

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2020

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

Response: **And also with you.**

Announcements / Opening Prayer

*Praise Medley:

Step By Step

Oh God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

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I will seek you in the morning and I will learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you lead me, and I will follow you all of my days. And step by step you lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

Holy Ground

This is holy ground, we're standing on holy ground;
for the Lord is present, and where he is is holy. (*repeat*)

These are holy hands, he's given us holy hands; he works through these hands, and so these hands are holy. (*repeat*)

These are holy lips, he's given us holy lips; he speaks through these lips, and so these lips are holy. (*repeat*)

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around. Let us praise Jesus now, we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

*Prayer of Confession: **O God, you have created us for relationship; relationship with you and with one another. Yet we often choose to go it alone. Forgive our rebellion against you and your will. Heal the brokenness we have brought into our relationships with loved ones. Make us a family of God that we might experience community with each other, and communion with you; through Christ our Lord.**

*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 for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:33-40

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

35 Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

36 Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!

37 Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.

38 Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be feared.

39 Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your rules are good.

40 Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!

Anthem: *The Potter's Hands*

--Lorna, Kristin, Jen

Sermon Text: Romans 13:8-14

Sermon

*Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation*

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food; and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore. Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One, and mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

P: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Bob Werner, Jean Thekan, Diane Lutsey, Carol Muraro,
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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Benediction/Response: *Majesty*

Majesty, worship his majesty, unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus, magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all kings.