

## PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

### Offering

*Please fill out a Communication card and put it in the offering plate every week*

### Offertory

*Be Thou My Vision, arr. Jay Althouse*

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, my presence, my light.  
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.  
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

**++ Doxology 607[GTG]** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***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 192[GTG]** *Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining*

### ++BENEDICTION

**++BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS 306[GTG]**

*(Please join hands while the entire congregation sings)  
**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

### ++POSTLUDE

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Church Office Hours (M-F) 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 & 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Please join us in Litten Hall (downstairs) for a time of fellowship.  
Fair Trade coffee and tea are served to enjoy and also are sold for your take-home pleasure!

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 23, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Transfiguration of the Lord

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*In order to maintain our worship environment, please turn your cell phone off.  
Please fill out a Communication Card and put it in the offering plate.*

## PRELUDE

*Conrad* by Sergei Kvitko  
Megan Higle & Marty Livingston, Hand Bells

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Joe Ross

Leader: Do you see it? In fire and cloud our God appears:  
**People: the glory of the Lord settles over us.**  
Leader: Do you hear it? A voice thunders from heaven:  
**People: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him."**  
Leader: Open your eyes; unstop your ears. We are gathered on holy ground.  
**People: Let us magnify the Lord!**

## ++HYMN 193[GTG]

*Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*

## SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, we search for you amidst the grand and glorious, the sacred and serene. We are eager to bask in your splendor and dwell with you in sanctuaries that shelter us from the sorrow of this world. We forget you are also present in the ordinary and profane, the desperate and despised. You send us back down the mountain to proclaim your law of grace and live your command of love—to tread the path that Jesus tread. Transform us, embolden us, and free us from fear, that we might be beacons of your light... (silent prayer)**

The Word of God's Grace

++ Response to the Good News **583[GTG]** *Glory to God*  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!**  
**Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

++Indicates to stand in body or spirit

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## ++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Share the passing of the peace with those near you.*

**Be still and know that I am God (sung three times)**

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 24:12–18

pg. 70, OT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## CHORAL ANTHEM

*O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair* arr. Rebecca Groom te Velde  
*O wondrous sight, O vision fair of glory that the church shall share,  
Which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!  
From age to age the tale declare, how with the three disciples there,  
Where Moses and Elijah meet, the Lord holds converse high and sweet.  
The law and prophets there have place, two chosen witnesses of grace;  
Our Maker's voice from out the cloud proclaims his only Son aloud.  
With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today  
What glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.  
And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery,  
For which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, they hymn of praise.*

## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 17:1–9

pg. 18, NT

## SERMON

*Transfiguration*

## ++HYMN 258[GTG]

*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*(Intercessory prayer)*

**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.**

## CHORAL AMEN

*Amen*

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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, February 23

- 10:00 a.m. Worship/ 2 Cents a Meal offering received  
11:00 a.m. Education for 4 yrs. thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Fellowship Hour – Litten Hall  
11:20 a.m. Adult Forum – Reception Room  
3:00 p.m. Lansing Area Human Rights Board meeting - Library

### Monday, February 24

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Library  
10:00 a.m. NorthWest Initiative - Kitchen/ Litten Hall  
5:00 p.m. NorthWest Initiative cooking class  
6:00p.m.-9 Global Institute of Lansing class  
6:45 p.m. Bells of First rehearsal

### Tuesday, February 25

- 12:10 p.m. Yoga  
6:00 p.m.-9 Global Institute of Lansing class  
6:30 p.m. Bagpipers rehearsal – Litten Hall  
7:00 p.m. LanSingOut rehearsal -Chapel

### Wednesday, February 26 *ASH WEDNESDAY*

- 10:00 a.m. NorthWest Initiative - Kitchen/ Litten Hall  
10:30 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study – Library  
6:00 p.m. Yoga  
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship - Chapel  
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

### Thursday, February 27

- 11:00 a.m.-1 NorthWest Initiative bread distribution - Kitchen  
5:00 p.m. Yoga

### Friday, February 28

- 10:00 a.m. NorthWest Initiative - Kitchen/ Litten Hall  
Noon Women's Lenten Bible Study- Parlor  
6:00 p.m. Yoga

### Saturday, February 29

- 8:00 a.m.-4 Steiner Choral School Competition - Chapel, Sanctuary, Library/Parlor  
4:00 p.m. NorthWest Initiative Fundraiser - Kitchen/ Litten Hall

### Sunday, March 1

- 10:00 a.m. Worship/ Communion/ Deacon's Offering received  
11:00 a.m. Education for 4 yrs. thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Fellowship Hour – Litten Hall  
11:20 a.m. Adult Forum – Reception Room  
3:00 p.m. Lansing Symphony Concert - Chapel

## INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist	Joe Ross
Organist/Pianist	Sergei Kvitko
Director of Music	Megan Higle
Videographer	Sam Smith
Pastor	Rev. Stanley Jenkins

Concerns of the congregation:

In care facilities:	Jerry Bockes (Eaton County Health and Rehab)
	Peg Whitman (Grandhaven Living Center)
	Jean Dietrich (Story Point of Grand Ledge)
	Jean Hopkins (Story Point of Grand Ledge)
	Betty Bailey (Grandhaven Living Center)

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** (The devices have been recently checked and they DO work!) **LARGE PRINT AND BRAILLE BULLETINS** (If you would like a Braille bulletin, please let the church office know ahead of time.) We also have **CUSHIONS** available if you find the pews uncomfortable! Please see one of the ushers if any of these aids to worship will enhance your participation in the service.

**FLOWER CHART** There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The new price is \$45. 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 Tracy, and we will order for you. If you would like to purchase or provide a silk arrangement for use when we don't have a fresh arrangement scheduled, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! - Worship Committee.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**WOMEN'S LENTEN STUDY – AN INVITATION** "Lenten Crossing: Intersecting with Jesus Christ" Good news! Pastor Barb Edema has written an original Lenten Bible study for any and all women who would care to attend. The meeting time is **noon on Fridays, beginning Feb 28, continuing through March, and ending on Friday, April 3** (6 sessions total). Barb says: "Let's take a look at how lives of biblical characters changed when they met Jesus in surprising places. Then let's share how our own lives continue to change as we intersect with the Good News of Jesus Christ."

**To help offset the cost of printing, a \$5 donation is requested.** All are invited to come, whether you have attended a previous Women's Bible Study or not. As always, *we come when we can and as often as we can.* See Kathy Banghart or Shirley Herrick now to sign up!

**THE ALTERNATES TO PLASTIC CHALLENGE** Just about 150 years ago a "miracle material" – strong, lightweight and inexpensive – was created. Plastic! It is in everything we use – cups, bottles, toothbrushes, Ziploc bags, plastic forks and spoons, straws, along with parts of cars, airplanes and space ships.

Unfortunately, it has a downside. So much of it is thrown "away," although we are learning there is no "away." One *trillion* plastic shopping bags alone per year, for example, are tossed aside, mostly after one brief use. In the U.S. less than 10% of plastic is recycled! Worse, globally, millions of tons of plastic end up in the oceans. The action of waves, sunlight and bacteria break up much of it into tiny particles, which fish ingest. When we eat those fish, we are eating plastic!

What's a person to do to help reduce this plastic pollution? There are two things. We can RECYCLE. You have probably noticed the recycle bins placed around the church by the Green Team. Our church is working hard to encourage recycling.

The Green Team is also encouraging a second way to help: choosing ALTERNATIVES to plastics. We are initiating an **ALTERNATIVES TO PLASTIC CHALLENGE**. You are probably already using some other materials instead of plastic. What are they? Reusable grocery bags? Glass drinking glasses instead of Styrofoam? Real silverware? How about stainless steel coffee mugs? Glass straws? Food storage in Mason jars?

On **Palm Sunday, April 5**, we would like to display in Litten Hall as many ALTERNATIVE items as we as a congregation can collect. Be thinking and exploring possibilities between now and then. Plan to bring an item or two to add to the display. Take the CHALLENGE!

That is the morning of the **Deacons' Palm Sunday Brunch**. So plan to come enjoy the meal and be amazed at the ALTERNATIVES TO PLASTIC choices available to us.

### Did You Know?

**A plastic bag is only used for an average of about 12 minutes and then discarded.** ([eco-pliant.com](http://eco-pliant.com))

**SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETINS AND AUDIO ON THE WEB** Did you know that you can view and download Sunday bulletins, and even hear audio recordings of our worship services on the church web site? Visit [lansingfirstpres.com](http://lansingfirstpres.com) and select *Bulletins* or *Sermons* from the top menu under "Worship." Since January this year, MP3 audio recordings include entire worship services and not just sermons. It's a great resource if you missed a Sunday, or if you just want to see the bulletin or hear the service again. Note that the church web site is often updated, and constantly in need of updates. If you'd like to share your web site expertise to update and improve the church web site, contact Brian Jackson/[brianpdjackson@gmail.com](mailto:brianpdjackson@gmail.com) or Bill Collins/[bill@pipercollins.com](mailto:bill@pipercollins.com).

## ADULT FORUM 2020

(11:15-12:15 Adult Ed Room downstairs)

All are welcome to join in discussion of significant and timely topics in the Adult Ed Room (downstairs) 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (Childcare is available through this time.)

### February 23 – TODAY

#### COME MEET AUTHOR DEDRIA HUMPHRIES BARKER

Mrs. Barker, a Lansing native, is the author of *Mother of Orphans: The True and Curious Story of Irish Alice, a Colored Man's Widow*. Her story is one of a search for answers of her family's past. What happened to her great grandmother Alice's three children after her husband's death? She apparently gave them up, but why? We are pleased to have Mrs. Barker, a writer, journalist and teacher, share her story of this interracial family from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century with us.

### March 1

#### THE QUEST FOR PURITY IN AMERICAN UTOPIAN COMMUNITIES

This session is a loose extension of the human – sometimes Christian – search for human perfectibility that we looked at last fall. We will concentrate on why so many early nineteenth century American communities intentionally formed with a "utopian" goal in mind. Though mostly short-lived for a variety of reasons, the movement as a whole contributed to reforms in U.S. society, most notably the abolition of slavery. We will see how attitudes in our present social context still impel like-minded people to form themselves into exclusive, sometimes isolated communities, seeking, if not perfection, at least "to give heavenly existence an earthly embodiment." **Led by Charlie Herrick.** Join us!

### March 8

#### AN ENTOMOLOGICAL LOOK AT DISTURBANCES IN NATURE

We are living in what has been called the Anthropocene, a new planetary era in which humans have become the dominant force in significantly changing the Earth. These changes include global warming, changes in the chemical composition of the atmosphere, oceans and soil as well as habitat loss and species extinctions including many familiar insect species. A discussion on this topic will be led by **Mike Bryan**.

## SERMON NOTES:

**WE CAN FEEL FAR FROM HOME TO THE TUNE OF CONRAD**

**Words by William G. Marx**

We can feel far from home,  
Like a lost child in a distant land, alone.  
Where—then where is our strength?  
What light then for a guide?  
What support by our side?

There is faith in God still—  
Faith that each leaf in its turning does God's will.  
Faith—that God sees us all,  
And that each vagrant soul  
Can find peace, be made whole.

There is hope for the lost;  
There is fierce hope in the dawning sun on frost.  
Hope—a beacon at night,  
Like a bright, hilltop flame—  
Come what may, God remains.

There is love, come what may;  
There is still love for the child who's gone astray.  
Love—reborn in the warmth  
Of a welcome embrace.  
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**Chef Stef's Dinner Menu**



Chef Stef's  
 Steakhouse Cream  
 Butter Chicken Thighs  
 with Golden Yukon  
 Garlic Mash and  
 Italian Sautéed Green  
 Beans  
 Drink Paired  
 with Sparkling  
 Apple Cider  
 Peach  
 Mocktails  
 Dessert: Red  
 Velvet Cake



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