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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY
AUGUST 11, 2024 @ 10:00 AM
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BROOKE BROUGHTON

CALL TO WORSHIP

BARBARA AMUNDSEN

Out of the depths we cry to you, O God.

Hear our voices!

We wait for you;

in your word we hope.

O magnify our God with me.

Let us lift God's name together,

for we sought the Holy One

and they answered us;

God delivered us from all fear.

Look to God, beloved, and be radiant.

++ HYMN #401[GTG] Here In This Place

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

BARBARA AMUNDSEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATION

++indicates standing in body or spirit

**Hear our prayer, O God of grace.
You have called us to wear truth as a garment,
but we are prone to lie and would rather wear a mask.
You have called us to struggle against evil in this world,
but instead we struggle for success and for power.
You have called us to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,
but we keep it to ourselves, for fear of being judged.
Hear our prayer, O God of grace.
Clothe us in your strength, peace, and faith.
Wash us in your mercy,
and make us imitators of your compassion.**

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).*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MS. MEGAN

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 LESSON**JOHN 6:35, 41-51**

BARBARA AMUNDSEN

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 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.”

Here ends our First Reading

Thanks be to God**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“How Can I Keep from Singing?” By Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash
& Matt Rodman, arr by Mary McDonald
Erin Schor and Megan Higle, sopranos

SECOND LESSON: 1 KINGS 19:4-8

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be to God

SERMON

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

++ HYMN #694[GTG] Great God of Every Blessing

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

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 \flat Cm Gm D E \flat F C

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

(Em) (D) (G) (Am)(Em) (B) (C) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm F B \flat Cm Gm D E \flat Dm7 G

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1984
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AMEN (Haugen)

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offering

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

Offertory Music

“Amazing Grace” traditional, arr by
 Benjamin Harlan
 Erin Schor and Megan Higle, sopranos

++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

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HYMN #542[GTG] God Be With You Till We Meet Again

After writing the first stanza of his "Christian Good-bye," the author sent it to two composers, one celebrated and one unknown, to see how each would set it. This is the second person's tune, which the author found more effective and used for the hymn's first publication.

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

BROOKE BROUGHTON

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MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST: BARBARA AMUNDSEN

ORGANIST / PIANIST: BROOKE BROUGHTON

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: MEGAN HIGLE

SOLOIST: ERIN SCHOR

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, August 11

10:00 a.m.

Sunday service – Chapel

12:30 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel

Monday, August 12

10:00 a.m.-5

GIL classes

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga room

Tuesday, August 13

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 14

10:00 a.m.-5

GIL Class

12:00 P.M.

Bible study – Library

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga room

Thursday, August 15

9:00 a.m.

NWI Food Truck prep

6:00 p.m.

GL Quilt Guild – Litten Hall

7:00 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries – Library

Friday, August 16

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, August 17

Sunday, August 18

10:00 a.m.

Sunday service – Chapel

12:30 p.m.

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.

The church is now offering Wednesday Bible Study at noon, at the church and on Zoom.

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

The group will review 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 may be 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 are scheduled for the remainder of the year as follows:

- August 28th
- September 25th
- October 23rd

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.