

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2020

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

*Praise Medley:

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God. Come!

One day every tongue will confess you are God.

One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains for those

who gladly choose you now.

As The Deer

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after thee. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship thee.

CHORUS

You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship thee.

You're my friend and you are my brother even though you are a King. I love you more than any other, so much more than anything. (*chorus*)

I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy-giver, and the apple of my eye. (*chorus*)

*Prayer of Confession: **Great God and King, hear our prayer. You created us and gave us life. When we forfeited that life through sin and disobedience, you came yourself to save us, even at the cost of your own life. We belong to you twice over and we love you. Forgive us when our lives don't reflect our love. Forgive us when we live mostly for ourselves and our**

own needs while the weakest among us suffer. Forgive us for our failure to seek your will and live it. We love you Lord, but not yet as we want to. Help us give back to you who has given everything to us. Receive our lives, for we offer them to you in the Name of Jesus, our Savior, our King, and our Hope.

*Assurance of God's Pardon

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer, Scripture Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Responsive: Psalm 124

- ¹ If it had not been the LORD who was on our side – let Israel now say –
- ² **if it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us,**
- ³ then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;
- ⁴ **then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;**
- ⁵ then over us would have gone the raging waters.
- ⁶ **Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!**
- ⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped!
- ⁸ **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Anthem: *Bound for Jubilee*

-- Boyd, Dennis, John, Lorna

Sermon: Matthew 16:13-20

*Creed: Confession of 1967

The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of man in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger

human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than man's schemes will finally prevail. Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God's sign that he will consummate his work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ

*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Jean Thekan, Diane Lutsey, Linda Peterson, Karyn Daft

*Lord's 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.**

*Hymn: *I Surrender All*

All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all. All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly Thine; May Thy Holy Spirit fill me, May I know Thy pow'r divine. (*refrain*)

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee; Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me. (*refrain*)

*Benediction/Response: *He is Exalted*

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name,
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Today we recognize our 2020 Graduates: Keira Jones,
Chris Maynard, Emily Nelson, Anna Patterson, Gabe Richmond,
Bryce Robinson, Lenae Roskey, Eli Salin, Logan Smith,
and Grace Winters.