

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MT. PLEASANT, MI

ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 18, 2020
29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 AM Worship Service

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PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”
Mary Jo Cox, organ

Larry Visser

WORDS OF GREETING *Psalm 24:1*

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

All: the world and those who live in it.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Exalt the Almighty and worship
at God's Holy mountain,

All: for the Lord our God is holy.

One: Look! The Lord draws near;
come into the presence of the Holy One.

All: Let us behold the glory of our God.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION WITH MUSIC

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Silent Confession)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Lord, in you we live and move and have our being. You call us to give all that we are and all that we have in service to Christ. But we hold tightly to our treasure, afraid we will not have enough for ourselves, and hold back our talents, afraid these gifts will not

be enough. God unclench our fists and help us to give fully and freely so that, in all things we might serve and glorify you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Pass the peace if able by posting a comment on the church's Facebook Page. If you are joining us for in-person worship please remain seated and share signs of God's peace with those around you with prayer hands or a simple nod of the head.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 22:15-22

John Monahan

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" 21 They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

"It Is Time To Vote"

Andrew Miller

Question of the Day: How and when is faith related to politics and voting?

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall
come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Mark Hayes

OPPORTUNITY FOR STEWARDSHIP

Mary Lu Yardley

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(If able, you may share prayers of joy or concern by posting a comment on the Facebook page at this time.)

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Joe Cavazos (Andrew Miller’s brothers father-in-law), The Morrison Family (friends of Sheli Rhodes), Mike Mitchell & JT Schmitt (Barb Lindley’s son-in-laws), Erin and Matt Riley (daughter of Kim and Judy DeWitt), Jim Bidwell, Linda Rose, The Belanger family (friends of Judy and Kim DeWitt), Linnet Stevens, Barbara Shivers (Candy Baker’s mother), Dottie Graham (friend of Jim and Marilyn Bidwell), Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Peter Russell, David Neyer, Lois Kerr, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Colleen Long, Lavona Osborne, Richard Shugert. Mission Co-Workers Michael and Rachel Ludwig, Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, Westminster Presbyterian, Bay City, MI, Evangelical Church in Kalimantan and Commission on Aging.

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 have sinned 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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Postlude in D Minor"

Lani Smith

Notes:

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox, John Monahan and Andrew Miller

Offering:

If you are joining us for worship in-person and would like to give an offering, please place your offering in the offering plate. You can also give your pledge, per capita payment, or offering by mailing it to the church office: First Presbyterian Church, 1250 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, 48858. You can also give an offering by going to the church’s website, www@fpcmp.org and hit the “Give Now” button or use the QR Code,



Phone calls to the church office are being transferred to Andrew Miller's cellphone.

Ways to stay connected: phone calls, Facebook, Facetime, Skype, Zoom, send a card or note, pray with and for one another, join an Outreach Cluster.

The ICDC needs recycled newspapers. If you have newspapers to be recycled please drop them off at the church office.

At this time, the church will not be collecting plastic grocery bags or plastic containers. We apologize for any inconvenience.

If you join us for in-person worship, please wear a mask, social distance, and use the hand sanitizing stations.