

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**October 24, 2021**  
**10:30AM**

PRELUDE

“Open My Eyes”  
Mary Jo Cox, piano

Fred Bock

WELCOME

HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”  
**What a friend we have in Jesus,**  
**all our sins and griefs to bear!**  
**What a privilege to carry**  
**everything to God in prayer!**  
**O what peace we often forfeit;**  
**O what needless pain we bear,**  
**all because we do not carry**  
**everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?**  
**Is there trouble anywhere?**  
**We should never be discouraged;**  
**take it to the Lord in prayer!**  
**Can we find a friend so faithful**  
**who will all our sorrows share?**  
**Jesus knows our every weakness;**  
**take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden,**  
**cumbered with a load of care?**  
**Precious Savior, still our refuge;**  
**take it to the Lord in prayer!**  
**Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?**  
**Take it to the Lord in prayer!**  
**In his arms he'll take and shield thee;**  
**thou wilt find a solace there.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
(Silent Confession)

**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. Heal us of our blindness, O Lord, for it is a blindness we have chosen. We close our eyes when faced with suffering of the world, turn our gaze away from the needs of our neighbors, and blur our faces in the mirror, lest we recognize your image. Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. Heal us of our blindness, and open our eyes to the beauty of your grace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

RESPONSE

“Glory Be To The Father”  
**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen, amen.**

CHILDREN’S OFFERING; BLESSING

**Congregation: May the Lord go with you as you worship and learn together.**

Children: May the Lord be with you as you worship here.

**Congregation: Go in peace.**

Children: We go in peace. Amen.

*During the response to the Passing of the Peace, PreK through 5th grade children are invited to come forward for the blessing. After the blessing, they will be dismissed for Children and Worship.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 10:46-52

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

ANTHEM

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Robert Buckley Farlee

REFLECTION

“A Blind Man and Faith”

Andrew Miller

Question of the day: What can the faithfulness of Bartimaeus’ teach us about discipleship?

HYMN

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”  
**My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray;  
take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY AND 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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”  
**Walking behind to hem my journey,  
 going ahead to light my way,  
 and from beneath, above, and all ways:  
 O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

POSTLUDE

“Praise!”

Gilbert Martin

Notes:

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox and Andrew Miller

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

STORYTELLER  
 GREETER

Megan Goodwin  
 Wilson Gyasi

Worship is...

One beautiful image of worship comes from the 19th century Danish philosopher and theologian Soren (Sorin) Kierkegaard. Kierkegaard describes worship a drama or theatre. The worship leaders (Mary Jo, the choir and the liturgist when we have one, and Andrew) are the conductors, the congregation (those sitting in the pews or in your lawn chairs, or in the comfort of your home) are the actors, and God...God is the audience. God is the recipient of our worship. Worship is not about us. It is all meant to be for and about God. So, at the end of worship please refrain from clapping. The hope and prayer are that God is giving us all a standing ovation or a round of applause for how we have worshiped God today. Instead of clapping at the end of worship consider sharing a phrase of praise such as an “Amen”, “Thanks be to God”, or “Alleluia”.

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Suzanne Hand, Dottie Theunissen, Rick Rodriguez (friend of Tim Fitzgerald), Mike Mitchell & JT Schmitt (Barb Lindley’s son-in-laws), Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Peter and Verna Russell, David Neyer, Lois Kerr, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Colleen Long, Lavona Osborne. Mission Co-Workers Michael and Rachel Ludwig, Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, Fraser Presbyterian, Cass City, MI, Union of Reformed Christian Calvinist Church in Croatia and the William E. Brockman Infant Pantry of Community Compassion Network.

Offering

If you are joining us for worship in-person and would like to give an offering, please place your offering in an 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](http://www@fpcmp.org) and hit the "Give Now" button or use the QR Code,



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

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If you do not use the coupons from your Sunday newspaper, please bring them to the church office and we will share them with Community Compassion Network.