

First Presbyterian Church

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Celebrating our history, we look toward our future.



HOLY COMMUNION

The Order of Worship

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

August 6, 2017

WELCOME. We are delighted to have you with us this morning!
Following the service, please join us downstairs to meet others
and enjoy light refreshments.

As we enter the sanctuary, let us prepare for worship.

As you make the transition from “getting here”
to “being here,” we invite you to take these moments
to come fully into the presence of God and our faith community.

Listen and hear God speak to you...

Respond quietly to God...

Speak to one another in love...

Children’s activity bags are available.

Large Print Hymnals are available.

*Please rise as you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

One: Welcome to all brothers and sisters in the faith.

**NORTH SIDE: We come to celebrate God’s presence and
God’s love expressed through Jesus Christ.**

**SOUTH SIDE: We come remembering Christ’s life and
ministry and the life we are all called to live.**

**MEN: We come as pilgrim people searching for ways to live
out our faith.**

**WOMEN: We come seeking the strength to carry on our
journey of life.**

One: Come and let us rejoice together in God’s gift of grace,
truth, hope and love. Come, let us worship God!

***Hymn #401 “Here in This Place”**

***Prayer of Confession:**

One: We are people of worth and value,
created in the image of God.

When we honestly acknowledge the shame and guilt of our lives, there is a possibility of transformation and new life.

Therefore, let us share our burdens with God and one another...

All: Merciful God, we confess

**that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind
and strength.**

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,

**help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,**

**so that we might delight in your will and walk in
your ways. Amen.**

One: Our prayers continue in silence....

Amen.

***The Assurance of Pardon**

One: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive nor is there any hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.

All: God accepts us. God forgives us.

God sets us free for new life in Jesus Christ.

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

Through Christ by grace through faith, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Celebration of Our Pardon #649 “Amazing Grace” (verse 1)**

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.*

***The Peace**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Jesus Christ,

All: Let us forgive one another.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the signs of peace with one another.

*You are invited to greet those around you
with words and signs of God’s reconciling peace.*

Time with Young Disciples

All children are invited to the chancel for our Time with Young Disciples. Your child may be more comfortable if you come along.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Exodus 14, 16 and 17 (*selected verses*)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “*Looking Back; Looking Forward*”

***Hymn #305** “*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*”

***Affirmation of Faith**

- Based on the congregation’s Mission Statement and Core Values

Following Christ, we the members of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings strive to love and serve the world so that all may grow in faith and experience true joy.

In our life together, we value:

**moving and engaging worship,
openness in decision-making,
deep, life-giving relationships,
our historic church building,
our 150-year history that is part of our identity,
serving our community through mission,
the courage to take risks,
and the ability to persevere.**

Celebrating our history,

we look toward our future to which God is calling us.

Amen.

Reception of Tithes & Offerings

***Offertory Response**

Hymn #607 “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is indeed right.... *(the prayer continues)*

The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion will be served by intinction. You are invited to come forward to receive the elements. If you are unable to move forward the servers will come to you in your pew.

Prayer following the Meal

Gracious God,

you have so greatly loved us,

long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.

**May this meal strengthen us in your grace,
that as we walk our earthly way with our Risen
Lord, our love might be Christ's love, reaching out
to the world with the tender hands of your mercy.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

***Hymn #687** *"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

THIS SERVICE is broadcast each Sunday on station KDWA 1460 AM/97.7 FM, and is lived streamed on www.kdwa.com

Volunteers This Morning:

Greeters: Lee and Marcia Rash

Usher: Brenda Reiter

Lay leader: Becky Tiefenbruck

Communion Server: Brenda Reiter

Prayer Requests/Prayer Chain: Prayer requests can be written on the blue cards found in the pew racks. If you would like the confidential prayer chain of FPCH to continue in prayer for your request, write that on the card. Pass the card to the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers during the Time With Young Disciples. You may contact the prayer chain at any time by contacting the Deacon listed on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall.

Ministers: Every member of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Steve Robertson

Lead Musician: Pat Dymacek, **Pianist:** Karen Altpeter

Session: Karen Altpeter, Dennis Brown, Mary Crawmer, David Hume, Brenda Reiter, Grant Tiefenbruck (Clerk of Session)

Deacons: Carolyn Blumeyer, Margaret Brown, Sonia Christian, Helen Ott, Shannon Stenzel, Becky Tiefenbruck

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Announcements

This morning we welcome the Rev. Steve Robertson as our Transitional Pastor. Steve can be reached anytime by phone or text at 612-655-7594 or by email at stevempls@icloud.com. Pick up one of his business cards and post it on your desk or near your phone at home.

Looking Ahead...

It's time to collect school supplies for HFS. Lists of needed items are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. They are due at the church **NEXT Sunday, August 13!**

Mark your calendars now for our annual Worship in the Park service. It will be August 27th at Schaar's Bluff in Spring Lake Park. Of course there will be potluck!