

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 15, 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: Loving God, hear our prayer. You call us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves but, like so many who have come before us, we do not. We confess that we judge those unlike us as unworthy of our help. We confess that when we do help, it must be at a convenient time and not be too costly. We fail to love as you taught us to. Forgive us, great God of Love. Fill us again with your Holy Spirit. Teach us to live out of the abundance of your Kingdom and not the scarcity of our earthbound vision. Help us see you in everyone we meet and greet you with love.**

*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: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Responsive Reading: Psalm 90:1-12 --Insert

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon --Renaë Colenso

*Hymn: *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*)

*The Westminster Confession of Faith, 1643:

Repentance unto life is an evangelical grace. By it a sinner so grieves for and hates his sins, as to turn from them all unto God, purposing and endeavoring to walk with him in all the ways of his commandments. Men ought not to content themselves with a general repentance, but it is every man's duty to repent of his particular sins, particularly.

*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Pastor Mike, Marcia McGregor, Charlie Novara, Steve Lorge,
Nat Schroeder, Linda Peterson, Karyn Daft,
Kenny Kasten, Henry Kasten

*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

Operation Christmas Child boxes are due today. We will be delivering them to the drop-off center on Tuesday.

Children's Christmas Program: December 20th

This will be a very SIMPLE, but POWERFUL, telling of Jesus' birth! Two rehearsals are planned during December. Please text Lorna soon at 282-1772 if your children would like to participate!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 90:1–12

- 1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
- 2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**
- 3 You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"
- 4 **For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, as a watch in the night.**
- 5 You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:
- 6 **in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**
- 7 For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.
- 8 **You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.**
- 9 For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- 10 **The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.**
- 11 Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?
- 12 **So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

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*)

I LOVE YOU, LORD

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship you, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.