

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MT. PLEASANT, MI

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
November 22, 2020  
Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday  
10:30 AM Worship Service

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PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”  
Mary Jo Cox, piano

Lloyd Larson

WORDS OF GREETING *Psalm 107:1.*

One: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

**All: God’s steadfast love endures forever!**

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Anna Clare Miller

One: “I will search for my sheep,” says the Lord.

**All: Like lost lambs or scattered sheep,  
the Lord seeks us and calls us home.**

One: “I will gather them from far and near,” says the Lord.

**All: A cherished fold, a beloved flock,  
the Lord sustains us and gives us rest.**

One: “I will be their shepherd,” says the Lord.

**All: We listen for the voice of God who seeks us,  
and follow with devotion and gratitude!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION WITH MUSIC

CALL TO CONFESSION

*(Silent Confession)*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We should have seen you in the classmate on the playground whom we did not invite to join our game. Or in the stranger on the sidewalk whom we crossed the street to avoid. Or the neighbor at the nursing home, whom we left to carry her pain alone. We should have seen you in the man begging for work or a warm meal, in the woman struggling to overcome addiction, or the child seeking refuge from the terrors of violence. But instead, we turned away. Forgive us, Lord. Break our hearts for what breaks yours, and give us compassion and courage to respond to the suffering in our world. 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 25: 31-46

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

REFLECTION

“Questions”

Andrew Miller

Question of the Day: What does Jesus’ final parable in Matthew mean to you?

### 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

“Come, Ye Thankful People Come”  
Sarah Cox, horn

Brant Adams

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Rick Rodriguez (friend of Tim Fitzgerald), 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, First Presbyterian, Cass City, MI, Indonesian Protestant Church in Gorontalo and Isabella County Restoration House Rotating Homeless Shelter.

### 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

“Now Thank We All Our God”

David Barton

Notes:

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox, Sarah Cox, Anna Clare Miller 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@fcmp.org](http://www@fcmp.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.

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.