

August 1, 2021 ~ 10th Sunday after Pentecost
Communion

Welcome and Announcements ~ Jan Lapenta

Prelude ~ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: God welcomes us all to worship and the table.

People: For we do not live by bread alone, but by the Word of God.

Leader: Inviting and blessing all who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

People: promising that they will be filled and given the love of God,

Leader: today we worship this God who satisfies us.

People: Holy is the Lord God who supplies for our physical and spiritual needs.

Amen.

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

**Hymn #836 ~ "Abide with Me" (verses 1,3,5)*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Jesus, you feed our bodies and our souls. You give us life and life abundantly. For the times when we have instead gone to things that will not satisfy us, forgive us Lord. As we come to your table and your loving presence, may we again see you as the Bread of Life who enables us to live and thrive. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #743 ~ *"O God, You Are My God"*

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus ~ *"I Love This Family"* (arr. C. Bowes)

*I love this family of God, so closely knitted into one,
They've taken me into their midst and I'm so glad to be a part of this great family.*

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Special Music ~ *"Communion Prayer"* (A. Pote) ~ Singers

Christian Scripture ~ John 6:24-35

Message- *"Bread of Life"*

*Hymn #525 ~ *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

Community at Prayer

Prayer Preparation ~ *"Meet Me Here"*

*Meet me here. Find me in my wanderings.
Meet me here. Deep within my soul.*

The Lord's Prayer ~ *in unison*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ~ *responsive*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

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

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

"All Belong Here"~ (L. Rand/H. Rand) as recorded by The Many

Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.

Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.

At this table come as you are, broken and bleeding's ok.

At this table eat and be filled, come and drink in this grace.

*Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.
Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.*

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn #834 ~ *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

*Benediction

*Choral Response #616 ~ *"Our God Is an Awesome God"*

*Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!*

Postlude

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Next Sunday, August 8, 2021, St. Paul's will be joining with our sister churches for the annual Worship in the Park! The service will be at Mies Park, across from Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church and will begin at 10:30AM! So please, bring a lawn chair and be prepared to enjoy a morning of worship and fellowship! A free will offering will benefit Cass Community Social Services. Lunch will be available for purchase from "The Iron Food Truck" (waffled cuisine) after the service!! (Menu available on their website). There will be NO service, either in person or live streamed from St. Paul's.

The Livonia Community Theatre will present Neil Simon's "The Star Spangled Girl" on Thursday, August 12, Friday, August 13, and Saturday, August 14 at 7:30PM with an additional performance on Saturday, August 14 at 2:00PM, all in St. Paul's Social Hall. Suggested donation is \$15.00. Tickets and further information at livoniacommunitytheatre.org.

From Kathy Potter..."Children's Sunday School classes will be offered again beginning August 15th! After Children's Time, children aged 3 through 5th grade are invited to exit the sanctuary for Sunday School with the teachers. We will meet in Room 11. Parents can pick their children up following worship."

From Ben Bonandrini..."WANTED!! Bowlers are needed for the St. Paul's bowling league. Participation is open to all congregation members and their family and friends. The primary purpose is for fellowship and fun. Bowling talent and skill is optional. You only need to be able to roll a bowling ball to be a welcome member of a team. We bowl on Monday evenings at Oak Lanes. If you are interested or need additional information, please contact me on (313) 702-1146 or by email at bbonandrini@yahoo.com."

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

Gail Artinian, Ron Frank, Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Joyce Barton
Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Nola Bonandrini, Nancy Saunders
Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Anita Falk, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant
Bruce Phillips, Patricia Hutchison, Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; The Dylegowski Family ~ friends of Jan Burgess
Mark Feely ~ friend of Judy McGregor; Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham
Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck; Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian
Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham; Mark Osborne ~ son of Janet
Diane Calloway & Tony S. ~ cousins of Gail Artinian; MaryAnn Tabaka ~ mother of Suzanne
Eric Tabaka ~ nephew of Suzanne; Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Nola & Ben; Zoe Marcus ~ friend of Karen Erwin
Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook; Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips
Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo; Leslie Benoit ~ daughter of the late Tamar and Jim Duthie
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.

836 Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!
 earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see.
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

By blending end of day and end of life, the imagery of this well-known Victorian hymn has made it valuable for both evening services and funerals. Although the author wrote his own music for it, the present tune has been firmly associated with this text for over 150 years.

Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

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 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshippers' experience.

834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me
2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near; when my life is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I

light; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

This black gospel song, like much hymnody, sprang out of the author's deep personal loss (the death of his wife and newborn son), yet it has brought solace to many. He thought his fingers were playing new music, but they unlocked a deep memory of a tune almost a century old.