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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 @ 10:00 AM
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEXI GREEN

We have been gathered in this place for this time,
**that we might hear the good news
we can't help but share.**

On this day and each one to come,
**may the words of our mouths, the meditations of our
hearts, and the actions of our lives proclaim our faith.**

++ HYMN #157 [GTG] I Danced in the Morning

This 20th-century ballad-like retelling of the life of Christ, though written for this Shaker tune, has many similarities with the pre-Reformation carol "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day." Such narrative carols were common both at Christmas and as part of medieval mystery plays.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

LEXI GREEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATION

**O Lord, you have called us to take up our cross and follow you:
to carry the truth of your justice like a banner
and bear the yoke of life as your servant.**

We are hesitant, O God, to serve anyone but ourselves.

**We draw away from the imagery of the cross,
forgetting that, in you, it has become a source of glory.**

++indicates standing in body or spirit

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 116:1-9

LEXI GREEN

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
²Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I
live. ³The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on
me; I suffered distress and anguish. ⁴Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray, save my life!” ⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God
is merciful. ⁶The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he
saved me. ⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt
bountifully with you. ⁸For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes
from tears, my feet from stumbling. ⁹I walk before the LORD in the land of
the living.

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

ANTHEM “When In Our Music God Is Glorified” arr Hal H. Hopson
Jim Botting, timpani & Bells of First

GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:27-38

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and
on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And
they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others,
one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?”
Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them
not to tell anyone about him.
³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great
suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes,
and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly.
And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and
looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan!
For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

SERMON

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++ **HYMN #737 [GTG]** Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Originally created in French, this text reflects the ministry of a Roman Catholic religious community, the Little Sisters of Jesus, who work with people on the margins of society. This hymn is also beloved by the Ark (L'Arche) communities who minister to adults with disabilities.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GWEN BOTTING

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 "Thine Is The Glory" arr Paul Leddington Wright
 Chancel Choir, Jim Botting, timpani

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.

Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth: death hast lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife.

Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love: bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

++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 #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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INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:	LEXI GREEN
ORGANIST / PIANIST:	SERGEI KVITKO
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:	MEGAN HIGLE
DIRECTOR OF BELLS OF FIRST:	DARIN SHOWALTER
DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH:	PRINCE SOLACE
PERCUSSION:	JIM BOTTING
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, September 15

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

Monday, September 16

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

Tuesday, September 17

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
9:00 a.m. NWI Food Truck prep
6:00 p.m. Mid-MI Photo Club Officers – Library
6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

Wednesday, September 18

12:00 p.m. Bible study – via Zoom
4:30 p.m. Lansing Children’s Choir rehearsal – chapel
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room
7:00 p.m. Session meeting – GIL room

Thursday, September 19

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
9:00 a.m. NWI Food Truck prep
6:00 p.m. Capital City Quilt Guild – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – Library
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir room

Friday, September 20

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

Saturday, September 21

Sunday, September 22

10:00 a.m. Sunday service – Chapel
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall
11:30 a.m. Faith Formation
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

The Timpani Story

My husband Jim and I were recently gifted with a beautiful set of timpani (kettle drums) for our sanctuary!

This gift comes from our former church, First Presbyterian Church, Ionia, where I served as music director for over 15 years. I dedicated my life to that church in much the same way that Megan does for our church now. Jim taught Sunday School and sang in the choir.

At one point in the 1990's the Ionia church received a substantial bequest, and I was asked what I would like to purchase. We bought the timpani! Jim and I collaborated with our organist to play horn, organ and timpani trios many times over those years.

Unfortunately, no one has used the drums since we left the church in Ionia. I offered to purchase them, but their Session voted to gift them to us in honor of all service we did for them. We hope you enjoy the gift of these drums as much as we will when Jim plays them!

Gwen Botting

First Presbyterian Church Men's Group-The Men's Group provides an opportunity for the men of the church to get together for an activity. Men of ALL ages are invited to participate. if you are interested in going to the *RE Olds Transportation Museum* in the downtown Lansing area sometime this fall (date and time to be determined) Please contact Brian Koon (b.koon@comcast.net, 517 886-9801 or see me at church.. The museum is open Tuesday-Sunday.

Volunteers are needed. Our young learners are looking for a few people to be “helpers” during their learning time. They need help with cutting, gluing, snacks, etc. (You will be aided by the teacher for that day, so no preparation is required.) Contact Megan Higle at mhigle@lansingfirstpres.org.

Music Ensembles Chancel choir and handbell choir have started rehearsals. Both groups welcome new members!

Chancel Choir Director, Megan Higle, megan.higle@gmail.com

Bell Choir Director, Darin Showalter, darinjshowalter@gmail.com

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.

World Communion Sunday Potluck October 6, 2024, after worship. Bring a dish to share that represents your heritage or a dish that is a family favorite. If you are able, please label the country or area your dish represents. There will be carts at the main entrance to take your dish downstairs. Drinks and place settings will be provided.

**ADULT FORUM
September 15**

**CHURCH FINANCIAL LITERACY AND STEWARDSHIP
Elder Ceci Anderson, leading**

Come learn about how our Church finances are organized and utilized. Come learn about stewardship. Come learn how your donations and pledges work to fulfill the mission of the Church, building the Kingdom of God. Afterwards, join with others at the new restaurant/pub Salt Rock (across the garden from the church parking lot) to support a new community business.

September 22

**OUR FAITH, OUR ELECTIONS, THE SHAPE OF OUR NATIONAL FUTURE
Rev. Charlie Herrick, leading**

With just two months to go before the all-important presidential (and other crucial offices) election, it's a good time to come together to share our hopes and anxieties. This session will be more or less an extension of last May's discussion on "whether the U.S. is/was/was meant to be/was founded as/ *should be* a 'Christian nation.'" In the time since then, that question has been raised among certain voices with still more specificity. How are we, as Christians, to walk the line between expressing our faith on the crucial issues of our time, and being assured, as some do, that imposing a specific iteration of Christianity upon our increasingly diverse population would solve our societal issues? We all have thoughts about this. Come and share.

September 29

**BEING PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES
Speaker: Sherrie Loader**

Sherrie is part of Michigan's Emergency Preparedness Team and will discuss what everyone should do and know to be prepared for emergencies that may come up in the future.