



*“Love
each other
as I have
loved you.”*

JOHN 15:12, NIV



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*The Service for the Lord's Day
The 6th Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2018*

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is Christ's new commandment:
To love one another as he loves us.
And there is no greater love than this:
To lay down one's life for others.

*OPENING HYMN #761 *Called as Partners in Chris's Service*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just
will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
In humility and faith
let us confess our sin to God.

1 John 1:8-9

**God of all hope and joy, we confess
that we continue to live in fear.
In Christ, you claim us as children,
but we disobey your commands.
In Christ, you even call us friends,**

**but we have not been faithful to you.
Forgive us, God of grace.
By the power of your Spirit
help us to abide in your love
and share that love with others;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news!

The saying us sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

2 Corinthians 5:17

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Amen.

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #441 *Hear the Good News of Salvation (verse 1)

***SHARING OUR GIFT OF PEACE FROM CHRIST**

HYMN #703 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Sheila Wahamaki

EPISTLE LESSON 1 John 5:1-6 [241 NT]

GOSPEL LESSON John 15:1-17 [p. 109 NT]

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"The Mark"

Rev. Scott Paul-Bonham

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF APPROACH #526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please help us prevent the spread of germs. Hold your communion bread so you can dip it without your fingers touching the juice.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Here at This Table

Chancel Choir

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

#606

Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us
to be your friends
and to know your will in the world.
Therefore we pray in Jesus' name
that these tithes and offerings
spread your love near and far.

Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #379

We Shall Overcome

*GOD'S BLESSING AS WE GO

*CHIMES

*POSTLUDE

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

LAY LITURGIST: June Begley; USHERS: Ron & Mary Rop, Mike & Pam Foster;
GREETERS: Mitzi Bixler & Hester Newton; AFTER WORSHIP HOSPITALITY: Bev Spiwak
& Mary Seieroe; OFFERING COUNTERS: Sam Hollar & Jim Watson; COMMUNION
SERVERS: Kendra Mills, Bev Spiwak, Kay Ostrom, Greg & Deryl Boughton

NEWS & 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 Barb Reckell.

Ladies... you and your friends are invited to the "Around-the-Town Dinner" at Lake House Waterfront Grille on Thursday, May 24th – 6 p.m. Sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway by Sunday, May 20th.

Start thinking about VBS! The theme is "Babylon, Daniel's Courage in Captivity." If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, contact Arisha. We are in need of donated items. Please check out the youth bulletin board if you would like to help! Register now at <https://vbspro.events/p/fpcmuskegon-vbs>.

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 ***Bread for the World Bread Sale*** will be held in the chapel this morning. Bread Sales provide our contribution as a Covenant Church to BFW. Thank you, bakers and buyers, for your contributions!

The deadline to submit articles for the next issue of the Highland Herald is Sunday, May 13th. Please email your articles to office@fpcmuskegon.org.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FPC

05/06/18 Sunday	8:30 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am	Joyful Ringers Choir Warm-up Worship Blood Pressure Clinic Hospitality/BFW Bread Sale YAC Time
05/07/18 Monday	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Gentle Yoga Dichroic Glass Class
05/08/18 Tuesday	9:30 am 10:00 am 12:30 pm 4:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:15 pm	Moms Workout Group Hunger Committee Sarah Circle MC&S Council Meeting Choir Practice Finance Council Meeting Gentle Yoga
05/09/18 Wednesday	1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study O & C Council Meeting
05/10/18 Thursday	6:30 pm	Faith Development Council Meeting
05/11/18 Friday	9:30 am	Gentle Yoga
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