

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2020

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

Response: And also with you.

Announcements

Opening Prayer

*Praise Medley --Insert

*Prayer of Confession: **Almighty God, you have called us to a life of faith, hope, and love. Yet all too often we are filled with fear and doubt. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not rested in the assurance of your promises. We confess that our lives are filled with worry and fear, which has caused us to turn our eyes away from your promises. In the name of Jesus, have mercy on us. Help us, we pray, to live in the hope of your mercy and assurance of your grace, so that we may be the people you have called us to be.**

*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: Exodus 16:2-15

Responsive Reading: Psalm 105:1-6; 37-45 --Insert

Anthem: *Kumbaya, My Lord* --Shelton Span, John Jamar

Sermon Text: Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon --Cliff Smith

*Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me,
save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word; I ever with thee and
thou with me, Lord; thou my great father, I thy true son, thou in
me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance,
now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, high king
of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys,
bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

*Creed: *The Confession of 1967*

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of men. His service to men commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of men in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on man's inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of man's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Nat Schroeder, Bob Werner, 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.

*Benediction/Response: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise. Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, ancient of days.

To thee, great One in three, eternal praises be, hence evermore; thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

CHURCH NOTES

Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen Drive-thru

Wednesday: 7:30a.m. Prayers at the Pavilion

Thank you to Cliff Smith for filling the pulpit today while Pastor Mike is on vacation.

Flowers are given in honor of Joe and Jean Thekan by their children as they celebrate their 71st anniversary, which was this past Thursday, September 17th.

Cookies needed: We are continuing the drive-thru meals and serving cookies for dessert. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room if you (*and a friend*) want to bake cookies. We need 110 each week.

Myrtle Jones is turning 100 this Friday, September 25th.

There will be a vehicle parade for her on Friday at 1:30p.m.

(*meet at the west entrance of Freeman Nursing Home*).

If you haven't done so already, there is a birthday card to sign in the Fireside Room. Cards can also be sent to her at: Freeman Nursing Home, 1805 Pyle Drive, Kingsford.

Wednesday Prayer Vigils: Beginning on October 7th, we will have prayer vigils in the chapel from 8:00a.m.–3:00p.m. every Wednesday. This will follow the 7:30a.m. Prayers at the Pavilion already in place. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room if you or your small group of 6 or less would like to sign up for this ministry. There are half-hour increments, but you are welcome to sign up for more than one time slot.

THE GREATEST THING

The greatest thing in all my life is knowing you.
The greatest thing in all my life is knowing you.
I want to know you more, I want to know you more.
The greatest thing in all my life is knowing you.

The greatest thing in all my life is *loving* you...

The greatest thing in all my life is *servicing* you...

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*)

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. (*repeat*)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 105:1-6; 37-45

- 1 Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
- 2 **Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!**
- 3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
- 4 **Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!**
- 5 Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- 6 **O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**
- 37 Then he brought out Israel with silver and gold, and there was none among his tribes who stumbled.
- 38 **Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.**
- 39 He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.
- 40 **They asked, and he brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.**
- 41 He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.
- 42 **For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.**
- 43 So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.
- 44 **And he gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil,**
- 45 that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the LORD!