

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 25, 2022**  
**10:30AM**

PRELUDE

*Fairest Lord Jesus*  
Mary Jo Cox, piano

Ruth Elaine Schram

WORDS OF GREETING

One: Where does our help come?

**All: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

INTROIT

*Come Into God's Presence*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Lu Yardley

One: Jesus Christ is King of kings  
and Lord of lords.

**All: Jesus Christ, who rules over all things,  
gathers us in love.**

One: Jesus Christ is King of kings  
and Lord of lords.

**All: Let us offer our praise and thanksgiving!**

\*HYMN No. 307

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

(Silent Confession)

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of justice and righteousness, you lift up the lowly and fill the empty; yet we adore the high and mighty. You reach out to the poor; yet we ceaselessly pursue wealth. You talk about treasure in heaven; yet we want dollars in our accounts right now. Correct our misguided ways. Forgive our lack of generosity. Free us from striving for more and more. Change our hearts so that we can tend to things that matter and find our life in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*RESPONSE No. 581

*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

(projected overhead)

**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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 146

Amen. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Give Me Jesus*

Robert Lau

Mercedes Van Almen, soloist

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31

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

REFLECTION

“Rich Man and Lazarus”

Andrew Miller

Question of the day: How do you respond to the people who are dumped into your life?

\*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.**

\*HYMN No.766

*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

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PRAYER OF PEOPLE 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.**

\*HYMN No. 630

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE      *What Does the Lord Require of You*      Jim Strathdee

\*POSTLUDE      *Flourish on "Salzburg"*      Douglas Wagner

Notes:

\* Please stand in body and spirit.

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox; Mary Lu Yardley; the Chancel Choir; Andrew Miller

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

STORYTELLER

Megan Goodwin

GREETER

Wilson Gyasi

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Jaime Love (brother of Kevin Love), Louisa Ellis (Jeff & Cam Ellis' granddaughter), John Loubert, Olivia Geisthardt (friend of Anna Clare Miller), Linda Loubert (Pete Loubert's Step Mother), Suzanne Hand, Dottie Theunissen, Rick Rodriquez (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. Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, First Presbyterian, Croswell, MI, Presbyterian Church of Venezuela, and the Isabella Child Development Center.

### 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,



### **Understanding Who We are as Presbyterians**

What do Presbyterians think about salvation and being saved? Is the Bible literal? Are you going to heaven? Is Jesus "Lord" or just a good guy? Who is in charge? These topics and much more will be discussed as we read together, *Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt: A Theological*

*Survival Guide for Youth, Parents, and Other Confused Presbyterians.* By the way, the “Bible Belt” is more than a geographical region.

Rev. Andrew Miller will lead this 5-week discussion on October 6, 13, 20, 27, and November 3 at either 10:00-11:00am OR 5:30pm-6:30pm. If interested, email Andrew ([AndrewMiller@fcmp.org](mailto:AndrewMiller@fcmp.org)) or sign-up on the bulletin board in the narthex of the sanctuary.