

The image features a white marble background with grey veining. A yellow geometric frame, consisting of two overlapping diamond shapes, is centered on the page. Inside this frame, the text is arranged as follows: "HE GIVES" in a small, grey, sans-serif font at the top; "POWER" in a large, dark blue, sans-serif font below it; "TO THE WEAK" in a small, grey, sans-serif font; "AND" in a small, grey, sans-serif font; "STRENGTH" in a large, dark blue, sans-serif font; and "TO THE POWERLESS." in a small, grey, sans-serif font at the bottom of the main text block.

HE GIVES
POWER
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ISAIAH 40:29, NLT

*The Service for the Lord's Day
5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 4, 2018*

Boldface type indicates a spoken response.
The asterisk (*) is an invitation to stand if able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Have we not known? Have we not heard? *Isa. 40:21*

Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; *Isa. 40:31*

they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary;

they shall walk and not faint.

*OPENING HYMN #

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We fool ourselves if we think
that our ways are hidden from God.
Therefore let us confess our sin,
trusting in the mercy of God our Maker.

God, you are everlasting,

the creator of all that is.

Your understanding is beyond measure. *Ps. 147:5*

**We confess to you that we have
sinned against you and our neighbors.**

In your compassion, forgive us,

for we place our hope in your steadfast love. Amen. *Ps. 147:11*

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Praise the Lord!
Our God heals the brokenhearted
and binds up our wounds.
God takes pleasure in those
who place their trust in God's grace.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Ps. 147:3

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #

*SHARING OUR GIFT OF PEACE FROM CHRIST

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Kirk Wahamaki

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 147:1-11 [p. 582 OT]

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 40:21-31 [p. 668 OT]

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Rev. Robert Bierenga

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF APPROACH #

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We sing to you, God, with thanksgiving,
making melody to you with our praise.
Use these gifts to spread your gospel near and far,
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Ps. 147:7

*CLOSING HYMN #

*GOD'S BLESSING AS WE GO

*POSTLUDE

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Robin Schroeder, Lay Liturgist; Nancy Evans, Mary Seieroe, Linda Champion & Patricia Ganson, Ushers; Carol Moore, Brent & Annette Scofield, Greeters; Dave & Vella Caruso, Offering Counters

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome Guests! We're so glad you joined our church family in worship today. Please join us following the worship service in the chapel for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

This morning's flowers have been provided by Quinn & Linda Champion. If you are interested in providing flowers for worship, please sign up on the chart posted in the Sherman hallway.

Join the youth for the **Souper Bowl Sunday Luncheon** following worship. Donations will be accepted to help alleviate local hunger programs.

Souper Bowl Sunday Bake Sale! This morning FPC Youth will host their traditional Souper Bowl Luncheon, following the church service. Both soup & bread will be offered, as well as beverages. Dessert items, however, will be available at the monthly Bread Sale table, sponsored by the Hunger Committee.

Marriage Friendship will not be held this evening. It will be held February 11, at 5:30 pm in the Chapel. Bring your choice of appetizers or desserts. Drinks will be provided. If you have questions, please contact Pam or Mike Foster.

The **Blood Pressure Clinic** will be held following the worship service in Room 7. A record of your reading can be given to you to take to your doctor if so desired.

The Cents-Ability Offering will be received today. Please contribute generously as the bread pans are passed. The Cents-Ability Offering is received the first Sunday of every month.

The deadline to submit articles for the next issue of the Highland Herald is Sunday, February 11th. Please leave your articles in the newsletter mailbox in the reception office or email them to office@fpcmuskegon.org.

Church World Service Blanket Sunday will be held Sunday, February 11th. Blanket Sunday contribution envelopes are in the pews and contributions will be received throughout this month. \$10.00 purchases one blanket. Blankets of all sizes, including baby blankets, to be distributed to Every Woman's Place and the Household Pantry at Mission for Area People are being collected in the Wickham Hallway and will be received throughout the month of February.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday, February 4

8:30 am Joyful Ringers
9:15 am Choir Warm-up
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Blood Pressure Clinic
11:00 am Souper Bowl Luncheon

Monday, February 5

9:30 am Gentle Yoga
6:30 pm Theology Matters

Tuesday, February 6

9:30 am Moms' Workout Group
3:00 pm Member Care Council Mtg.
3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Committee Mtg.
6:00 pm Choir Practice
7:15 pm Gentle Yoga

Wednesday, February 7

1:00 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Worship & Music Council Mtg.
7:00 pm Property Council Meeting
7:00 pm MCS Council Meeting

Thursday, February 8

6:30 pm Faith Development Mtg.

Friday, February 9

9:30 pm Gentle Yoga

Saturday, February 10

10:00 am Girl Scouts

Sunday, February 11

8:30 am Joyful Ringers
9:15 am Choir Warm-up
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Hospitality
5:30 pm Marriage Fellowship

Question for Reflection

What does Paul mean when he says that he became all things to all people so that he could save some (1 Cor. 9:22)?

Household Prayer: Morning

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. *Mark 1:35*
As I turn to you in prayer this morning, God, bless me with a sense of purpose.
As I go out into this day, show me what I am to do. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Everlasting God, you have been here from the foundations of the earth.
I give to you this day now ending, with all its gifts and failings.
As I rest through the night, renew my strength and, in my dreams, lift me up on the wings of eagles. Amen.

***Attend the Ash Wednesday
worship service on
February 14th – 7:00 p.m.
in the chapel.***

Imposition of ashes will be available during the service, however if you wish to display ashes throughout the day on Wednesday, you may do so by making prior arrangements with Pastor Jim.