

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 2020

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

Response: And also with you.

Announcements

Opening Prayer

*Hymn: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* --Insert

*Prayer of Confession:

Lord, we know that you are all seeing and hearing. We confess that we have not been true to your teachings in our relations with family, friends, and strangers. We have not always considered the poor, the sick, the needy in our society. Grant us pardon that we may endeavor again in the coming days to follow your teachings.

*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: Philippians 2:1-13

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-9 --Insert

Anthem: *How Great Thou Art* --Gail Hamby

Sermon Text: Matthew 21:23-32

Sermon --Virginia Feleppa

*Hymn: *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee. I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee. My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me thro' pain, I cannot close my heart to thee. I trace the rainbow thro' the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee. I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

*The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

John Mouw, 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: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

CHURCH NOTES

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

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

Thank you to Virginia Feleppa for filling the pulpit today while Pastor Mike is on vacation.

Sound Board Help: We are looking for one or two people who could help run the sound board during the service from time to time. If you can help, please call the Church office or Paul Schuiteman at 906-282-4837.

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.

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.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-9

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

3 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

6 Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.