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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY
OCTOBER 27, 2024 @ 10:00 AM
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. BOB HIGLE

God has gathered us in this place from the corners of the Greater Lansing community.

We've come from:

Holt, and Grand Ledge;

we've come from:

Ionia and Eaton Rapids;

we've come from:

East Lansing and Okemos.

we've come from:

Downtown and Oldtown;

We've come from

Eastminster and Lansing First,

following detours between or beyond.

God welcomes all in this place.

Let us worship God!

++ HYMN #275[GTG] A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

REV. BOB HIGLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATION

++indicates standing in body or spirit

**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.
Heal us of our blindness, O Lord,**

**for it is a blindness we have chosen.
 We close our eyes when faced with suffering of the world,
 turn our gaze away from the needs of our neighbors,
 and blur our faces in the mirror,
 lest we recognize your image.
 Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.
 Heal us of our blindness,
 and open our eyes to the beauty of your grace.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. BOB HIGLE

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

REV. BOB HIGLE

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 hands 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

Litany for Reformation Sunday

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

One (The Nicene Creed; The Apostles Creed, 2.3):

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

All (The Scots Confession, 3.01.):

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to whom alone we must cleave, and in whom alone we put our trust.

Choir (The Heidelberg Catechism, 4.001.):

We believe that, we belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

Men (The Second Helvetic Confession, 5.029.):

We believe that, all things are governed by the Providence of God.

Women (The Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.039.):

We believe that, the Lord our God was pleased to make a second covenant of grace, wherein he freely offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ.

One (The Shorter Catechism, 7.001.):

We believe that, the chief end of humankind is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.

All (The Larger Catechism, 7.117.):

We believe that there is but one only, the living and true God. God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness and perfection, all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

Choir (The Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.26.):

The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.

Men (The Confession of 1967, 9.32.):

We believe that, the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

Women

We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. Through the work of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force. At the same time, unity must be earnestly pursued and sought. Our unity must become visible to the world.

One (The Confession of Belhar, 10.3.):

We believe that separation and hatred between people and groups is sin, already conquered by Christ. Anything threatening our unity has no place in the church.

All (A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.5, 11.6.):

With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

REV. BOB HIGLE

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22

REV. BOB HIGLE

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

²My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

³O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every

trouble. ⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. ⁸O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all. ²⁰He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

²¹Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be

condemned. ²²The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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

ANTHEM "City Called Heaven" arr Josephine Poelintz Troy Forbush, tenor

I am a pilgrim, a pilgrim of sorrow. I'm left in this wide world, this wide world alone!

Ain't got no hope, got no hope for tomorrow. I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home.

*Sometimes I'm tossed and I'm driven, Lord.
Sometime I just don't know which way to turn.
I heard of a city, a city call heaven. I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Mark 10:46-52

REV. KRISTIN STROBLE

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

SERMON

REV. KRISTIN STROBLE

++ HYMN #692[GTG] Spirit, Open My Heart

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This playful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

REV. STAN JENKINS

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.

The musical notation is a single staff in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across multiple notes.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERING

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

CHORAL ANTHEM "I Bind Unto Myself Today" arr Ralph Vaughn Williams

Chancel Choir

I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever, by power of faith, Christ's incarnation, his baptism in the Jordan river, hid death on cross for my salvation, his bursting from the spiced tomb, his riding, up the heavenly way, his coming at the day of doom, I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself today the virtues of the starlit heaven, the glorious sun's life-giving ray, the whiteness of the moon at even, the flashing of the lightning free, the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks, the stable earth, the deep salt sea around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, God's eye to watch, God's might to stay, God's ear to hearken to my need, the wisdom of my God to teach, God's hand to guide, God's shield to ward, the word of God to give me speech, God's heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three, of whom all nature has creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word. Praise to the Lord of my salvation; salvation is of Christ the Lord!

++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

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

HYMN #543[GTG] God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

This hymn is a 21st-century adaption of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a lorica (Latin for “armor” or “breastplate”). Many such petitions for God’s presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

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 KUITKO

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MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:	REV. BOB HIGLE
ORGANIST / PIANIST:	SERGEI KVITKO
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:	MEGAN HIGLE
DIRECTOR OF BELLS OF FIRST:	DARIN SHOWALTER
DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH:	PRINCE SOLACE
PREACHING PASTOR:	REV. KRISTIN STROBLE
PASTOR:	REV. STANLEY JENKINS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS are available.

Flowers today are donated by Joyce and Gary Schaub "in memory of our parents."

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, October 27

10:00 a.m.	Sunday service – Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Congregational meeting - Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Adult Forum – Litten Hall
11:30 a.m.	Children's Faith Formation
12:30 p.m.	Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel
4:00 p.m.	Prayers for Lebanon – Chapel

Monday, October 28

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, October 29

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

Wednesday, October 30

8:00 a.m. NWI Kitchen class prep
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, October 31

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
10:30 a.m. Library Committee - Library
4:00 p.m. NWI kitchen class
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – Library
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir room

Friday, November 1

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

Saturday, November 2

11:00 a.m. Birthday Party – Litten Hall

Sunday, November 3

10:00 a.m. Sunday service – Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Thanksgiving basket assembly, Litten Hall
11:30 a.m. Children’s Faith Formation
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The **Congregational Meeting** is today after worship to elect elders, deacons, and members to the Financial Audit Review and Nominating Committees.

Oct. 27th--**Eastminster Presbyterian Church**, from East Lansing, is joining us for worship! The church is out of their building for a few weeks due to some emergency repairs. Please come and make our siblings from East Lansing feel welcome in their time of need!

Oct. 27th at 4:00 PM we are holding a **prayer service** in the chapel today for the **Lebanese Community**. We need your prayers! Let's lift up our Lebanese siblings!

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

The **Faith Formation** students will begin their rehearsals on “The First Christmas” on Sunday, November 3. If you are interested in helping or having your young person participate, please see Megan Higle or Alyse Collins.

ADULT FORUM

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

October 27

(last in a 3-week series)

THEOLOGY FOR PRESBYTERIANS

Charlie Herrick will continue using a PCUSA-produced guide as well as adding his own insights and your questions as we look together at the traditional “articles” of our faith. Today we look at what we believe about the Holy Spirit, and the Church. This “refresher course” is titled “Theology for Presbyterians,” not “Presbyterian Theology,” since, of course, we share basic beliefs with Christians of all kinds. Copies of the study guide material are available today and are on the church’s website. Handouts on some of these topics that Charlie has spoken on in Adult Forums in past years are available for you to take home. So come, learn, and ask questions you may have always had about these core issues of our faith.

How to access Theology for Presbyterians study materials online:

Go to lansingfirstpres.com. On that page see a “bubble” that says “Theology materials”. Click on that. Then you will see a page that says “Adult Education.”

Scroll down (past the photo) to where it says **Theology for Presbyterians Materials**. Then choose the lesson you want.

November 3

Assembly of Thanksgiving baskets

(no Adult Forum)