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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.



July 13, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Pentecost

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

Prelude in C
Michelle Good - Harp

Bach

Welcome / Greetings

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards

*Call to Worship based on Psalm 91 and Romans 10

Liturgist

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders,

Whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known salvation; God has shown justice to the nations;

God has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

Let us worship the Lord our God. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

**1. O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**2. O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace;
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
Whose chariots of wrath deep thunder clouds form;
And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.**

**3. The Earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**4. Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and rain.**

**5. Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.

Lord, you said, "You may ask for anything in my name."

Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems.

Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.

Lord, you said, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.

Lord, you said, "You must testify, for you have been with me."

We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.

Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

In this and in so many other ways, we confess our failures and faults.

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy. Amen.

Words of Assurance – Psalm 103

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a parent has compassion for their children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

For God knows how we were made; the Lord remembers that we are dust.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep God's covenant and remember to do the Lord's commandments.

People of God, listen to the Good News: God is for us! God forgives us our sin in Jesus Christ. Trust this gospel and live in peace. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

Reading

Psalm 25.1-10; Colossians 1.1-14

Liturgist

Psalm 25.1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Colossians 1.1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Amazing Grace
Michelle Good - Harp

arr. Daniel Burton

Sermon

"Thanksgiving in July and Beyond"

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.**

We Respond to God's Word

Prayer of the People, Thanksgiving, & The Lord's Prayer

Liturgist

We praise you, God our creator, for your handiwork in shaping and sustaining your wondrous creation.

We especially thank you for the miracle of life and the wonder of living . . .

silence

Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for particular blessings coming to us in this day . . .

silence

Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the resources of the earth . . .

silence

Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for gifts of creative vision and skillful craft . . .

silence

Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the treasure stored in every human life. . . .

silence

Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for others, God our Savior, claiming your love in Jesus Christ for the whole world and committing ourselves to care for those around us in his name.

We especially pray for those who work for the benefit of others . . .

silence

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who cannot work today . . .

silence

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who teach and those who learn . . .

silence

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people who are poor . . .

silence

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church in persecution. . . .

silence

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

God our creator, yours is the morning, and yours is the evening. Let Christ, the sun of righteousness, shine forever in our hearts and draw us to the light of your radiant glory. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, 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 #738

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

- 1. O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.**
- 2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay and guide them in the homeward way.**
- 3. Teach me thy patience, still with thee in closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.**
- 4. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.**

Benediction

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Marianne Kim

Welcome to Michelle Good!

Michelle Good (M.M.) is an American pianist, pipe organist, harpist and composer. You can find her teaching at her private studio on Lake Erie, and online. She and her students perform across Michigan, the USA, and internationally.

We're Packing 50 Backpacks for Foster Kids TODAY

Thank you to everyone who purchased school supplies for the backpacks! Everything is ready to be placed into the backpacks, and we'll be doing that today after the service. Please join us!

CARES Food Pantry

The number of people needing assistance in providing enough food for their family continues to grow. Between 750 and 800 households are served by CARES each month. Please take home a yellow CARES shopping list, found in the pews, and take it with you on your next shopping trip. We have provided a plastic bin in the Narthex for your generous donations. Thank you for remembering your neighbors.

Garden and Nutrition – every Saturday, 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Once again, this year, FPCF is sponsoring DCDI's Garden and Nutrition Class, every Saturday, from 9:30 am – 11:30 am. Sometimes we'll be in the classroom (Room 208/210) and always in the garden. We'll learn vermicomposting, making a gingerbug, and more! Bring your kids or grandkids! If you have any questions, please contact Tom Neal, Sharon Cressman, or Colleen Tavor.

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:

July 13: Last names beginning A-D

July 20: Last names beginning E-K

July 27: Last names beginning L-R

August 3: Last names beginning S-Z



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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