

Sunday Worship

February 20, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

Our Approach to God

Prelude "Adoration" Florence Price
In celebration of Black History Month

The Call to Worship

Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.
Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the risen one, who lives among us.
Let us worship the Spirit,
the holy fire, who renews us.
To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ. **Amen!**

*The Hymn of Praise *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* 482
Congregation sings verses 1&2

*The Call to Confession (based on 1 John 1:8)
God's Word warns us that if we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. And so, in humility and faith let us now confess our sin to God.

*The Prayer of Confession (based on Psalm 37:1-11, Luke 6:27-38)
Almighty God, you ask us to trust you. And yet when things get difficult, our trust falters. You ask us to seek our happiness in you. And yet we look to the pleasures of this world to satisfy us. You ask us to give ourselves to you. And yet we devote our worship, our love, and our very selves to those things that are not you. You ask us to be patient and wait for you. And yet we rush ahead with our own plans, thinking that we know what is best. You ask us not to worry. And yet we anxiously ponder our problems, letting them take away our peace. You ask us not to give in to anger. And yet we harbor bitterness in our hearts when we are hurt or wronged. You ask us to love our enemies, to bless those who do us wrong, to pray for them, to give to those who ask of us, to do good, to be merciful, to forgive rather than

**condemn... Hear us, Lord, as we confess our sin from the silence of our hearts (Silence).
Forgive us, Lord. Search our hearts and lead us in the way everlasting.
Amen.**

*The Assurance of Pardon (based on 1 John 1:9)
God's Word assures us that if we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Gloria Patri 577
Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Anthem "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Martin & Gabriel
Sung by Erin Whitfield

The Word of God

The Time with the Children
The Old Testament Reading Genesis 45:3-11;15 page 54 OT
The Psalm Reading Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 page 616 OT
The Gospel Reading Luke 6:27-38 page 87 NT
The Sermon "Why, Lord?" Rev. Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed page 14 hymnal
*The Hymn *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* 282
Congregation sings verses 1 & 3

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"* Sebastian Temple
Sung by Collin Whitfield

*The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here
below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy
Ghost. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Charge and Benediction

*Postlude *"My Lord Delivered Daniel"* Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
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Seeking and Serving Christ, We are a Place for Growing Christians.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

2nd @ Second

2nd @ Second will meet **today** after worship with the continuation of "The Story of the Bible" one of the Great Courses of Religion and Theology by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson. Join us in the church library for a time of discussion after watching a short video, sharing and reflection.

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

"Go also the second mile" Matthew 5:41



For the month of February, we are highlighting the **Saginaw City Rescue Mission's Outreach Project, Hope and Care Totes.**

The Rescue Mission's goal, through the Operation Hope and Care project, is to provide basic, personal hygiene items to hundreds of needy men, women, and children in the Mid-Michigan area. These hygiene items can bring a sense of relief

to those desperately in need in our community. Please use a grocery bag or box to bring the items to church. **We will be collecting the totes through Sunday, February 27th.**

Needed Items:

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Nail Clippers
- Large Combs and Brushes
- OTC Pain Relievers
- Bar Soap
- Razors
- Tissues
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Shaving Cream
- Body Lotion
- Hair Products – gel, etc.



Scholarship Applications

The scholarship applications for interested students are available in the church office. There are two scholarships available to everyone, the Muriel Lakey scholarship and the Mary Ann Geiersbach scholarship, and a special scholarship available to anyone attending Alma College. Qualifications and guidelines will be attached to the application. The due date for returning applications is Sunday April 24th.



Confirmation Class

If you have a youth interested in the Confirmation Class of 2022, please contact Christy Higley @ 989-798 – 6688 or email machigley@live.com. **Classes will begin Sunday, February 27.**



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Inclement Weather Policy

When Saginaw Township Schools are closed due to inclement weather (snow, ice, temperatures, etc.), any church programming for that day will also be cancelled. This includes any activity of the church or outside groups that use church facilities. Examples are (but not limited to): Session, Committee meetings, Choirs, Bible Study, Women's Circle, Community events.

