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Summer Church Office Hours (M-Th) 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 16, 2024 10:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In order to maintain our worship environment, please turn off your cell phones. Thank you.

PRELUDE

Sergei Kvitko

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pr. Bob Higle

Some look to technology or power
to bring them salvation,

but we look to God.

Some look to quantity or efficiency
as signs of success,

but we look to God.

For you, O God,
have made us whole.

**At the works of your hands
we sing for joy!**

++HYMN #366[GTG] Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

This text and tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Pr. Bob Higle

Responsive Prayer of Confession

When our actions are not consistent with the truth of your gospel,
forgive us, Lord. Cleanse us and free us.

When our lives do not proclaim the power of your love,
compel us, Lord. Free us and forgive us.

When our minds are full of self-condemnation, with no room for your grace,
revive us Lord. Forgive us and compel us.

For our lives are rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ,
and through Christ's love alone we are reconciled to you.

++indicates to stand in body or spirit

Assurance of Pardon

Pr. 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

#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

Pr. 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 (three times).

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ms. Megan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pr. Bob Higle

Holy, Holy, Holy One,
guide us by the Spirit of truth
to hear the Word of life you speak,
and to give all glory, honor, and praise
to your threefold name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Pr. Bob Higle

22 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴ All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high

the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Megan Higle, Soprano

GOSPEL READING

Mark 4:26-34

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

²⁶He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

SERMON

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

++HYMN #817[GTG] We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7; but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19-29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayetteville County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words (DUNLAP'S CREEK).

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)

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]

568 Amen

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)
Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b F C

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

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (Bm7) (E)
Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b Dm7 G

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

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

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offertory Music

Offering

++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

++HYMN #23[GTG] God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

This text was written for the 1979 National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women, whose theme, "In the Image of God," is variously considered here as reflection, focus, distortion, and polishing for clarity. The words are well set to an anonymous 19th-century American tune.

BENEDICTION

BLEST BE THE TIE 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	Pr. Bob Higle
Organist/Pianist	Sergei Kvitko
Director of Music	Megan Higle
Dir. Church Life/Comm. 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, June 16

10:00 a.m. Sunday service – Chapel
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel

Monday, June 17

10:00 a.m. GIL classes
10:00 a.m. Church staff meeting - Library
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room

Tuesday, June 18

10:00 a.m. - 2 GIL Classes
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, June 19

10:00 a.m.- 5 GIL Class
12:00 p.m. Boomers & Beyond Luncheon – Parlor
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room

Thursday, June 20

6:30 p.m. Capital City Quilt Guild – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries– Chapel

Friday, June 21

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room
6:30 p.m. GIL Graduation – Chapel
7:30 p.m. GIL reception – Litten Hall

Saturday, June 22

Sunday, June 23

10:00 a.m. Sunday service - Chapel
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

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,

- June 26th
- July 24th
- August 28th
- September 25th
- October 23rd

10th Annual Hope in One Golf Outing, Aug. 7, Groesbeck Country Club. *See Below*

This is a special year and North Westminster Presbyterian Church is recognizing those who have been a part of the golf event for 8 or 9 years. LFPC is one of them. Donors have contributed over \$50,000 for the missions of Advent House and North Westminster Presbyterian. LFPC will be highlighted in the event program and in announcements. ??

Reminder: The annual per capita payment to the Lake Michigan Presbytery this year is \$40.05. 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. Thank you.

ADULT FORUM

Off in the summer

See you in September!
