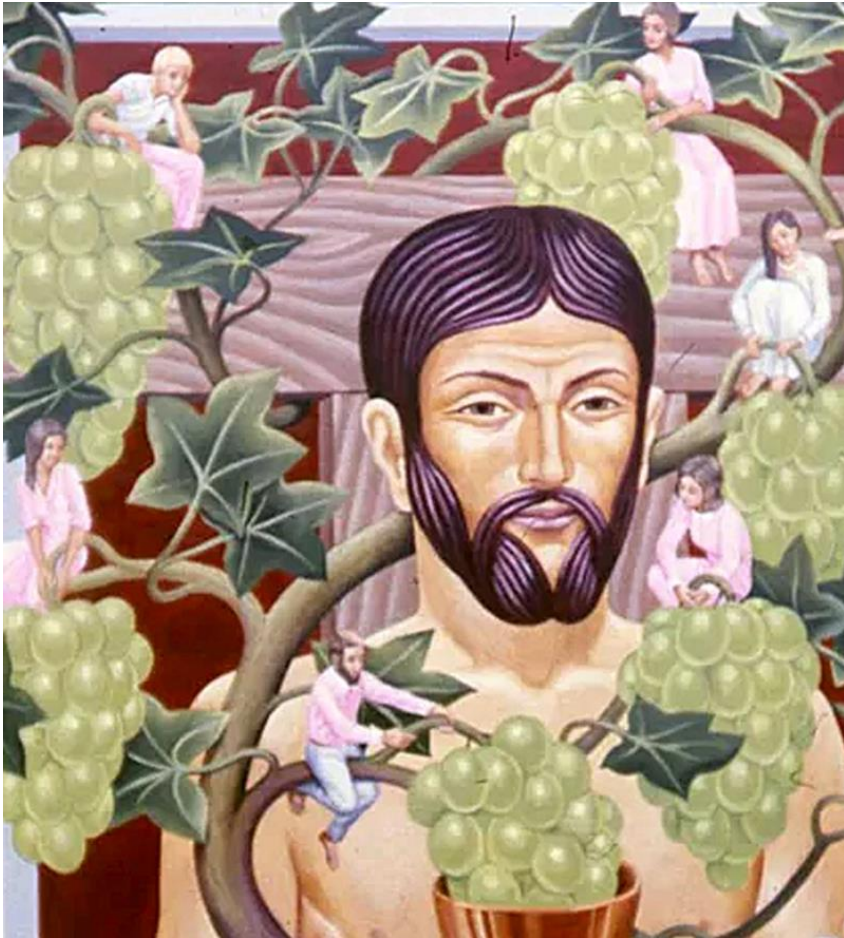


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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 28, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Sergei Kvitko

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elliot Ryser

We come to worship with joy,
trusting God's holy word will inspire us.

**We lean into God for understanding,
anticipating the Spirit's blessing.**

May God hear our praise!

May we be counted among the great congregation.

**May the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to God.**

++HYMN #611[GTG] Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J.C.F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's Ninth Symphony (Beethoven). The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Elliot Ryser

Unison Prayer of Confession

**O Christ, you are the true vine,
and you have made us your branches.**

**In your grace, we find strength,
and in your love, we are set free.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we do not live
as people who have been freed,
when we act as if the Easter story
did not turn the world upside down.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we do not live
as people who are your branches,**

++ indicates to stand in body or spirit

**when we forget that we are rooted in you
and bound to one another by your spirit.
Forgive us, O Christ, our one true vine,
and teach us to abide in you.**

Assurance of Pardon

Elliot Ryser

Hear the good news of God's promise:
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

++Response to Forgiveness #544 [GTG] Bless the Lord

***Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.***

++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Elliot Ryser

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

Elliot Ryser

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 READING

Psalm 104: 1-6, 10-24

Elliot Ryser

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, ²wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, ³you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, ⁴you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

⁵You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. ⁶You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. ¹⁰You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, ¹¹giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.

¹²By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.

¹³From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

¹⁴You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, ¹⁵and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart. ¹⁶The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. ¹⁷In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.

¹⁸The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coney. ¹⁹You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. ²⁰You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out. ²¹The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. ²²When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.

²³People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening. ²⁴O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM "Pues Si Vivimos" arr Alice Parker

(See Hymn No. 822 for translation)

*Pues si vivimos, para Él vivimos, y si morimos, para Él morimos.
Sea que vivamos o que muramos, somos del Señor, somos del Señor.*

*En esta vida frutos hay que dar y buenas obras hemos de ofrendar.
Sea ya que demos o que recibamos, somos del Señor, somos del Señor.*

*En la tristeza y en el dolor, en la belleza y en el amor,
sea que suframos o que gocemos, somos del Señor, somos del Señor.*

En este mundo por doquier habrá gente que llora y sin consolar. Sea que ayudemos o que alimentemos, somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

GOSPEL READING

John 15:1-8

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

¹⁵"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and

my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

SERMON

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

++HYMN #36 [GTG] For the Fruit of All Creation

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means, "throughout the night."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

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!

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Amen'. The first staff is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and half notes. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men!' are written below the notes. Chord symbols are provided above the staff. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line. Chord symbols are also provided above this staff.

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 #450 [GTG] Be Thou My Vision

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

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	Elliot Ryser
Organist/Pianist	Sergei Kvitko
Director of Music	Megan Higle
Dir. Church Life/Comm. Outreach	Prince Solace
Pastor	Rev. Stanley Jenkins

Concerns of the congregation:

In care facilities: Jean Dietrich (Story Point of Grand Ledge)
 Dianne Rector (Rosewood Adult Foster Care- DeWitt)

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, April 28

10:00 a.m.

Sunday service - Sanctuary

11:30 a.m.

Adult Forum – Litten Hall

Monday, April 29

9:00 a.m.

GIL classes

10:00 a.m.

Church staff meeting - Library

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga room

6:30 p.m.

Bells of First rehearsal - Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 30

9:00 a.m.

GIL Classes

6:30 p.m.

Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall

7:00 p.m.

Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

Wednesday, May 1

9:00 a.m.

GIL Class

11:00-1

AARP Tax season wrap up – Litten Hall

2:00 p.m.

Visitation – Robert Hughes Funeral – Parlor

3:00 p.m.

Funeral – Robert Hughes – Sanctuary

4:00 p.m.

Memorial gathering – Robert Hughes – Litten Hall

4:30 p.m.

Lansing Children's Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga room

6:00 p.m.

Mid MI Photo Club mtg- Litten Hall

6:30 p.m.

Mission Committee Meeting - Zoom

Thursday, May 2

9:00 a.m.

GIL Class

7:00 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries– Library

7:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir rehearsal

Friday, May 3

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, May 4

9:00 a.m.-noon

Church workday, outdoors

Sunday, May 5

10:00 a.m.

Worship - Sanctuary

11:30 a.m.

Adult Forum – Litten Hall

12:30 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

3:00 p.m.

Boogie Woogie Kid concert – Chapel

3:30 p.m.

Glen Erin Pipe Band – Litten Hall

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

FPC MEN'S GROUP ACTIVITY The annual ADOPT A RIVER clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 11 with registration at the *Impression 5 Science Center* in downtown Lansing beginning at 8:30 AM and lunch provided beginning at 11 AM. Our group will be assigned a section of the Grand River in Lansing to clean up by picking up trash and putting into plastic bags that will be provided. Please contact Brian Koon (517 886-9801 or b.koon@comcast.net) if you can help with the river clean-up.

On **Saturday, May 11, at 1:00 p.m.**, the **Capitol City Chordsmen** will present a concert here at our Church. We will feature popular Disney songs, with quartets and the chorus performing. As a thank you for allowing us to rehearse here at Church, the ticket price is waived for church members. We will all have fun.

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

This is a special year and North Westminister 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 Westminister Presbyterian. LFPC will be highlighted in the event program and in announcements.

Saturday May 4, Garden and Grounds workday, 9 a.m.-noon Bring tools if you have them, water, work gloves.

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.

Lugnut church outing on June 14. The game is 7:05 p.m. and are \$12. Anyone can sign up through Rich Blankenship by email, text or in person on Sundays.

LINK NEWS - Northeast/DeWitt & All Points North Link

We will share lunch and conversation every third **Saturday** of the month at 1 p.m. On **May 18** we will meet at Coral Gables East Lansing located at 2838 Grand River Ave. On **June 15** we will meet at Boston's Restaurant and Sports Bar at 3301 Centre Blvd: Lansing. Contact Pat Eenigenburg.

GL/West Delta Link Breakfast, is scheduled for **Saturday, May 11 @ 9:00 a.m.** We will meet at Dimitri's at 6334 W. Saginaw just east of Creyts and Saginaw Hwy. Contact Howard Powers.

South Lansing Link meets the second Sunday after worship. Check with Prince Solace and Bethanne Jenks for plans!

HOME Link will gather at Delhi Café on **Friday May 17 @ 11:30.** Contact Joyce Schaub.

ADULT FORUM

11:30-12:30 in Litten Hall downstairs or on Zoom . Childcare available through this time.

APRIL 28

Come enjoy watching an "Old School" video of a Christmas pageant from our Church's past.

Host Russ Jenks

MAY 5

Justine Achuonjei

My Faith Journey from the City of Wum in Cameroon to Lansing, Michigan.

MAY 12

What Might it Mean to Call our Country a "City on a Hill?"

Over the years, debates have raged over whether the United States is/ was/ was meant to be/ was founded as/ should be/ a "Christian Nation." What might that even mean? Does it have any legitimacy today? This question is closely related to the "idealization" of America, even its possible uniqueness among the nations of the world as it made its inevitable way westward. At the same time, there is a long history, even while we were yet colonies, of a *brokenness* to our society. That is, there have been serious clashes short of secession based not only on politics, but religion, geography, "States' rights," etc. That plague comes down to our own fragmented time. What do you make of this national debate in a crucial election year? **Charlie Herrick** will attempt in one hour to draw together insights from recent books and articles to lead us.

MAY 19

Potluck Sunday

Come celebrate with our graduates, savor great food and enjoy the coming of spring!