

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 2020

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

Response: And also with you.

Announcements

Opening Prayer

*Hymn: *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* --Insert

*Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, you alone know how often we have sinned against you. We forget your commandments. We do not love you with all our heart and all our strength and all our mind. We do not love our neighbor as ourselves. We are too quick in judgment of others, and too slow in caring for those in need around us. Forgive us, Father. Help us to live as your children, forgiven and precious in your sight; for we ask in Jesus' name.

*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: Numbers 27:15-23

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23 --Insert

Anthem: *Lamb of God* --Ralph Kramer

Sermon Text: Ephesians 4:1-16

Sermon: *What is a Pastor?* --Rev. Ed Laarman

*Hymn: *We Are Called to Be God's People*

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace, one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race. Let us show how he has changed us and remade us as his own; let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.

We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today; taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey. Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all, that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.

We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right; standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil into light. Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill, that we all may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

*The Second Helvetic Confession (1566), Chapter 18:

God has always used ministers for the gathering or establishing of a Church for himself, and for the governing and preservation of the same; and still he does, and always will, use them so long as the Church remains on earth... It is true that God can, by his power, without any means join to himself a Church from among men; but he preferred to deal with men by the ministry of men. Therefore ministers are to be regarded, not as ministers by themselves alone, but as the ministers of God, inasmuch as God effects the salvation of men through them.

*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Steve Lorge, 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: *Bind Us Together*

Refrain: Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with love.

There is only one God, there is only one King, there is only one body; that is why we can sing: *refrain*

CHURCH NOTES

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

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

3:30-5:00p.m. Pavilion Party

4-year old – 6th Grade

Thank you to Rev. Ed Laarman for filling the pulpit today while Pastor Mike is on vacation. Pastor Mike will be back next Sunday.

Wednesday Prayer Vigils have begun. There are still openings in half-hour increments to come in and pray in the chapel on Wednesdays. Check the sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room if you are interested in joining this ministry of praying for our country, our leaders, our Church.

Pavilion Party: There will be a Pavilion Party for all 4-year old – 6th graders this Wednesday, the 14th, and next Wednesday, the 21st. Join Lorna March and Helmi Olson for exciting projects, games, and snacks. Please register your children by texting Helmi at 221-2187 or calling the Church office by Tuesday, October 13th.

*Hymn: *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful tho' we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our beings fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**