

Sunday Morning Worship

August 6, 2023

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. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude "Träumerei" from *Kinderszenen* by Robert Schumann

The Call to Worship

God says to us, "Come, all you who are thirsty. Come to the waters."

And we come! We come with our weariness and God gives us rest.

We come with our troubles and God helps us. God lifts us up when we have fallen.

We come longing for God and God makes himself known. He is near to us!

God says, "Listen now, my people, and come to me. Come to me, and you will have life!"

And we come! Let us praise God's holy name.

*The Hymn of Praise Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven 478

*The Call to Confession

As we come before God, we see God's holiness and we are reminded of our own sinfulness. And yet God says, "Come now, let us settle the matter. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow." In humility and faith, let us confess our sins to God.

*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that our faith is small. We bring our needs before you in prayer, yet sometimes we wonder what you can truly do about them. We see the suffering of this world and sometimes we wonder if you even care, for the suffering never seems to stop. We confess our self-centeredness that blinds us from the needs of those around us.

We confess our greed that makes us hold on tightly to what we consider to be ours when we have plenty to share. For these things, forgive us, Lord. [Silent Confession.] Merciful Savior, strengthen our faith and empower us to be your hands and feet in this world. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

God looks on us with compassion and love. And out of love, God sent his one and only Son into this world that we might be saved through him.

Through Jesus Christ, we have the assurance of the forgiveness of our sins! **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 Anthem "Be Still, and Know That I Am God" by Olive Dungan
(Peggy Donaldson, vocals)

The Word of God

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 55:1-5 page 803 OT

The Psalm Psalm 145:8-9;14-21 page 691 OT

The Gospel Reading Matthew 14:13-21 page 21 NT

The Sermon Rev. Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

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

*The Hymn Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak (verses 1,2,5) 426

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

*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 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 281

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude Movement III from *Suite for Piano* by Collin Whitfield
(We invite you to remain seated and enjoy the postlude.)

* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

Liturgist: Kitty Myers

Greeter: Wally & Anne Schmidt

Ushers:

Fellowship Hour:

We would like to thank the volunteers who helped cover for Nancy as she recovered from surgery. Billie Bauer, Jean Fox and A.J. Makrianis were a great help, and we want to say THANK YOU!



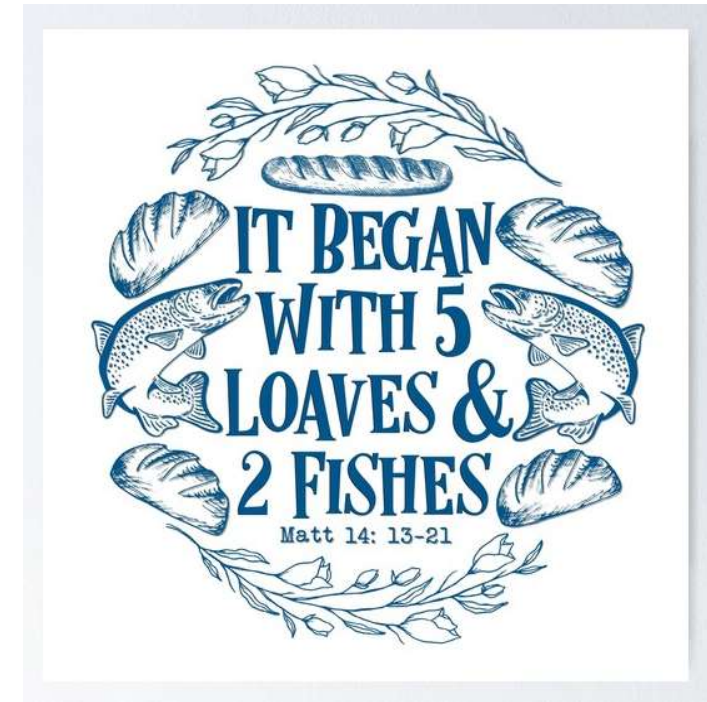
The church office hours for the week of August 7 – August 13 will be Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.

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Best of Luck

Farewell Reception For Collin

We will host a morning reception to bid farewell to Collin Whitfield on Sunday, August 13 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. This is the last Sunday to sign-up for

food donations. We would like the following:

- 6 – trays of pastries
- 3 – fruit trays
- 2 gallons of orange juice
- Money donations for mini quiches

There will be a basket available for cards. Contact Genie Herter @989-791-1589 if you have any questions.

2nd @ Second

Second at Second concluded at the end of May and will resume in the fall. We are prayerfully exploring what this time might look like when we resume. If you are someone who attends and haven't had a chance to provide feedback yet OR if you are someone who hasn't attended, but might be interested in attending, we would love to hear from you. You can email your feedback and ideas to Pastor Ruth at pastor@spcsaginaw.org or you can write them down and drop them off at the office.

August Mission Project



It's the first week of August...ALREADY! That means the beginning of the school year is coming fast! The back-to-school supplies are out in the stores! The mission committee will be collecting school supplies for Brethren and Arthur Eddy Academy elementary school children until

August 13. Any donations of backpacks, pencils, crayons, or other needed items may be placed on the table in the mission corner to be delivered before the start of school.



White Elephant Sale - Saturday, September 30.

Clean out your garages and closets this summer and keep in mind we'll have our annual White Elephant Sale on September 30. Set-up will begin Wednesday September 27 and will require a lot of volunteers. Please mark your calendars for the dates. Sign-up sheets will be in the gathering area soon.



Fish Fry – Save the Date!

It's not too early to plan! Please mark your calendars for our next Fish Fry on **Friday, October 20, 2023!** We always need help to make our fish fries a great success. Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men's Group, which pays for many of the maintenance jobs around the church. Most recently the Presbyterian Men contributed \$9,000.00 towards our new roof, this was made possible by your hard work on the fish fries! Thank you for your support!

Building Maintenance Fund

The Building Maintenance Fund was established to ensure costly capital repairs or purchases wouldn't negatively impact the budget. Over the years, folks have given generously to the Building Maintenance Fund. In the last three years, the roofs over Fellowship Hall, the Sanctuary, and the Gathering Area/Sunday School have been replaced at the cost \$96,950. This was paid mostly from the funds in the Building Maintenance Fund (the Presbyterian Men also contributed) and will result in the fund's depletion. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to make these costly repairs without worrying about the financial impact to our programs.



The Finance Committee is asking the congregation to prayerfully consider a special donation to replenish the Building Fund from now through the end of the year.

If you choose to donate, please indicate it is designated for the Building Fund. Thank you in advance for your continued kindness and support.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Finance Committee: Adam Engel, Karen Kalina, Brian McNalley or Mike Patton.