

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5, 2021

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

Response: And also with you.

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude: *Peace like a River* --Shelton, Jade, and Leah Span

*Praise Medley --Insert

***Prayer of Confession: Most Holy and merciful Father, hear our prayer. We confess our sinful nature for we are prone to evil and slothful in good. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. We are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults and forgive our sins; for the sake of your Son, our Lord.**

*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 --Linda Smith

Scripture Reading: Mark 7:24-37 --Page 843, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 146 --Page 525, Pew Bible

Anthem: *Walk in the Light* --Shelton, Lorna

Sermon Text: James 2:1-17 --Page 1011, Pew Bible

Sermon

*Hymn: *Let Us Break Bread Together* No. 460

***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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Richard Pataconi, Bill Cummings, Bob and Holly Werner, Boyd Thomas, Naomi Blockland, Alan and Lois Wall, Karyn Daft, Mary Rushford; the family of Maureen (Mim) Carey (*sister of Colleen 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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

***Benediction & Response: Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally! Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

CHURCH NOTES

Monday: No Soup Kitchen

Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Wednesday: Begins today:

3:30p.m. KID'S CLUB

3:30p.m. 5th/6th Youth Group

6:30p.m. Adult Choir (*Fellowship Hall*)

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

4:00p.m. Jr. High Youth Group Begins

KID'S CLUB (3-1/2 yrs.-4th grade) and the **5th/6th Grade Youth** will meet on Wednesdays beginning this Wednesday, 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 this Thursday. To register, please call or text Kathy at 396-7901 or call the office.

Adult Choir rehearsals begin this Wednesday, 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.

Presbytery Point Fundraiser:

All are welcome to attend a Presbytery Point fundraiser at the home of Pastor Mike and Lorna on Friday, September 17, from 5:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. The Transformation Band will be playing. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share and your favorite beverage. Their address is 333 Riverhills Rd., Kingsford.

Sweet Breads Wanted: Beginning on September 19th, we will have sweet breads for Sunday morning fellowship. If you are in the baking mood, sign up for a particular Sunday or you can drop off your bread anytime and we will put it in the freezer for future use. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fireside Room.

THOU ART WORTHY, GREAT JEHOVAH

Thou art worthy, Great Jehovah.
Thou art worthy, Mighty God.
Thou art worthy, Abba Father.
Thou art worthy, Lamb of God.

I'M FOREVER GRATEFUL

You did not wait for me to draw near to you,
But you clothed yourself with frail humanity.
You did not wait for me to cry out to you,
But you let me hear your Voice calling me.

And I'm forever grateful to you.
I'm forever grateful for the Cross;
I'm forever grateful to you,
That you came to seek and save the lost.

HE IS OUR PEACE

He is our peace who has broken down every wall.
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