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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY
OCTOBER 20, 2024 @ 10:00 AM
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING" ARR: LINDA R. LAMB BELLS OF FIRST

CALL TO WORSHIP

LYDIA BRADFORD

God's greatness is beyond our understanding, yet we proclaim . . .

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

God stretched the heavens across the sky;

let us marvel at the stars that fill it.

God raised mountains above the depths;

let us gather in wonder before them.

++ HYMN #689[GTG] When the Morning Stars Together

Opening with imagery from Job 38:7, this text celebrates the role of music in worship from earliest times to the present. It is set to a German tune that may have originated as a folk melody. The tune name, WEISSE FLAGGEN, German for "white flags," comes from one of the early texts set to it.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

LYDIA BRADFORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATION

O Lord, you have taught us

that whoever wishes to become great must be a servant,

and whoever seeks to be first

must be last and servant of all.

Still, O Lord, we are like James and John,

seeking seats of glory.

We organize our lives around ladders to climb,

not realizing that we are stepping on people whom you love.

Forgive us, O Christ, and teach us to follow in your way,

for the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,

and to give his life as a ransom for many.

++indicates standing in body or spirit

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

LYDIA BRADFORD

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LYDIA BRADFORD

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 91:9-16

LYDIA BRADFORD

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,
¹⁰no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.
¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
¹²On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a
stone. ¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent
you will trample under foot.
¹⁴Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. ¹⁵When
they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them
and honor them.
¹⁶With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

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

ANTHEM “Ain’a That Good News” by William Dawson

Chancel Choir

*I got a crown up in-a the Kingdom, Ain’a that good news!
I’m a-goin’ to lay down this world, goin’a shoulder up-uh my cross,
Goin’a take it home-a to my Jesus, Ain’a that good news!*

*I got a harp up in-a the Kingdom, Ain’a that good news!
I’m a-goin’ to lay down this world, goin’a shoulder up-uh my cross,
Goin’a take it home-a to my Jesus, Ain’a that good news!*

*I got a robe up in-a the Kingdom, Ain’a that good news!
I’m a-goin’ to lay down this world, goin’a shoulder up-uh my cross,
Goin’a take it home-a to my Jesus, Ain’a that good news!*

*I got a Saviour in-a the Kingdom, Ain’a that good news!
I’m a-goin’ to lay down this world, goin’a shoulder up-uh my cross,*

Goin' a take it home-a to my Jesus, Ain' a that good news!

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Mark 10:35-45

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³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

SERMON

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++ HYMN #3[GTG] Womb of Life and Source of Being
Old and new metaphors drawn from Psalm 23; John 1:14, 14:26, 20:19-23, Hebrews 5:1-10; and Genesis 1:1-2 combine here to express faith in and praise to the Triune God, identified as Source, Word, and Spirit. The second line of stanza two is adapted from Charles Wesley.

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

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

CHORAL ANTHEM “Christus Paradox” arr. by Alfred V. Fedak Chancel Choir

*You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord are both prince and slave.
 You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave.
 You the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.*

*Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,
 Shining in eternal glory, beggar’d by a soldier’s toss,
 You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.*

*You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God’s side.
 You, who preach a way that’s narrow, have a love that reaches wide.
 You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.*

*Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
 Worthy your defeat and victory. Worthy still your peace and strife.
 You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life.
 You, the everlasting instant;; You, who are our death and life.*

Alleluia! You, who are our death and our life.

++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

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HYMN #697[GTG] Take My Life (verses 1-3)

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word “take,” resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person’s attributes and possessions and giving weight to the “all” at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

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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MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:	LYDIA BRADFORD
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, October 20

10:00 a.m. Sunday service – 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

Monday, October 21

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

Tuesday, October 22

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

Wednesday, October 23

4:30 p.m. Lansing Children’s Choir rehearsal – Chapel
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room

Thursday, October 24

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
1:00 p.m. Bridge in the Parlor
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – Library
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir room

Friday, October 25

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

Saturday, October 26

Sunday, October 27

10:00 a.m. Sunday service – Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary
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

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The **Congregational Meeting** will be on Sunday, October 27 after worship to elect elders, deacons, and members to the Financial Audit Review and Nominating Committees.

Oct. 27th--**Eastminster Presbyterian Church**, from East Lansing, will be 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 will hold a **prayer service** in the chapel 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!

Calling all quilters! We have a special project designed to celebrate the seamstresses and seamsters in our congregation AND help solve the echo problem in Litten Hall. We would like to hang a collection of quilts from the congregation – even if they are wall hangings or lap quilts – to 1) celebrate our creative mothers and grandmothers (and perhaps a dad or grandpa?) and 2) absorb some of the unwanted reverberation in Litten Hall to improve listening for everyone. We plan to make a plaque that names all the makers, including Daisy DeHaven. If you have any quilts that you are not using that were created by you or your ancestor, please let Gwen Botting know what you have to donate. Please let her know the approximate size (double bed, lap quilt, whatever), who created it, and any interesting tidbit of history that goes with it – for instance if some quilts in the past were donated to charity, or if the maker was also a rabid knitter and made kids mittens and hats to give away, or anything like that. We plan to make a small booklet describing the quilts and quilters if we have enough information to make it worth the effort.

If anyone knows where any quilts or banners or wall hangings might be stored in the church, please let Gwen know. Gwen Botting, gwenbotting9496@gmail.com or 616-755-2221.

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.

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. Last year, we paid the Presbytery dues of about \$11,000.

ADULT FORUM

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

October 20, 27 (Parts 2 and 3 of 3-week series) THEOLOGY FOR PRESBYTERIANS

Continuing today and next Sunday, **Charlie Herrick** will make use of 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 Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, and then next week, the Church and the future. 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.

November 3 Assembly of Thanksgiving baskets (no Adult Forum)