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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Jan. 28, 2024 10:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Sergei Kvitko

CALL TO WORSHIP

Justine Achuonjei

With our whole hearts, we give God thanks.

Great are the works of the Lord!

We ascribe honor and majesty to God.

God's righteousness endures forever.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Let us worship God!

++HYMN #15 [GTG] All Creatures of Our God and King

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Justine Achuonjei

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth,
whose wisdom is endless,
whose mercy is great.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**You have shown us, O God,
what it means to follow you.
Forgive us when we fail;**

++indicates to stand in body or spirit

**open our hearts and minds to your teachings.
You modeled compassion in the person of Jesus Christ,
but we do not extend kindness to strangers or friends.
You challenge systems of injustice
through the movement of your spirit,
but we keep choosing comfort over justice,
the status quo over the kingdom of God.
You create all things good,
and your creation sings your praise,
but we consider no creatures but ourselves
and wound your earth by our sin.
Forgive us, O God.
Pour your compassion on us this day,
and by your forgiveness,
show us how to share it with one another.**

Assurance of Pardon

Justine Achuonjei

Those who trust in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will rise up to fly like eagles,
they will run and not be weary,
they will walk and not grow faint.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

++Response to Forgiveness **#598 [GTG]** Amen, Praise Your Name

***Amen, we praise your name, O God! Amen, we praise your name, O God!
Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God!***

++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Justine Achuonjei

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

#414 [GTG] Be Still and Know

Be still and know that I am God (four times).

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ms. Megan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Justine Achuonjei

God of shining splendor,
your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder.
Overshadow us with your Spirit
so that we may hear your Word
and live as faithful disciples
and covenant people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 111

Justine Achuonjei

- ¹Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- ²Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.
- ³Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- ⁵He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- ⁶He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.
- ⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.
- ⁸They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- ⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.
- ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Balm in Gilead” arr M. Roger Holland III
w/ soloists Christopher Venetis, Erin Schor, Joe Frick

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend, and if you lack for knowledge, he'll ne'er refuse to lend.
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all. He died for all!"

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:21-28

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

²¹They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

SERMON

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++HYMN #316 [GTG] Where Charity and Love Prevail

This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the foot washing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ's "new commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see hymn no. 205.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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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.

The Maori version (South Pacific, Indigenous) as adapted for worship

**Earth-maker, life-giver, pain-bearer,
Source of all that is and all that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God in whom is heaven:**

**May the hallowing of your name
echo through the universe!
May your heavenly will be done
by all creatures great and small!
And may your commonwealth
of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth!**

**With the bread we need this day, feed us.
For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.
By your grace and mercy,
strengthen us through times of temptation,
and spare us from trials too great to endure.
Free us from bigotry and evil, for service and truth.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love. Amen.**

Amen #568[GTG]

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offertory Music “When In Our Music God is Glorified” arr Emily Crocker

*When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried Alleluia, alleluia.
How often making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia, alleluia.
So has the Church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue; Alleluia, alleluia.
Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Offering

++Doxology #607 [GTG]

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

Prayer of Dedication

++HYMN #300 [GTG] We Are One in the Spirit

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

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	Justine Achuonjei
Organist/Pianist	Sergei Kvitko
Director of Music	Megan Higle
Dir. Church Life/Comm. Outreach	Prince Solace
Pastor	Rev. Stanley Jenkins
Bell Choir Director	Darin Showalter

Concerns of the congregation:

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

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available.

FLOWER CHART There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The new 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 for use when we don't have a fresh arrangement scheduled, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! - Worship Committee.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Jan. 28

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum
11:30 a.m. Children's Faith Formation
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

Monday, Jan. 29

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
11:30 a.m. Church staff meeting - library
5:30 p.m. Yoga – yoga room
6:30 p.m. Bells of First rehearsal – choir room

Tuesday, Jan. 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, Jan. 31

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
4:30 p.m. Lansing Children's Choir rehearsal - chapel
5:00 p.m. Open Spot Theatre – Litten Hall
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room
4:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study – Zoom

Thursday, Feb. 1

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
5:00 p.m. NWI cooking demo – kitchen/Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries– Library

Friday, Feb. 2

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, Feb. 3

Sunday, Feb. 4

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall
11:30 a.m. Children's Faith Formation
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship - Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

BRUSH OFF YOUR TALENT! The **Church-Wide Talent Show** will take place on Saturday, February 10th from 2 - 4 p.m. Enjoy some fellowship, some snacks, some laughs, some smiles with your church family! ALL TALENTS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED! See Megan Higle to sign up!

Women's Fellowship will meet at the home of Christine DeYonke on Sunday, March 3rd from 2 - 4 p.m. You do not need to be a member or an attendee of FPC to come to Fellowship. We will enjoy fellowship, food, prayer and a discussion/study on a portion of Chapter 9 of "Celtic Ways To Pray" Come And See! Contact Megan Higle or Christine DeYonke for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! **Ash Wednesday** is on Wednesday, February 14th. Come and prepare yourself for our Lenten Journey with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Wednesday, February 14th 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary (this service will also be live-streamed on our YouTube channel)

Camp Greenwood Summer Camp 2024 is here! Registration is open and a 10% discount on all Summer Registrations is active through the end of January. Use the link below to see our schedule and register your camper and family! We want to see you this summer!

Before the hot weather arrives, sign up your child for our **Elementary Spring Shut-In** for ages 8-11. Join us for a single overnight of fun and games March 29-30! Find a direct link to register below.

See you at Camp! As Always, Camp Greenwood Forever!
Jake Dayringer -Camp Greenwood Director

How did we get here? — Wednesday, Feb. 28, 6:30–8 p.m.

This panel discussion features supporters of the Justice League of Greater Lansing Michigan who detail their journey to embrace reparations for descendants of enslaved African Americans. East Lansing Public Library. Free admission. Reservations recommended.
<https://bit.ly/ELL-JusticeLeague>

Our Church received notice of an important "Books for Babies Ministry". Christian Services and also a few Lansing churches designate January as the month to highlight the need for children's books for low income families. Board books for the very young and new or slightly used children's books for those in the Head Start programs are needed. Call Michael Welch at Christian Services at 394-5413 for suggestions for books to purchase or for locating a Head Start program. Thank you for considering this !

Children's Faith Formation after service at the same time as Adult Forum

Adult Bible Study: occurs Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. by ZOOM. All are welcome as we explore two readings from the Revised Common Lectionary. Here is a link to the lectionary:

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/> Here is the Zoom link to connect:

<https://bit.ly/3Q2iBKZ> Meeting ID: 832 1565 8039, Passcode: 661418

Pastor Bob Higle / bob.higle@gmail.com / 517-512-8018

ADULT FORUM

(11:30-12:30 in Litten Hall downstairs or on Zoom).

(Childcare can be available through this time.)

Children's Faith Formation also happening.

JANUARY 28

A Mother's Perspective Podcast – a special celebration.

Siso Dhladhla is a first generation American from South Africa. He specializes in marketing for local nonprofits that aim to build a more inclusive environment for women and minorities. We leveraged Siso's talents to capture Lansing First Presbyterian's 175th annual kickoff celebration, his work was vivid and creative. He's a marketing strategist and local entrepreneur.

In episode 4 of perceptions of "She is bad"

-Siso



"A Mother's Perspective, Siso weighs in on the "Mama's boy vs. Motherly Men" determined. My mom is so determined...for the good or

Dhladhla

FEBRUARY 4

JUSTICE LEAGUE OF GREATER LANSING: AN UPDATE

Led by Elder **Willie Bryan**

An update on JLGL activities and a report on the 2nd installment of our church's financial commitment

**FEBRUARY 11
AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH
PRESENTATION**

Today to commemorate African American History Month, we will have **Dr. Nakia Parker**, as our guest presenter. Dr. Parker will share on *Reconstruction: The End of Slavery and the Search for Family, Political Gains, and Social Status*.

Dr. Nakia Parker is an Assistant Professor in the History Department at Michigan State University. She is a historian of nineteenth-century U.S. slavery, African American, American Indian history, Women's and Gender Studies, and Black Life in the U.S. West. She is currently working on her book manuscript, *Trails of Tears and Freedom: Black Life in Indian Slave Country, 1830-1866* which examines the lives of enslaved and self-liberated individuals of African and Afro-Native descent in Choctaw and Chickasaw communities in nineteenth-century Indian Territory (present-day Oklahoma).

Please join us for a great presentation and some stimulating follow-up discussion led by **Elder Willye Bryan**

**FEBRUARY 18
Led by Rev. Stan Jenkins
HISTORY OF THE CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST**