



Worshiping, serving, and living with a fresh vision of God's vibrant energy and grace for all.

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 19, 2025 // 10am

#### **CENTERING WORDS:**

When Jesus transformed water into wine, he "revealed himself — in the midst of revelry and community. The rest of his miracles were restorative — getting people back to their fullest agency — but this first one was a reminder of life without the constant need for restoration."

~ Ana Yelsi Velasco-Sanchez

#### **ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE**

#### **PRELUDE**

#### RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### **GREETING**

One: The God of life be with you.

All: And also with you!

**GATHERING SONG** #741 *Guide My Feet* (first stanza, sung 2x)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Gary Smith

One: Holy are the moments that catch our breath,

catch our attention,

catch us off guard with the wonders of being alive.

All: The surprises of God hearten and revive!

One: God points us back to the riches of life before us.

The world is pouring out blessings of beauty. Kinship and community enable lasting joy.

All: The faithful gifts of God are simple and abundant.

We gather to remember and to treasure each one.

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

\*HYMN #305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: For the times when we have used the gifts of your Spirit to enhance our own glory rather than using them to serve others.

All: Forgive us, God.

(silent reflection)

One: When our use of your gifts has led to division and discord

rather than increasing understanding and unity.

All: Forgive us, God.

(silent reflection)

One: For believing one gift to be superior to another

rather than celebrating the various ways in which they complement each other and build up the whole community.

All: Forgive us, God.

(silent reflection)

One: Merciful God, forgive any lack of commitment by us

to love as Jesus loved and to serve as he served.

All: Fill us anew with the Holy Spirit

so that our worship, witness and service may reflect our unity

and the faithful use of our diverse gifts.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

#### HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN #392 Jesus, We are Here

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Isaiah 62: 1-5 (Common English Bible)

One: The Word of God for the people of God;

All: thanks be to God.

John 2: 1 -11 (Common English Bible)

One: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** The Life of the Party Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

\*HYMN #596 You are Holy

#### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

#### **LIFE AT FIRST**

Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you. If you have a prayer request that you would like shared in worship, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering.

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### **OFFERTORY**

#### \*DOXOLOGY #606

All: Praise God whose image we all bear.

Praise Christ whose mercy we all share.

Praise Spirit making justice grow.

One God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

#### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Holy One, may our gifts celebrate your compassion and benefit the common good. Receive them with our gratitude for your generosity and the

opportunity to participate in your kin-dom on earth. Amen.

#### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

Elders: Lauren Stouffer, Chris Urbaniak (Jon Kreple to be installed at a later date)

Deacons: Cathy Colton, Gail Hering, Fred McConkey

One: There are varieties of gifts,

but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through each person in a unique way,

but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

One: Together we are the body of Christ,

and individually members of it. 1 Cor. 12:4–7, 27

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God, the almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of God, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

One: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: God of wedding parties and new wine, of love and laughter, dancing and singing, we pause to pray for those among your worldwide family who today may be feeling left out in the cold.

All: Bless the many people who must toil for such long hours that there is no time or energy to laugh or sing.

One: Bless your children who feel so demeaned and exploited that they view even angels of mercy with suspicion and fear.

All: Bless the many folk who are caught in vicious circles of evil and can see no way to escape.

One: Bless those among your children whose every waking hour is spent in pain, and whose sleep is at the best fitful.

All: Bless those people who are drawn to Christ and new life, yet who fear the scorn of family, friends or workmates.

One: Bless your children who once tasted the new wine of Christ but have now slipped away into indifference, or maybe despair.

All: Bless those folk who with much trembling, hand their lives over to you this day.

May they find faith and courage for the days to come.

One: Bless the people of your church, that abundant love may flow in our prayers and our prayers flow into generous words and deeds.

All: In the name of the Christ who makes all things new. Amen!

Some choose to begin this prayer, "Our Creator," "Our Mother," or "Our Parent."

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

\*HYMN #757 Today We All Are Called To Be

#### CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

\*BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

**Worship Leaders:** Rev. Cathy Hoop, Gary Smith, Beth Magennis, Darren Parker, Rose Gifford

**Thanks to:** Sound and Video Tim Richardson, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers, M&M Café Providers, Kiki Lemen and Nursery Care Providers



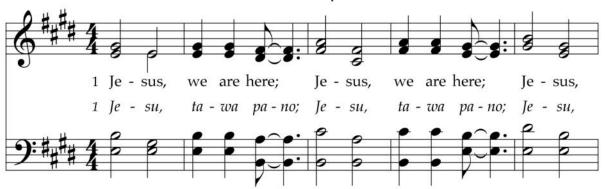
- 2 Hold my hand ...
- 3 Stand by me ...
- 4 I'm your child ...
- 5 Search my heart ...
- 6 Guide my feet ...

# 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



### Jesus, We Are Here

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2 Savior,... 3 Teacher,... 4 Spirit,...

## 757

# Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



## You Are Holy

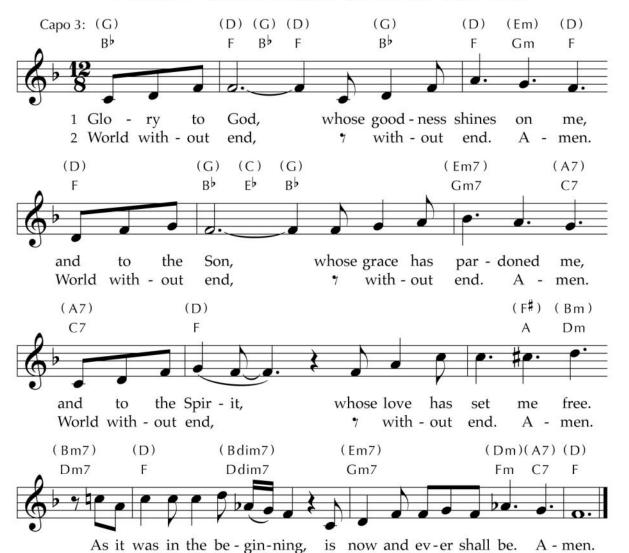


### You Are Holy

SERVICE MUSIC



# Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Annual Congregational Meeting** // January 26, 2025 immediately following the Worship Service. There will be a zoom link emailed on Sunday morning 1/26, for those who cannot attend in person.

Narthex Art Display // Carving, drawing and painting were always a part of life for wildlife artist Michael Van Houzen. Art was his favorite class during elementary and junior high years and an area in which he excelled. Much of his free time was spent creating and expressing what he visualized. When he ventured collect, it was then that he decided to major in art. He was exposed to every art medium and realized his love of sculpting. Both his carvings, paintings and drawings can range from realistic to whimsical in nature. During Covid with the canceling of art fairs, this provided Mike creative time to work on a whimsical creation of "Town Gathering for the Birth". Van Houzen has won many awards for his work and his sculptures are in many private and public collections.

**Bus Assistant Needed** // We are in need of one more Bus Assistant one Sunday per month. If you would like to know more about what it requires or take a ride-a-long to check it out, give Chris Urbaniak a call. We'd love to have you join us.

**Habitat for Humanity** // Upcoming Habitat workdays are 2/13 and 3/13. Questions can be directed to wehaines@icloud.com.

**Summer Camp Scholarships** // It's time to start thinking about summer camp. If you are interested in sending your camper(s) to any Christian summer camp and would like scholarship information, talk with Pastor Paul, or watch the Wednesday eWeekly communication for a link to download the forms.

**Women's Retreat** // Our Women's Retreat will be held here (FPC) on Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The theme of the retreat is *Telling Your Stories*, *Sharing Our Lives*, and the speaker will be Rev. Janet Salyer. Janet is a pastor, counselor and spiritual director and a delightful human being! Come be nurtured by her warmth, joy and spiritual depth. Brochures with registration forms are available on the kiosk outside the church office. Registration forms are also available on our website homepage, www.fpcholland.org. For more information, please contact Carleen Bauer carleenbauer@gmail.com or Chris Urbaniak cmurbaniak@comcast.net.

**Dinners for 7** // Saturday, **January 25** at 6:00pm. We are kicking off the year with a fun tradition of small group dinners where couples and singles can enjoy an evening together. The host provides the main course and coordinates with the people assigned to their home to bring everything else. **As an added bonus for couples with children, we will pay for your babysitter at your home!** (You make arrangements and we'll reimburse you.) So sign-up to participate and remember, we need volunteer hosts.

Christians Uniting in Song and Prayer // Sunday, January 26 at 5:00 pm at Second Reformed Church, 225 E. Central Avenue, Zeeland. The service will be a celebration of the Nicene Creed and will feature a large choir, organ and brass



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#### DEACONS:

Class of 2025: Nancy Staal, Lauren Stouffer,

Paul Van Kolken.

Class of 2026: Tom Glover, Terri Schamper. Class of 2027: Lloyd Helder, Michele Richardson,

Leah Wallar.

#### **ELDERS**:

Class of 2025: Gail Hering, Beth Magennis,

Jon Mc Fadyen, Danielle Peterson, Ben Rund-Scott

Class of 2026: Carleen Bauer, Bill Evenson,

Cassie Kregger, Bruce Rosensteel.

Class of 2027: Jen Laux Ludwig, Tom Salley,

Dave Zessin

#### **Children's Programming During Worship:**

Children of all ages are encouraged and welcome to be with us during worship. If you prefer an alternative:

- Nursery: Newborn 3 years of age. Available for the whole service.
- Celebration Time 4 years of age through 1st grade. Available after Children's Time.

#### **Education Offerings After Worship:**

Education hour is from 11:15a -12:00p. All are welcome to participate!

- Adult Class Michigan Room
- Youth Youth Room
- Worship Center PreK 5th grade
- Nursery Newborn through 3 years

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