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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY
Nov. 17, 2024 @ 10:00 AM
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Praise the Lord!", arr. Linda R. Lamb

BELLS OF FIRST

CALL TO WORSHIP

ELLIOT RYSER

Whether we are sure of God's work in the world
or still waiting for a sign,
**let us worship the Lord,
encouraging one another in hope.**

Whether we are confident
in what the future will bring
or carry more questions than answers,
**let us worship the Lord,
strengthening one another in faith.**

++ HYMN #41[GTG] O Worship the King, All Glorious Above
Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

ELLIOT RYSER

It is only by the power of God
that we are able to stand against evil.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATION

**You are the God of all people, O Lord,
the creator of all things good.
Forgive us when we fail to see the good.
Forgive us when we refuse to see the "all."
We are searching for your presence**

++indicates standing in body or spirit

**and grasping for your grace,
unable to believe
that we cannot be separated from your love.
Forgive us, God of mercy,
and through Christ our redeemer,
free us to try again.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ELLIOT RYSER

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 #583[GTG] GLORY TO GOD

SERVICE MUSIC

Glory to God 583

Gloria, gloria

Capo 3: (Bm) (Em) (A) (D)
Dm Gm C F (chords continue)

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

++ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ELLIOT RYSER

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

Be still and know that I am God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MS. MEGAN

What is our comfort in life and in death?
Knowing that we belong to God. (form a link with thumb and middle
finger on both hands joining them together)

What can separate us from God's love?

Absolutely nothing can separate us from God's love. (*Move palms down at waist height from the center outward*)

Jesus is with me. (*cross right arm over chest*)

Jesus is within me. (*cross left arm over chest*)

Jesus is behind me. (*move hands down and to the back*)

Jesus is before me. (*move hands palms up in front of you*)

Jesus is there to comfort and restore me. (*hug yourself*)

—adaptations from the Heidelberg Catechism, question 1;
Romans 8:35, 38–39; St. Patrick's Breastplate

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ELLIOT RYSER

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 READING: Mark 13:1-8

ELLIOT RYSER

13As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!”²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?”⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

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

ANTHEM “Take My Life and Let It Be” arr Rose Rodrigue CHANCEL CHOIR

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;

Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful to thee.

*Take my voice and let me sing sing always, praising everything!
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart is is thine own, I shall be thy royal throne!
Take my love; dear world, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be ever only all for thee!*

SECOND READING:

Exodus 32:1-14

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32When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ²Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." ⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. ⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

SERMON

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++ HYMN #840[GTG] When Peace Like a River

This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune (VILLE DU HAVRE) was named for the ship that sank.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LYDIA BRADFORD

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: #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.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERING

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CHORAL ANTHEM "Steal Away" arr Brazeal Dennard
Rose Rodrigue, Ben English, Troy Forbush & Colin Dewitt

*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.*

*My Lord call me. He calls me by the thunder.
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.
Green trees a-bending. Poor sinner stands a-trembling.
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.
My Lord calls me. He call me by the lightening.
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.*

*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.*

++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.***

DEDICATION OF THE PLEDGE CARDS

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HYMN #357[GTG]

The Days are Surely Coming

This text uses imagery from Jeremiah 33:14-16 and Matthew 24:29-36/Mark 13:24-32/Luke 21:25-36. These passages are especially associated with the beginning of Advent, a season that looks forward to Christ's second coming while also preparing us to remember his first coming.

BENEDICTION

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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:	ELLIOT RYSER
ORGANIST / PIANIST:	SERGEI KVITKO
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:	MEGAN HIGLE
DIRECTOR OF BELLS OF FIRST:	DARIN SHOWALTER
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, November 17

10:00 a.m.	Sunday service – Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Adult Forum – Litten Hall
11:30 a.m.	Children's Faith Formation
11:30 a.m.	Finance Committee
12:30 p.m.	Victory in Jesus Ministries – Sanctuary

Monday, November 18

9:00 a.m.	Staff meeting – Library
9:00 a.m.	GIL classes
11:00 a.m.	NWI kitchen class
5:30 p.m.	Yoga – Yoga room
6:30 p.m.	Bells of First Rehearsal – Choir room

Tuesday, November 19

8:00 a.m.	NWI Kitchen class prep
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9:00 a.m. GIL classes
4:00 p.m. NWI Kitchen class clean up
6:00 p.m. Mid-MI Photo – Litten Hall
6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

Wednesday, November 20

8:00 a.m. NWI Kitchen class prep
12:00 p.m. Boomers/Beyond luncheon - Parlor
4:00 p.m. NWI Kitchen class clean up
4:30 p.m. Lansing Children’s Choir rehearsal – Chapel
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room

Thursday, November 21

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
6:00 p.m. Capitol Area Guilt Guild – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – Library
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal -

Friday, November 22

10:00 a.m. GIL classes
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room
5:00 p.m. Silver Bells – Memorial Garden

Saturday, November 23

9:00 a.m. Larissa Clark recital – Chapel
10:30 a.m. Christmas Basket set up – Litten Hall
2:30 p.m. Lansing Children’s Choir Concert - Chapel

Sunday, November 24

10:00 a.m. Sunday service – Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Holiday Basket assembly – Litten Hall
11:30 a.m. Children’s Faith Formation
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – Sanctuary
2:30 p.m. Megan Higle recital - Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Friday November 22 is Silver Bells and we are a warming station! Yes, we are expecting 500 people. We are passing out hot cocoa and candy canes. We need parking lot help, greeters, and clean-up help. Please see Pam Blair or email blairkids3@yahoo.com

It’s Holiday Basket Time Again? The Deacons will give 100 baskets to needy families for Thanksgiving and 100 for Christmas. Recipients sign up with the food pantry. We anticipate that each basket will cost \$50. Please help us with your financial contributions. Checks can be written to the church with Holiday Baskets on the memo line. Thank you!

ACT Uganda - In Muko Sub-County, Uganda, half of the families live in poverty. Most struggle just to make ends meet, and education, a vital path out of poverty, is just a distant dream. **But, ACT Uganda is changing this narrative!** We partner with the local community and provide the tools and resources needed to achieve self-sufficiency. To help fund our signature programs and support systems, our 2024 year-end goal is \$25,000 – but we can't do it without you. Please consider a gift to help end this cycle of poverty, and be part of this transformative journey that empowers these families to build brighter futures. Visit our website (actuganda.org) to donate and learn more, or send a check (*2024 Campaign in memo line*) to: ACT Uganda, P. O. Box 2565, Midland MI 48641. **Thank you for your commitment and support!**

ADULT FORUM

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

November 17

Close Beside the Winding Cedar:

The History of the Red Cedar River with MSU Librarian Eric Tans

Join us for a special presentation on the history of the Red Cedar River by MSU Environmental Sciences Librarian Eric Tans. The Red Cedar has played a significant role in shaping our region, both physically and socially. In this presentation, Eric Tans will teach us about some of the fascinating history of the Red Cedar and its relationship to our community it's past, present, and future. Eric Tans has been the Environmental Sciences Librarian at the MSU Libraries for over 10 years. He lives with his family in Lansing's Eastside neighborhood and enjoys running and biking on the River Trail along the Grand and Red Cedar Rivers. In 2022, he participated in a six-month research sabbatical on the history of the Red Cedar River and its relationship to MSU.

November 24

**We'll be assembling holiday baskets AND
Decorating the church for Christmas.**