

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 29, 2021

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

Response: And also with you.

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Praise Medley:

THOU ART WORTHY

Thou art worthy, thou art worthy, thou art worthy, O Lord,
to receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and power.
For thou hast created, hast all things created, thou hast created
all things. And for thy pleasure they are created, thou art worthy
O Lord.

STEP BY STEP

Oh God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. Oh God,
you are my God, and I will ever praise you. I will seek you in
the morning and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you lead me. And I will follow you all of my
days. And step by step you lead me. And I will follow you
all of my days.

LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us!

You came from heaven to earth to show the way; from the earth
to the cross, my debt to pay. From the cross to the grave, from
the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high!

*Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you call us to leave everything
and follow you. Such radical commitment scares us, and we
do not answer your call. We are willing to leave some things
behind, and to follow him part of the time, but afraid to offer
more. Forgive our half-hearted response to him who gave
everything for us. In the name of Jesus, have mercy on us.
When he calls us, help us to answer him completely.**

*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

--Sandi Lefebvre

Scripture Reading: James 1:17-27

Page 1011, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 15

Page 453, Pew Bible

Anthem: *As the Deer*

--Ralph Kramer

Sermon Text: Mark 7:1-23

Page 842, Pew Bible

Sermon

*Hymn: *They'll Know We Are Christians*

No. 429

*Creed: Second Helvetic Confession, 1566

**We teach that the true God alone is to be adored and
worshipped. This honor we impart to none other, according
to the commandment of the Lord. All the prophets severely
inveighed against the people of Israel whenever they adored
and worshipped strange gods, and not the only true God.
But we teach that God is to be adored and worshipped as he
himself has taught us to worship, namely, "in spirit and in
truth", not with any superstition, but with sincerity, according
to his Word. In all crises and trials of our life we call upon him
alone, and that by the mediation of our only mediator and
intercessor, Jesus Christ.**

INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Bill Cummings, Boyd Thomas, Holly Werner, Naomi Blockland,
Alan and Lois Wall, Karyn Daft, Mary Rushford

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: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* No. 602

*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

KID'S CLUB (3-1/2 yrs.-4th grade) and the **5th/6th Grade Youth** will meet on Wednesdays beginning, September 8th, from 3:30-5:00p.m. Register your kids by emailing Lorna at lmarch@sbcglobal.net or there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room. We need volunteers, so if you love kids and want to share your faith with them, email Lorna or call her at 282-1772.

7th/8th Grade Youth will meet on Thursdays from 4:00-5:30p.m. with Kathy Anderson and Shelton Span beginning September 9th. To register, please call or text Kathy at 396-7901 or call the office.

Adult Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 8th, at 6:30p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Choir will sing during worship at 9:00a.m. on September 12th for the first time since the pandemic began. If you are interested in joining the Choir or would like more information, text or call John Allard at 906-396-8745.