

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2024

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.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude Duo from Veni Creator Nicolas de Grigny

The Call to Worship

People of God, let us worship the Lord! Remember that out of nothing God created the heavens and earth.

We worship God who created us and all that is in this world.

Remember that God raised Jesus from the dead, overcoming sin and evil.

We worship God who provides for our salvation.

Remember that not even the gates of hell can stand against God's purposes.

We worship God who reigns now and forever.

*The Hymn of Praise *O God of Earth and Space* 274

*The Call to Confession

Know this: the Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at our hearts. Trusting in God's love and mercy, let us open our hearts to the Lord and confess our sins.

*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purposes. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of sin and selfishness. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.

Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you – serving only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. [Silent confession.] Lord, forgive me, renew me, and send me out as a usable instrument to do your will. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

In Christ, we have redemption through his blood and the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of his grace. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* 579
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13 page 313 OT

The Psalm Psalm 20 page 605 OT

The Sermon Samuel Anoints David Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

The Welcome of New Members Larry & Mary Smith

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn *O God, Our Faithful God* 277

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 Interlude from Water Music George Frideric Handel
 *The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592
**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 Hymn *Come, Great God of All the Ages* 132
 *The Charge and Benediction
 *The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
 that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**
 *Postlude Fugue in G Major, BWV 541 J.S. Bach

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist : Karen Kalina
Ushers: Patty Donahue & Randy Wierda, Larry Smith, and Sayre
Greeters: Meredith Main
Fellowship Hour: Sandra Rease
Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich, Director of Music Ministry

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**Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for
 refreshments and fellowship.**

For The Hearing Impaired

The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is more comfortable for you.

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Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.

Announcements and Upcoming Events



The office is open Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) but, as unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.

June Mission Project

June's Mission will continue assisting those within the foster care system. Tangible items will be collected and donated to the Midland County Foster Closet, an organization and store which provides clothing and other necessities free to any foster child and foster family in the Tri-City Area. Participants include infants, children, teenagers, as well as young adults up to 21 years old who have aged out of the foster care system. Specific needs include tennis shoes, new clothes for the upcoming summer season, bathing suits, diapers, and wipes. Donations may be placed on the Mission table through the end of June. Thank you!



A picnic is planned for Sunday August 4 @ Wickes Park on Hospital Rd. The church will provide hotdogs and hamburgers, you just bring a dish to pass. There will be a sign-up sheet available next Sunday. If you would like to help in the planning of the picnic, please call Sonia in the church office @ 989-792-1023.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

An idea has come up for us to be able to help each other, with the only cost being the time invested and the only item required to participate being a telephone. A program is in the process of being developed through the Mission Committee, where “phone buddies” would be paired up to simply make a daily phone call to check on each other.

Reasons you may want to participate in this system may include living alone, not having a family member close by, not being able to leave home independently, or simply wanting to communicate consistently with someone out there. Pairings could be permanent or short-term, depending on circumstances of full-time or temporary need.

If you think this is a program in which you might be interested, please contact Ruth Anderson at (989) 225-1620. If you have someone in mind you would like to partner with, please provide that information, as well. Your input and suggestions are welcome and appreciated so a firm plan and pathway toward implementation can come together.

Would you like to help lead in worship this summer? This summer, while the choir is on break, I am looking for singers and instrumentalists to help with the special music. If you would like to play or sing during worship, please talk to me and we can arrange that. I am happy to accompany you, and can also help you find music if you are interested but aren't quite sure what would be appropriate. —Thomas Heidenreich 513-746-8876 / music@spcsaginaw.org



Prayer of Illumination

Lord, our God, in the reading and proclamation of your Word,
we pray you will illumine our minds and hearts
so that we may hear and understand your Word,
and so that we may live according to your Word,
equipped to follow you in every part of our lives,
by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 New International Version

³⁴ Then Samuel left for Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵ Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the LORD regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.

16 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

² But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

⁵ Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.

Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."

⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." ⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Psalm 20

¹ May the LORD answer you when you are in distress;
may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

² May he send you help from the sanctuary
and grant you support from Zion.

³ May he remember all your sacrifices
and accept your burnt offerings.

⁴ May he give you the desire of your heart
and make all your plans succeed.

⁵ May we shout for joy over your victory
and lift up our banners in the name of our God.

May the LORD grant all your requests.

⁶ Now this I know:

The LORD gives victory to his anointed.

He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary
with the victorious power of his right hand.

⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

⁸ They are brought to their knees and fall,
but we rise up and stand firm.

⁹ LORD, give victory to the king!
Answer us when we call!