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2 CORINTHIANS 4:16, NIV

*The Service for the Lord's Day  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
June 10, 2018*

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT #701                      *Lord, Prepare Me*

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

*Ps. 138:1, 3, 8*

**On the day I called, you answered me.**

God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*OPENING HYMN #408              *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins, for God has already forgiven us  
and is calling us to return to the Lord.

**Gracious God, have mercy on us,  
for we have failed to be faithful to you,  
though you have been faithful to us.**

**You show us your wisdom,  
but we prefer to go our own way.**

**Our broken relationships with you and one another  
have created poverty in us and our neighbors.**

**In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another  
for the work of justice, peace, and love,  
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, do not lose heart.  
When we call, God hears us; when we confess,  
God forgives us.  
We believe and so we proclaim: In Jesus Christ,  
we are forgiven.

2 Cor. 4:13

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #446 *How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions* (verse 1)

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

\*\* *Please be seated.*

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Greg Boughton

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 138 [p. 577 OT]

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 [p. 180 NT]

Mark 3:20-35 [P. 37 NT]

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

***We Don't Lose Heart***

Pastor Jim Rausch

SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

*Registration of Attendance*

OFFERTORY HYMN #695

*Change My Heart, O God*

\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS #606

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Eternal God,  
your son Jesus teaches us that a house divided  
cannot stand.**

*Mark 3:20–35;  
2 Cor. 4:13–5:1*

**Together, we offer ourselves and our gifts,  
that they may be used to extend your grace to others  
for your glory, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN      #700      *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

\*GOD'S BLESSING AS WE GO

\*POSTLUDE

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*Question for Reflection*

What unseen assurances of God's eternal glory are given to you this week?

*Household Prayer: Morning*

God of the morning,  
awaken us to know that to be resurrected with Jesus  
means to die with Christ first.  
May we recognize you in every moment  
so that whatever we do, we do for your glory,  
through Jesus Christ, our way, truth, and life. Amen.

*Household Prayer: Evening*

God, all through this day you have  
watched over me on the streets of my busy schedule,  
nourished me with blessings that I cannot count.  
And still your faithfulness does not sleep nor slumber,  
but continues even when the sun goes down.  
What a blessing to dwell in your presence!  
In your presence, I lay down today's burden and take rest.  
In your presence, may I rise to hear your voice. Amen.

Each year the Congregational Nominating Committee of FPC seeks your input as to persons in our congregation you believe to be gifted for service and for leadership as ordained members of the Board of Deacons and the Session of Elders.

Please prayerfully consider suggesting to the CNC the name of members that you feel are gifted and would be able to serve in a leadership capacity for FPC. Nomination forms are located on the table in the narthex.

## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

LAY LITURGIST: Norma Reynolds; GREETERS: Kathy DeCormier, Ruth Clark; USHERS: Mary Seieroe, Bev Spiwak, Judy Jazdyk & Nancy Evans; AFTER WORSHIP HOSPITALITY: Bob & Nancy Bierenga; OFFERING COUNTERS: Ara Demirjian & Carol Moore

## 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 Hank and Sue Kacprzyk in celebration of their anniversary.***

***We will host Family Promise again July 8 - 14.*** Our church will provide a safe place for homeless families to sleep and have a good dinner. We had a successful week in April when three families stayed in our church. We are looking forward to hosting families again. We need volunteers to be drivers, greeters, cooks, evening hosts, overnight hosts and breakfast providers. What talents do you have to put to use in this local mission project? The sign-up sheet, with job descriptions, is at the table in the narthex. We hope to have all the jobs filled by June 30.

The ***Pentecost Offering*** provides for children at risk, youth and young adults. Forty percent of the offering is kept locally and is designated to Pathfinders. The rest is invested by the General Assembly in faith-focused ministries for youth programs in this country and around the world. 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.

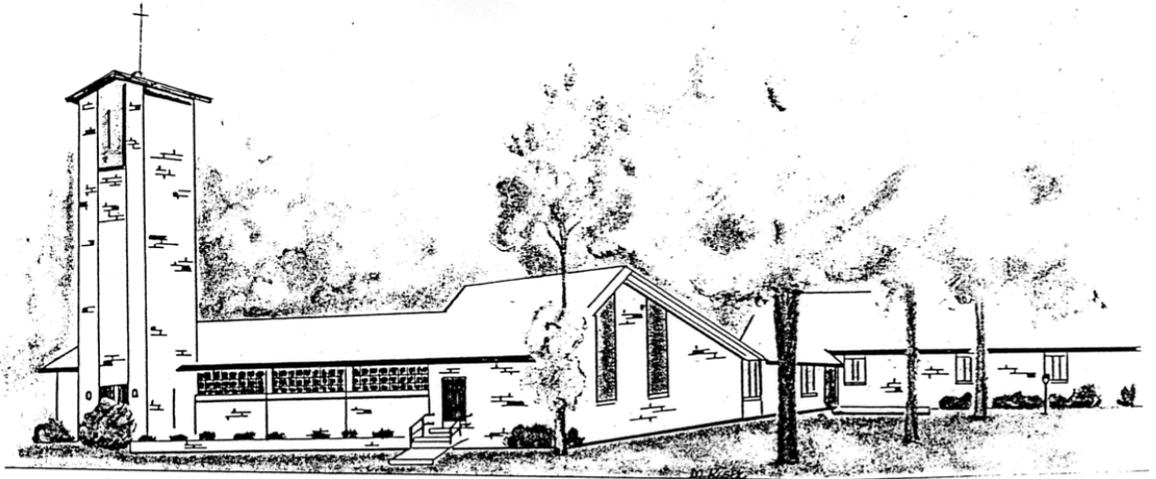
***VBS month is finally here!*** Register as a volunteer or sign up for participation at <https://vbspro.events/p/fpcmuskegon-vbs>. Opportunities to transform the church into a Babylonian experience are coming soon!

***The deadline to submit articles for the next issue of the Highland Herald is today.*** Please email your articles to [office@fpcmuskegon.org](mailto:office@fpcmuskegon.org). *Note: There will not be another issue published until mid-August.*

***Strawberry Sunday is June 17<sup>th</sup>!*** 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!

<b>HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FPC</b>
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06/10 Sunday	10:00 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm	Worship Hospitality Marriage Fellowship
06/11 Monday	9:30 am	Gentle Yoga
06/12 Tuesday	10:00 am 12:30 pm 4:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Hunger Committee Sarah Circle MC&S Council Mtg. Finance Council Mtg. Photography Class with Kendra Gentle Yoga
06/13 Wednesday	7:00 pm	O & C Council Mtg.
06/14 Thursday	10:00 am	Choir Yoga
06/15 Friday	9:30 am	Gentle Yoga
06/17 Sunday	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Hospitality



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### Our Church Staff

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*Director of Music:*

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*Rev. James B. Rausch*

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*Kathy DeCormier*

*Melissa Boughton & LaToya Wright*

*Rich Reubens*