.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRINCE SOLACE

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]

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!

(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

OFFERTORY MUSIC, “Largo” from *Xerxes* by Handel Arr Weekley & Arganbright, Brooke Broughton & Megan Higle, piano four hand

Offering PASTOR BOB
With grateful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings, that we may supply the needs of the saints, overflow with thanksgiving to God, glorify God, and share generously what God has so graciously given to us.

++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 PASTOR BOB
God of grace and God of glory, **we thank you for your generous blessings which enrich our lives. Help us to be good stewards of all you give. May we freely give with**

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**generous hearts, even as we have received what you have
so freely given us, Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift.**

Amen

HYMN #321[GTG], THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostle's Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune (AURELIA) was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

BENEDICTION

PASTOR BOB

Beloved,
be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work
of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your
labor is not in vain.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God,
and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let us go now with the peace of Christ in our hearts,
the work of the Holy Spirit at our finger tips, ever
mindful that we are children of God.

Thanks be to God

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

BROOKE BROUGHTON

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MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST: CHRISTOPHER VENETIS
ORGANIST / PIANIST: BROOKE BROUGHTON
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: MEGAN HIGLE
SOLOIST: BENJAMIN ENGLISH
DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH: PRINCE SOLACE
PRESIDING MINISTER: REV. ROBERT A. HIGLE (PASTOR BOB)

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, July 21

10:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

Sunday service – Chapel
Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel

Monday, July 22

9:00 a.m.-4
10:00 a.m.-5
10:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

MADD Camp (most rooms)
GIL classes
Church staff meeting – Library
Yoga – Yoga room

Tuesday, July 23

9:00 a.m.-4
10:00 a.m. -2
9:00 a.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

MADD Camp (most rooms)
GIL Classes
NWI Food Truck prep
Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall
Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

Wednesday, July 24

9:00 a.m.-4
10:00 a.m.-5
12:00 P.M.
5:30 p.m.

MADD Camp (most rooms)
GIL Class
Bible study – Library
Yoga – Yoga room

Thursday, July 25

9:00 a.m.-4
9:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.-4:30
7:00 p.m.

MADD Camp (most rooms)
NWI Food Truck prep
Bridge in the parlor
Mandela Fellowship – Library
Victory in Jesus Ministries – Library

Friday, July 26

9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.

Office closed
MADD Camp (most rooms)
NWI Bread distribution – Lobby
MADD Camp PERFORMANCE - Chapel
Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, July 27

1:30 p.m.

Mandela Fellowship – Litten Hall

Sunday, July 28

10:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

Sunday service – Chapel
Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Summer Bible Study/Fellowship Opportunity.

Come and join us. Leave confident, optimistic, and energized in your faith.

Join our Wednesday Bible Study at noon, in-person (Church library) or on Zoom (same link as our worship zoom link)

Participants review the selected readings before each Wednesday session. Start reviewing the materials on the Thursday before the session, on your own schedule!

The group, then reviews three reflective questions and discuss other items. If a session is cancelled, a makeup time will be set for the following Sunday after church. Materials can be found:

1. In the Participant's Booklet passed out at church. (some copies are still available in the library on the mantel)
2. Online on our website. There is a button to click on the home page that will take you to the Bible Study page. Scroll to the bottom and click the Class Materials link.

The **Garden Committee** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm via Zoom

Our meetings this summer are:

- July 24th
- August 28th

Per Capita Reminder: The annual per capita payment to the Lake Michigan Presbytery this year is \$40.05 per member. 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. We have raised about \$3,000 so far. Last year, we paid the Presbytery dues of about \$11,000.

Thank you.

LOVE TO SING? Summer Choir is happening again on Sunday, July 28th! Come to the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. for a brief rehearsal, sing during service. It's

that easy! We will be singing “He Never Failed Me Yet” by Robert Ray – contact Megan with any questions! (mhigle@lansingfirstpres.org or cell: 248.320.4578)