

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 6, 2020 10:00 a.m.

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

First Presbyterian Church

Lansing, Michigan

## Communion



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Collins

### WELCOME

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

### PRELUDE

Sergei Kvitko

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Fitton

Leader: Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."  
**People: Christ is here.**  
Leader: Calling us to the water, beckoning us to the feast.  
**People: Christ is here.**  
Leader: Speaking to our souls, listening to our prayers,  
**People: Christ is here.**  
Leader: Binding us as one body, sending us out in service,  
**People: Christ is here.**  
Leader: Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."  
**People: Christ is here. Let us worship the Lord.**

### OPENING HYMN

*God Is Here* (GTG #409)

Megan Hagle

*Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.*

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## God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in  
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,  
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and  
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.  
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.  
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.  
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our  
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in  
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in  
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing  
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness  
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in  
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Steve Fitton

Forgiving God, you teach us to seek reconciliation with those who have wronged us; for, above all else, we are to love one another. But we let resentment smolder until anger flares, destroying any chance of peace. We blame others and refuse to repent. Grant us grace, we pray. Make space in our wounded hearts for the possibility of forgiveness, and teach us to turn toward others in love as you have turned toward us..... (silent prayer)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Steve Fitton

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Amen.

**RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (sung)**

Megan Hagle

**Be still and know, that I am God. (3 times)**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Steve Fitton

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Psalm 149

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

<sup>3</sup> Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

<sup>4</sup> For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with victory.

<sup>5</sup> Let the faithful exult in glory;

let them sing for joy on their couches.

<sup>6</sup> Let the high praises of God be in their throats

and two-edged swords in their hands,

<sup>7</sup> to execute vengeance on the nations

and punishment on the peoples,

<sup>8</sup> to bind their kings with fetters

and their nobles with chains of iron,

<sup>9</sup> to execute on them the judgment decreed.

This is glory for all his faithful ones.

Praise the Lord!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***SPECIAL MUSIC***

“Here I Am, Lord”

Christopher Venetis

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Exodus 12:1-14

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

**12** The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup> This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup> Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup> If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup> You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup> They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup> They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water,

but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup> You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup> This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. <sup>12</sup> For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup> The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup> This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

**SERMON**

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

**HYMN**

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* (GTG #722)

Megan Higle

*Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19<sup>th</sup>-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.*

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing  
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering  
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious  
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my  
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so  
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that  
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that  
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

## INVITATION TO GIVE

(You may mail your offering into the office OR click this link: [Click Here for Online Giving](#))

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## DOXOLOGY (GTG #607)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

Megan Hagle

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

### The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Leader: ... who forever sing to the glory of your name

### Sanctus

## 572 Holy, Holy, Holy

Musical score for "Holy, Holy, Holy" in G major, 3/4 time. The score consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est."

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: Thomas Pavlechko, 2006  
Music © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

SANCTUS (Pavlechko)

Leader: ... Let us proclaim together the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

### Invocation of Holy Spirit

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.**

Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Responsive Prayer after the Supper

Leader: Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life.

**People: Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love.**

Leader: God our Mother, you have fed us with your grace.

**People: Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life, your love, your grace with all.**

Leader: Blessing and honor and glory to you, holy, holy, holy Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. (From *Brief Statement of Faith*, Sections 11.1-11.2)**

**HYMN**

*We Will Go Out with Joy* (GTG #539)

Megan Higle

*Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.*

# We Will Go Out with Joy 539

*C*  
*Leader*

1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.  
 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.  
 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

*C*  
*All*

We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.  
 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.  
 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## BENEDICTION

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**RESPONSE** Blest Be the Tie That Binds (GTG #306, verse 1)  
*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
 The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

Megan Hagle

## POSTLUDE

Sergei Kvitko

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Nominating Committee** is accepting nominations and self-nominations for

Session Elders (3 year term)

Board of Deacons (3 year term)

Nominating Committee (1 year term)

Audit Review Committee (1 year term)

Call or email Bill Collins ([bill@pipercollins.com](mailto:bill@pipercollins.com))

Or Linda Diepenhorst ([dldiepenhorst@comcast.net](mailto:dldiepenhorst@comcast.net))

**All Church Read: *Just Mercy*** by Bryan Stevenson

Book discussions will begin this fall. Coordinated by Willye Bryan

### **VIDEO PROJECT – Passing of the Peace**

We have a new video project to include as many of our church family as possible. As you can, please record a short video of yourselves. Please say your name, and "May the Peace of Christ be with you." You can do this individually or as families. A simple phone camera video or webcam video is ideal. 10 or 15 seconds is plenty.

You can email or text-message your video to Bill Collins at [bill@pipercollins.com](mailto:bill@pipercollins.com) or 517-230-2506. Please send your videos by September 20.

### **NEXT 'CONVERSATIONS ON RACE' ZOOM MEETING - September 10, at 7:00 p.m.**

We will be discussing the PBS documentary "Freedom Summer: Mississippi 1964," which is part of their *American Experience* series. Use this link to view it on your computer: <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/freedomssummer/>

*Freedom Summer: Mississippi 1962* gives some background perspective on the racial disparities and injustices that stream through our national fabric, and takes us to the heart of the oppression and marginalization of African Americans that we experience in America. Another take away from this film is a deeper understanding of *implicit biases*.

PBS introduces the film this way: *In 1964, less than 7% of Mississippi's African Americans were registered to vote, compared to between 50 and 70% in other southern states. In many rural counties, African Americans made up the majority of the population and the segregationist white establishment was prepared to use any means necessary to keep them away from the polls and out of elected office.*

