



WORLD

COMMUNION

SUNDAY

*The Service for the Lord's Day
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 7, 2018*

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come together to praise God from whom all blessings flow.
The firmament, the covering of earth and seas, is the roof of our sanctuary.
And so, we dwell in the house of God all the days of our lives as one people.
We will sing songs of praise and give thanks for God's steadfast hope in us.
Who today will bless God for God's surpassing greatness?
Let everything that breathes worship and praise God!

*OPENING HYMN #401

Here in This Place

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we come together and confess, we recognize our humanity and pray for peace over our brokenness. Together, let us pray the prayer of confession:

Jesus, we ask that you take these prayers to the heart of God. We know the ways in which sin separates us from God. We confess our reticence to claim the sin in our lives. Today may we move past the prideful notions of our piety and look closer at what we don't do. For sometimes the greatest sin of all is our own complicity with what is wrong in the world. We want to love as you commanded, Jesus, but too often catch ourselves justifying the injustice of hunger, poverty, war, and all the prejudices we didn't know we had. Forgive us so that we may catch ourselves righting our wrongs. Forgive us so that the lessons we learn at the Spirit's nudging may help bring the peace and

**love you seek in our families, the church, and the world. Help us to be more holy in our hearts.
Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God. In our confession, we are promised God's mercy and are assured that God's grace will follow us all the days of our lives. What wondrous love is this? In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #743** *O God, You Are My God*

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

**** Please be seated.**

HYMN #719 *Come, Labor On*

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP *Peace and Global Witness Offering*

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH Kirk Wahamaki

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ecclesiastes 3:9-15, 10:18, 11:8 [p. 616 OT]

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 1:13-17 [p. 232 NT]

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

MESSAGE *Pastor's Favorite Season* Pastor Jim Rausch

A personal baptismal candle is lit to remind the baptized, whenever it is lit, as an anniversary or reminder that her "light must shine before all people, so they will see the good things you do and praise God." (Matthew 5:16)

PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS, SPONSORS AND CONGREGATION

Elder: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Colbie by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

All: We do.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

All: I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GREETING AND PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BAPTISM

WELCOME

Elder: Colbie has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

PRESENTATION OF PRAYER SHAWL AND BAPTISM CANDLE

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF APPROACH #488 *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Registration of Attendance

OFFERTORY

Here at This Table

Chancel Choir

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS #33 *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show* (verse 1)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God, you redeem us in Jesus; we can boldly approach you. Sustained by his word to us, we are enabled to serve. Impelled by your Spirit, we respond to your commands. Direct us and guide us as we seek to accomplish your will.

We bring our offerings; use them for your purpose. We dedicate our time; fill it with your presence. We give ourselves; satisfy your intentions. All that we have, we present to you. Amen.

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

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

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ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

LAY LITURGIST: Don Correll; *GREETERS:* Hester Newton, Dave & Jacquie Swenson; *USHERS:* Pat Ganson, Bev Spiwak, Mary Seieroe & Kay Ostrom; *AFTER WORSHIP HOSPITALITY:* Chuck Hodson & Roxanne Deibel; *OFFERING COUNTERS:* Dave & Vella Caruso; *COMMUNION SERVERS:* Nancy Bierenga, Vella Caruso, Dave Caruso, Bill Schaefer, Jeanne deVette, Robin Schroeder, Bob Hartman, Carol Giblin & Lowell Kinney

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FPC

10/07/18 Sunday	8:30 am	Joyful Ringers
	9:15 am	Choir Warm-up
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Blood Pressure Clinic
	11:00 am	Hospitality/BFW Bread Sale
	12:30 pm	CROP Walk Registration
	1:00 pm	CROP Walk
	5:30 pm	Marriage Fellowship
10/08/18 Monday	9:30 am	Gentle Yoga
	3:00 pm	Bible Study
10/09/18 Tuesday	9:30 am	Moms Workout Group
	10:00 am	Hunger Committee Meeting
	12:30 pm	Sarah Circle
	4:30 pm	MC&S Council Meeting
	6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Finance Council Meeting
	7:15 pm	Gentle Yoga
10/10/18 Wednesday	1:00 pm	O & C Council Meeting
10/11/18 Thursday	10:00 am	Chair Yoga
	6:30 pm	Faith Development Council Meeting
10/12/18 Friday	9:30 am	Gentle Yoga
10/13/18 Saturday		
10/14/18 Sunday	8:30 am	Joyful Ringers
	9:15 am	Choir Warm-up
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Spaghetti Luncheon



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**CROP Walk Today
Central United Methodist Church
Registration 12:30 p.m. Walk 1:00 p.m.**

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 Mark & Pam Schumaker in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. "Know Your Normal!"

The deadline to submit articles for the Highland Herald is next Sunday, October 14th. Please email your articles to office@fpcmuskegon.org.

Please join other Presbyterians and churches of the PC(USA) in taking steps that lead to the wholeness and well-being of peace. ***Please give generously to the Peace and Global Witness Offering received throughout the month of October.*** Envelopes can be found in the pew racks.

October 21 through October 28 is Family Promise week at our church. The three families we will be hosting will have a safe place to sleep and be served breakfast and dinner. Some of you have already volunteered to be a part of Family Promise week, but we still need more volunteers. The sign-up sheet and job descriptions will be in the narthex following worship.

We are looking for volunteers for the 4th annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 27th! Host a car, help run games, be an ambassador or just donate candy. Sign up in the hall or see Arisha with questions.

There will be a spaghetti luncheon in fellowship hall on Sunday, October 14th at 11:15 a.m. to kick-off the annual stewardship campaign. Please make an effort to attend as we will be passing out the pledge cards to help prepare the 2019 budget. A sign-up sheet is posted in the main hallway.

Marriage Fellowship will meet in the chapel this evening at 5:30 p.m. Sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Sherman hallway Questions? Contact Pam Schumaker at (586) 484-1706.

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 is today in the chapel. Thank you, bakers and buyers, for your contributions!

This week the Presbytery of Lake Michigan & Camp Greenwood would like...

- Prayers for the Presbytery vote on December 4, that the future Ministry of Camp Greenwood will be secure.
- Prayers for funding, and gratitude to God for all those donors, supporters, staff and volunteers from the past and those continuing in the future.
- Prayers for all our campers and alumni that the catalyst of Camp Greenwood will help grow and foster their faith.
- Prayer for all those who enter through the gates of Camp Greenwood to feel the love and peace of Christ.

WEEKLY COLLECTION AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET 2018 BUDGETED INCOME	
Amount needed each week	Amount collected last week
\$6,457.21	(09/30/18) \$4,326.00
Actual Income is \$12,478 less than Budgeted income through September 2018	
Thirteen (13) Sundays left in 2018 as of 09/30/18	