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*The Service for the Lord's Day
The 7th Sunday of Easter
May 13, 2018*

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

And Jesus said, "Come!"

**To all mothers and all children: he said, "Come!"
to the motherless and the childless: he said, "Come!"
to all who long to be mothered: he said, "Come!"**

Come unto me all y who labor and are heavy-laden,
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble of heart
and you will find rest for your souls."

We have been called and have come now to worship God.

*OPENING HYMN #305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Lord watches over our ways.
Let us put our trust in God's grace
and confess our sins.

Ps. 1:6

**God, though you call us to delight in
your teachings,
we can become cynical and full of doubt.
Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us
and restore us to you.
Guard us and protect us from evil,**

John 17:15, 17

**and sanctify us in truth;
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

In Christ Jesus, God has promised
to forgive us and reconcile us to God and each other.
With joy, let us share that peace with one another.

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #683** *Lord of All Hopefulness (verse 3)*

***SHARING OUR GIFT OF PEACE FROM CHRIST** (Please place prayer request cards in baskets)

***PSALM 1 #457** *How Happy Are the Saints of God*

DUET Arisha & Uriah Coffee

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH Jon Mills

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 1 [p. 489 OT]

SOLO *On Eagle's Wings* Jacob Rausch

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 17:1-26 [from *The Message*]

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

MESSAGE *"The Lord's (other) Prayer"* Pastor Jim Rausch

SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING *Registration of Attendance*

OFFERTORY *Peace Like a River* Chancel Choir

***PRESENTATION OF GIFTS #709** *God, We Honor You*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Jesus has made God known to us.
We already belong to God.
And so we dedicate these gifts to God's service
and to the glory of God's name. Amen.**

John 17:6

*CLOSING HYMN #705

You Are Holy

*GOD'S BLESSING AS WE GO

*CHIMES

*POSTLUDE

Question for Reflection

Jesus' prayer for his followers in John 17 says eternal life is "That they know you, The one and only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent." In our limited humanity, we cannot fully comprehend God, but according to Jesus and the Bible we can know God. In what ways have you come to know God? Do you long to know God more deeply? You can make that your prayer and become more open to it. "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you." (James. 4:8a NRSV)

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy One, thank you for the ability to begin my day in prayer.
Guide my path today.
No matter what happens, help me to feel that I belong to you,
and bring me home to you at the end of the day. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, thank you for claiming me as your own.
I have been in the world all day,
but I also know that I am in you.
Give me the grace to let go of this day
and entrust it to your care.
Be with me as I sleep this night
and continue to sanctify me in your embrace. Amen.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

LAY LITURGIST: Ezekiel Kinney; USHERS: Vic & Ellen Prowant, Quinn & Linda Champion; GREETERS: Ezekiel Kinney, Lowell & Roxanne Kinney; AFTER WORSHIP HOSPITALITY: Kay Ostrom & Carol Moore; OFFERING COUNTERS: Bill Papo & Julie Stewart

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 Shawn Perry.

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.

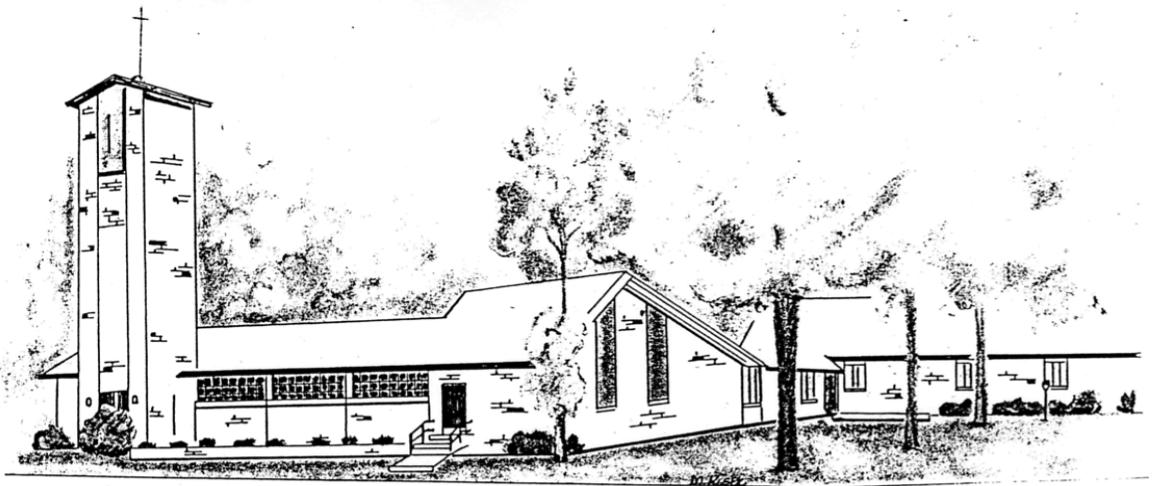
Start thinking about VBS! The theme is "Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity." If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, contact Arisha. We are in need of donated items. VBS needs are posted on the bulletin board next to the nursery. Please add your name to an items request (lion cut-out). Be sure to make note of what you are donating. Register now at <https://vbspro.events/p/fpcmuskegon-vbs>.

The deadline to submit articles for the next issue of the Highland Herald is today. Please email your articles to office@fpcmuskegon.org.

The ***Men's Breakfast*** at the Cherokee Restaurant will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd at 8 a.m. Heidi Sunderhaft-Christensen and Kendyl White will present information on activities at No More Sidelines, a nonprofit organization that provides special needs children in Michigan the ability to meet other kids in a safe and nurturing environment.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FPC

05/13/18 Sunday	8:30 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am	Joyful Ringers Choir Warm-up Worship Deacons Meeting Hospitality
05/14/18 Monday	9:30 am	Gentle Yoga
05/15/18 Tuesday	9:30 am 6:00 pm 7:15 pm	Moms' Workout Group Choir Practice Gentle Yoga
05/16/18 Wednesday	1:00 pm 3:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Hackley Postpartum Group Great America Food Truck Worship & Music Council Meeting Session Meeting
05/18/18 Thursday	9:30 am	Gentle Yoga
05/20/18 Sunday	8:30 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Joyful Ringers Choir Warm-up Worship Hospitality



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