



“THE
SABBATH
WAS
made for
man, NOT MAN
FOR *the Sabbath.*”

MARK 2:27

*The Service for the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
June 3, 2018*

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT #406 *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Ps. 103:1

And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

*OPENING HYMN #663 *Awake, My Soul*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus said,

Mark 2:17

those who are well have no need of a physician,
but those who are sick.

I have come to call not the righteous, but sinners.
Assured of God's love, let us say how it is with us,
that we might hear more clearly the call of the Christ.

Too often our hearts are cold and without gratitude.

Too often our hands are passive and unwilling to carry out acts of mercy.

Too often our lips are pursed tightly, unwilling to speak words of love.

Too often we are separated and alienated from our better self, separated and alienated from God.

Let us silently confess our separation and alienation . . .

..Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers,
the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love.
Believe this good news:
In Jesus Christ, our stories are known,
our sins are forgiven, our lives are made new.

Ps. 103:8

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #646

Sing Out, My Soul

*SHARING OUR GIFT OF PEACE FROM CHRIST

(Please place prayer request cards in baskets)

** *Please be seated.*

PSALM 139 #29

O God, You Search Me

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Kirk Wahamaki

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 [p. 162 OT]

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 2:23-3:6 [p. 36 NT]

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

The Gift of Sabbath

Pastor Jim Rausch

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF APPROACH #770

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

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.

HYMNS

#527 *Eat This Bread*

#188 *Jesus Loves Me!*

#227 *Jesus, Remember Me* (Sung twice)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Registration of Attendance

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS #606

Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God,

as we bring these offerings, we pray that our joy

in the act of giving

might draw others to your table.

Use these gifts—have your way with us—

for we seek to follow Jesus, whose love is boundless. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

#69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

*GOD'S BLESSING AS WE GO

*POSTLUDE

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Questions for Reflection

How do you receive the Sabbath as a gift? How do you set apart the Sabbath and make It Holy?

Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious, Holy God,
in this pregnant silence
open my heart to the miracle of your unwearied love,
that I might be this day a container of grace,
receiving the needs and gifts of others,
as you have welcomed me.

Use me as old, familiar cloak or supple wineskin, as you see fit,
for I would find my place in your purpose, and serve you as long as I live.
I pray in the name of the bridegroom, whose presence is joy. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Gracious, Holy God,
as I remember the events of this day,
help me to see its encounters through the eyes of your love
that I might know you more fully
and receive this night in trust. Amen.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

LAY LITURGIST: Vella Caruso; GREETERS: Mitzi Bixler, Bob & Cheryl Hartman; USHERS: Lowell & Roxanne Kinney, Bill & Peggy Schaefer; ACOLYTES: Nick & Hanna Scofield; AFTER WORSHIP HOSPITALITY: Chuck Hodson & Roxanne Deibel; OFFERING COUNTERS: Mervin & Katherine Young; COMMUNION SERVERS: Jeanne deVette, Nancy Bierenga, Kay Ostrom, Cheryl Hartman & Jim Cloutier

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.

The **Pentecost Offering** is one of four annual church-wide special offerings of the PC(USA). The offering provides for children at risk, youth and young adults. Forty percent of the offering is kept locally and the rest is invested by the General Assembly in faith-focused ministries for youth programs in this country and around the world. This year the local portion of the offering is designated to Pathfinders. Offering envelopes can be found in the pew racks. The offering will be received through the month of June.

Please join us for a photography class taught by Kendra Mills on Tuesday, June 12 at 7pm. You do not need a fancy camera - even your cell phone is okay! Sign up on the flyer by the library.

Marriage Fellowship will meet in the chapel on Sunday, June 10th at 5:30 p.m. Sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Sherman hallway. Questions? Contact Sharon Genter at (231) 206.1639.

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.

VBS month is finally here! Register as a volunteer or sign up for participation at <https://vbspro.events/p/fpcmuskegon-vbs>. Opportunities to transform the church into a Babylonian experience are coming soon!

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 will be the last BFW Bread Sale until October.

The deadline to submit articles for the next issue of the Highland Herald is Sunday, June 10th. Please email your articles to office@fpcmuskegon.org. *Note: There will not be another issue published until mid-August.*

Strawberry Sunday is June 17th! Enjoy strawberries, shortcakes and ice cream provided by Member Care Council in the chapel following the worship service for FPC’s annual celebration of summer!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FPC

06/03 Sunday	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Hospitality
06/04 Monday	9:30 am	Gentle Yoga
06/05 Tuesday	2:00 pm 3:00 pm 7:15 am	Prayer Shawl Committee Member Care Council Meeting Gentle Yoga
06/06 Wednesday	1:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Hackley Postpartum Group Worship & Music Council Meeting Property Council Meeting
06/08 Friday	9:30 am	Gentle Yoga
06/09 Saturday	10:00 am	Girl Scouts
06/10 Sunday	10:00 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm	Worship Hospitality Marriage Fellowship



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