

June 11, 2023
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE “Clarinet Concerto, Second Movement” Mozart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. Ps. 118:1
God’s steadfast love endures forever.
The Lord desires mercy, not sacrifice. Matt. 9:13
Jesus calls not the righteous, but sinners.
People of God, hope in the Lord, Ps. 130:7
for with the Lord there is steadfast love.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN: GTG #305** “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!” DARWALL’S 148TH

CALL TO CONFESSION Rom. 6:3, 6

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves,
and apart from you.
We have turned from your neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. 2 Cor. 5:17
Thanks be to God! Amen.

+**HYMN: GTG #838** “Standing on the Promises” PROMISES

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... We pray to you, O God:
Hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

THE LORD’S PRAYER

TEACHER APPRECIATION Lori Filka

Children are dismissed to Kids Church

INVITATION TO OFFERING 2 Cor. 9:6

OFFERTORY “Sweet By and By” Webster

+**RESPONSE: GTG #606** OLD HUNDREDTH
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Heidelberg Catechism*
(Germany, 1563)

1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?
That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 12:1-9 O.T. page 7

PSALM Psalm 33:1-12
Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous;
praise is fitting for the upright.
Praise the LORD with the lyre;
make music for God with a ten-stringed harp.
Sing for the LORD a new song;
play your instrument skillfully with joyful sounds.
For your word, O LORD, is right,
and faithful are all your works.

You love righteousness and justice;
your steadfast love fills the whole earth.
By your word were the heavens made,
by the breath of your mouth all the hosts of heaven.
You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin
and store up the depths of the sea.
Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe.
For God spoke, and it came to pass;
God commanded, and it stood fast.
The LORD brings the will of the nations to nothing
and thwarts the designs of the peoples.

GTG = *Glory to God* (purple) 2

Your will, O LORD, stands fast forever,
and the designs of your heart from age to age.
Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 4:13-25 N.T. page 118

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 N.T. page 7

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Ps. 85:9
Surely our salvation is at hand.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “The Faith of Abraham” Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN: GTG #49** “The God of Abraham Praise” LEONI

+**BLESSING** Jude 24-25
... before all time and now and forever.
Amen!

+**CHARGE** Matt. 28:18-20
Go therefore and make disciples.
The Lord is with you always.
Thanks be to God!

+**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: GTG #748** TALLIS’ CANON
“Go with Us, Lord”
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.

POSTLUDE “La forza del destino” Verdi

*You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

SERVING US TODAY
Guest Musician: Chen-Fang Tsai
Liturgist: Brandon Leffew
Greeters: Mary and Peter Robinson
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Andrew Pinches
Security: Tim Hammond
Today’s flowers are given by Jenny Bond
in memory of John, Kurt, and Marty Bond
and by Sue and Bruce Caltrider
in memory of Sarah Caltrider

TWC = *The Worshiping Church* (red) 3

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#38. *Division:*

Paul and Barnabas part ways after a heated disagreement. Paul takes Silas to Asia Minor, while Barnabas takes John Mark to Cyprus.
(Acts 15:36-41) (c. AD 49)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 77. What is the Lord's Supper?

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal by which our communion with Christ is renewed.

Question 78. What does it mean to share in the Lord's Supper?

When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus Christ is truly present, pouring out his Spirit upon us. By his Spirit, the bread that we break and the cup that we bless share in our Lord's own body and blood. Through them he once offered our life to God; through them he now offers his life to us. As I receive the bread and the cup, remembering that Christ died even for me, I feed on him in my heart by faith with thanksgiving, and enter his risen life, so that his life becomes mine, and my life becomes his, to all eternity.

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DAILY PRAYER

Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2018)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday	Friends! 26+	3:30 pm
Tuesday	Presbytery Meeting (at First Presbyterian Church of Lansing)	9:30 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House Prayer Fellowship	10:30 am 12:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS

Layla Blonshine	June 14
Luana Foster	June 14
Anna Lee Lavis	June 14

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Abraham (detail)
by Guercino, 1657

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*