

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 25, 2021

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

Response: **And also with you.**

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Praise Medley:

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy praise.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; here by thy great help I've come.
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

ALL CREATURES

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice with us and sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam and silver moon with softer gleam.
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him! Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;
Ye lights of evening, find a voice! O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One! O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

Chorus:

How great is our God, sing with me, how great is our God and all will see how great, how great, is our God!

And age to age he stands, and time is in his hands, beginning and the end, beginning and the end. The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son, the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *chorus*

*Prayer of Confession:

Dear Father in Heaven, you created us in and for love. When we went astray, you sent your Son, in love, to rescue us. Yet sometimes, deep down, we do not believe that you can love us. Sometimes, we take your love for granted. Sometimes, we turn away from you, looking elsewhere for the love we so desperately need. Sometimes we are stingy in giving love to others, fearing that we do not have enough to share. Father, forgive our sinful hearts. Father, heal our wounded hearts. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

*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: John 6:1-21

Responsive Reading: Psalm 145:10-18

Anthem: *As The Deer*

Sermon Text: Ephesians 3:14-21

Sermon: *"Rooted and Grounded in Love"*

*Hymn: *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

--Jen Spreen

Page 891, Pew Bible

Page 524, Pew Bible

--Ralph Kramer, Boyd Thomas

Page 977, Pew Bible

--Rev. Ed Laarman

No. 352

*Creed (*The Heidelberg Catechism of 1563*):

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Naomi Blockland, Marcia McGregor, Alan and Lois Wall,
Steve and Kay Lorge, Karyn Daft, Mary Rushford, Micah Carlson

*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: *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* No. 237

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru*)

Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That

Welcome and thank you to Rev. Ed Laarman for filling the pulpit today while Pastor Mike is on vacation.

Pavilion Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic, August 15th

Check the sign-up sheet in the Fireside Room to see how you can volunteer to help with this event.