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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF FARMINGTON

Church of the Open Hands

WELCOMING ALL SHARING CHRIST SERVING OTHERS

In preparing our hearts for worship, we will be dimming the lights in the narthex, indicating a time to prepare ourselves for worship. Please enter the sanctuary quietly and in time to hear the welcome and announcements.

October 5th, 2025
**Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost and Communion**



Prayer of Preparation

Teach us your way, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth;
Give us an undivided heart to revere your name.

Psalm 86.11

We Enter into God's Presence

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

Kum Ba Yah

arr. Brent Edstrom

Welcome / Greetings

Pastor Craig Aue

Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards

*Call to Worship

Liturgist

Destruction and violence are everywhere;
strife and contention are all around

**The needs of the world are so great;
O Lord, increase our faith.**

The law is slack,
and justice does not prevail.

**The needs of the world are so great;
O Lord, increase our faith.**

How many threats surround us;
warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

**The needs of the world are so great,
but you, O God, are greater still –
the One in whom all things are possible.
O Lord, increase our faith in you!**

*Opening Hymn #637

O Sing to the Lord

**1 O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.**

**2 For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.**

**3 So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.**

**4 O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.**

**5 For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Confession – Call to Reconciliation

Faith, hope, love have all been passed on to us, not so we can hoard these gifts for ourselves, but so we might share them with others. Let us lift our prayers to the One who is always ready to place forgiveness in our hearts, as we tell how we have not done this in our lives.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we are so prepared to seek you in times of trouble,
and we complain when we are in over our head, but rarely do we offer praise for the
daily sustenance or the unmarked breath moment by moment. Failing to trust your
strength, we are slow in recognizing weakness, so weakness grows inside our
strength. We lack the patience to wait for your blessing, and our pride keeps us
unpracticed in faith. Forgive us Lord for the sins we know in our heart, and save us
from the sins we hide or fail to recognize within ourselves.**

Silence is kept

Words of Assurance – Assurance of Pardon

God is ever faithful; hope is the gift passed on to us, love is the gift we can share with others; God's mercies never come to an end.

Great is God's faithfulness to all people, in all places. Thanks be to God, who has given us the promise of life in Christ Jesus our Lord! Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading

Luke 17: 5-10

Pastor Craig Aue

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5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 6 The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. 7 "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? 8 Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? 9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

As We Break The Bread
Choir

Jay Althouse

(Children are invited to go to the Narthex for Children's Lesson)

Reflection

"Faith, Hope and New Life"

Offertory & Collection of Prayer Cards

Doxology #606

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

Song of Invitation #701

Sanctuary

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.
Celebrating the Lord's Supper**

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The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the One who cradles our hearts in loving hands.

People of God, let us give thanks to the God who sets a Table for us.

We praise the Lord our God who welcomes us with open arms.

How lonely was chaos, Gardener of the Universe,
until you spoke a Word, and your Spirit created:

leaves that burnish gold and red in autumn,

snow that drifts lazily in winter skies,

frozen brooks that burst in spring,

ponds splashing with children in summer.

You planted the seeds of joy in our ancestors

hoping they would pass them onto us,

but they walked sin's lonely streets

and drank the bitter tears death offered.

Though the prophets came

to remind us of your great faithfulness,

we continued to feast on the

wormwood and gall offered by the world.

But you would not forget us,

and so sent Jesus to bring us home to you.

Therefore we join our voices, as we sing of your mercies made fresh in every moment

(Sing)

**God of Creation, Lord of all beauty,
All creatures join in singing your love;
Holy Compassion, Joy of our mornings,
Fill us with grace which comes from above.**

You alone are holy, heart Speaker, and we are blessed through Jesus, life's Promise.

When we would wander the lonely streets of the world,

he would take us by the hand, to lead us into your joy.

When others would pass on bitterness and hate to us,

he fills us with the gifts of hope and love.

Splashing in sin's puddles, he washed our feet and dried them with his love,

leading us into the kingdom.

Daughters of despair, sons of sadness, orphans of woe -he gathers us all up in his arms of mercy wiping out death, and sits us down at the family Table.

As we remember his grace and love,

as we dare not forget his sacrifice for us,
we sing of that mystery we call faith:

(Sing)

**Christ of the outcast, Comfort of mourners,
Neighbor to strangers, Love without end;
Bearer of burdens, Grace ever with us,
Blessing our children, Brother and Friend.**

Holy Spirit, as we offer the gifts of the bread and the cup for your blessing,
so we present ourselves: our accomplishments, our failings, our hopes, our realities.
Make us weak, so we might rely on your strength.

As we have heard the Word, may we listen to the cries of the poor.

As we are family with those sitting beside us today, may we love our sisters and brothers
in every corner of creation.

As you hold out the bread and the cup to us, may we reach out to enemies
to clasp hands as friends.

God in Community, Holy in One, all honor and glory are yours,
as we sing our praises through all eternity:

(Sing)

**Spirit of kindness, Breath of forgiveness,
Faithful Companion, just as Christ said;
God's little children gathered together,
Drink of salvation, feast on your Bread.**

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Gifts of Bread & Cup

*Please come forward to receive the bread (gluten-free) and cup when you are ready or
raise your hand and you will be served where you are seated.*

Communion Prayer

We Respond to God's Word

Prayer of the People

Liturgist

Holy God, we ask you to keep us from using prayer as an escape; keep us from the
temptation of uttering a few words, in the hope that you will swoop in and do the rest with
no further requirement from us. May our prayers be a constant, unending rhythm that
drives not just our words, but our thoughts, our attitudes and our actions; may we never
stop seeking, asking, knocking, pleading for justice, wrestling with your coming reign; As
we pray for our world, may we also live lightly on the earth, taking only what we need, and
giving all we can; As we pray for our nation, may we also live as good neighbors, protecting
the weak and vulnerable, and celebrating goodness and grace wherever we may find it; As

we pray for our community, may we also live with open arms and hearts, embracing both familiar companions and unknown strangers, and welcoming all as you do; As we pray for our friends and families, may we also live as those who lay down their lives, selflessly serving those in our care, and always choosing the sacrificial way of love. And so may our prayers be the catalyst, that changes us into little incarnations – ordinary people who manifest Christ, our Lord who teaches us to pray:

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.

We Follow God’s Word into the World

*Hymn of Sending # 853 We are Marching in the Light of God

**1 We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.**

**2 We are marching, marching,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.**

Benediction

Pastor Craig Aue

Postlude

Set Me As A Seal

Gilbert Martin



Today is World Communion Sunday.

Here is the background of the bread on the communion table.

Challah: A braided loaf commonly eaten on special occasions such as Jewish holidays (but not Passover), in recognition of Jesus's Jewish heritage.

Pane Toscano: The standard Italian bread in the US. Representing the Roman Catholic Church, and Peter, the first bishop of Rome.

Pumpnickel: A dark rye bread from Germany, home of Martin Luther, the Augustinian friar who published the Ninety-five Theses, which launched the Protestant Reformation.

Fife Bannock: A Scottish soda bread, made with oats and leavened with baking soda rather than yeast, for the Scottish tradition of the Presbyterian Church.

Injera: A fermented flat bread from Ethiopia, made of teff flour and used as both side dish and utensil. For the Kingdom of Aksum, an ancient African empire based in Ethiopia and Eritrea, one of the earliest Christian cultures.

Pita: Another flat bread, traditionally used in Arabic cuisine, representing our local Chaldean and Arabic Christian brothers and sisters.

OFFICE HOURS: Amanda May Schreiber, our administrative assistant, will be in the office on Monday 9:30am-12:00pm, Wednesday 10:00am-4:00pm, and working from home on Thursdays. Clerk of Session Dorothy Tait will be covering on Mondays as well. The office will continue to be closed on Fridays. During this time of transition, you may wish to call or email ahead to make sure staff will be available to assist you.

KIDS' WORSHIP BAGS

The kids' worship bags are available at the welcome desk (on the wooden tree hanger). The activities in the bags are updated each week to reflect the lectionary readings for that Sunday as well as some other fun items. The yellow bags are for kids aged preschool to 8 years old; and the white bags are for kids aged 8+ years. Kids are welcome to take a bag each Sunday to use during worship and/or to take home to enjoy. If your child forgot to pick up a worship bag before service, please let an usher know and they will get one for your child.

ALL ARE WELCOME! The Congregational Retreat is Saturday, October 11, 10:00 am–3:00 pm. Please sign up soon so we can have an accurate headcount.

Come join the one-day church retreat which will be held at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia. The theme is “Living Our Vision: Welcoming All, Sharing Christ, Serving Others” and the goal is to help deepen our faith and reflect on what it means to live the FPCF Vision. Holy Cross also has a prayer labyrinth that will be incorporated into the agenda. A light lunch will be provided and refreshments will be available throughout the day. A donation of \$20 per person is recommended. Sign up through this link <https://tinyurl.com/FPCF-Congregational-Retreat> or on the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the foyer. We are looking for a few individuals to help with the set up and clean up, so if you can, please add that when you sign up. The key speakers include:

Our own Pastor Craig Aue who grew up in Taylor, MI, and graduated from Central Michigan University with a BS degree with majors in Sociology and Religion. He completed his M. Div at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and was ordained by Detroit Presbytery. He served Pastorates in Ohio and Michigan for a total of 25 years and also served part-time as hospital chaplain. After serving a pastorate in Royal Oak, he spent 17 years in hospice ministry as chaplain and bereavement coordinator before retiring in the summer of 2025. During that period he connected with First Presbyterian Church of Farmington and has been privileged for the past 7 years to serve as Parish Associate. Craig is married and has 2 adult children and 4 grandchildren with whom he loves spending time when possibly.

The Rev. Katy Doyle-Hohf was ordained by the Presbytery of Detroit in 2004 after completing her education at Princeton Theological Seminary and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Over the years, Katy has been honored to serve in a variety of pastoral roles within the Presbytery including at Kirk in the Hills, Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church, and Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church. Katy's deep commitment to serving others recently led her to complete a residency in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Trinity Health, Ann Arbor. She is currently the Executive Director of Capernaum Health, an organization dedicated to offering free medical and dental care, and also serves as the Director of Faith Formation at South Lyon First United Methodist Church. Outside of her professional life, Katy enjoys spending time with her family. She lives in Highland, MI with her husband and their three school-aged children. **Pastor Scott Seeke** is the pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia. His church is excited to have us meet there and has an interesting message to share with us. His bio is in route to us and will be published soon.

CALLING ALL EUCHRE PLAYERS for a fun afternoon!

Formerly known as “Women’s Euchre”, we’re including men and women. We’ll meet the first **Friday** of each month from **2 to 4 pm** in the Church Library. If you are new to the game, we can teach you. Depending on the number of players, we may play a different game. Mark these dates on your calendar: **Nov. 7, and Dec. 5**. Please see the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the foyer!

Stewardship 2026 – Living Our Vision: Welcoming All, Sharing Christ, Serving Others

As we move through our process of change and transition toward a permanent pastor, what better way to move forward than by “living our vision” – Welcoming All, Sharing Christ, Serving Others. This Stewardship season, may we all draw closer to each other and God as we follow the Holy Spirit into living our vision! If you haven’t recently received a stewardship letter, please let the church office know.

Peace and Global Witness Offering (September 7 – October 5)

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. The offering will be split among Mission Agencies, mid-council, and local peace activities. You can use the appropriate envelopes located in the pews or inside the friendship pad for your offering. Thank you for your gift for peace.

Hospitality Time Schedule

You are invited to bring ONE food item on ONE Sunday each month. Your Sunday depends on the first letter of your last name. It would be greatly appreciated if you are also able to help with set-up or clean-up. Please note healthy options are welcome as well such as fruit, eggs, cheese & crackers, veggies etc. Here’s the upcoming schedule:

October 12: Last names beginning E-K

October 19: Last names beginning L-R

October 26: Last names beginning S-Z

November 2: Last names beginning A-D



QR Code for Donations!

If you ever forget to go to the ATM, or simply don't carry cash on you, we've decided to include the church QR code for a more streamlined donation process. To donate, just scan the QR code and follow the prompt just scan the QR code and follow

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