

October 8, 2023 ~ 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music ~ Karen Danke, guest

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Sing unto the Lord a new song!

People: Sing unto the Lord all the Earth.

Leader: For the Lord is good and God's mercy endures forever.

People: God's faithfulness endures through all generations. Amen.

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

**Hymn ~ "Holy Is the Lord" (L. Giglio/C. Tomlin)*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Lord, in your mercy forgive us our sins. The sins that we have willfully done and the good we have left undone. Bring us back to your loving arms and ways.

Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #71 ~ *"Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me"* (refrain)

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stong-hold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

Passing the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus ~ *"Shout to the Lord"* (refrain)

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King; Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand, nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Offering Prayer

**Doxology#606 ~ "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Avery & Marsh)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Isaiah 5:1-7

Special Music ~ *Seekers of Your Heart*” (M. Tunney, D. Tunney; arr. J. Rouse) ~
Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ Matthew 21:33-46

Message ~ “A Father and a Vineyard”

*Hymn #627 ~ “*I Love You, Lord*” (x2)

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

Prayer Preparation ~ “*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*”
Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.

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.

*Hymn ~ “*In Christ Alone*”

*Benediction

*Choral Response ~ “*You Shall Go Out with Joy*”
You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there’ll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

Postlude

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CROP Hunger Walk – TODAY at Garden City Presbyterian Church. Registration for walkers begins at the church at 1:45PM. When you walk in the **CROP Hunger Walk**, you are raising money to help fight hunger, but you are also walking in solidarity with all of those people around the world who are walking for food, for water and for firewood each day. The CROP Hunger Walk is truly about us all fighting hunger in many ways throughout the world! Come walk with us.

St. Paul's will be closed **TOMORROW**, Monday, October 9, 2023 in observance of **Indigenous Peoples Day**.

The Celebration Choir will participate in the Grace Bible Chapel Anniversary Service on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 3:00PM. All are invited to the service at 27345 Schoolcraft Rd., Redford 48239. (SE corner of Schoolcraft and Inkster- former VFW Hall)

The Great Pumpkin Fall Fun Fest will be **October 21st** from **4-6pm!** All our favorites will be happening...Trunk or Treat, Holy Ghost Weiner Roast, Wart on a Warthog (with Playdoh instead of gum!) and much more! There will be a **raffle** for some fun fall prizes! All the kids get a free raffle ticket, but if you bring a **canned good to donate to the hungry in our community**, you get an **extra ticket!** The whole family is encouraged to come with their families, in costume if you like, to have an amazing time celebrating this beautiful season that God has fashioned for our enjoyment!

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- 1) Bring your car to be a part of **Trunk or Treat!** You can decorate or not, but bring treats for at least 50! Sign up in the lobby!
- 2) Or...plan to **help with activities & games inside or out.** Sign up in the lobby!
- 3) **Donate**...fall refreshments, hot dogs, buns, a cornstalk bundle, a bale of straw, 5 small white/gray pumpkins or 5 small orange pumpkins, a few large pumpkins for decoration, a bag of Tootsie Pops. Contact Kathy Potter, at 313-719-8467 or christianeducator@stpaulspresbyterian.church if you plan to donate any of these items!
- 4) **Get the word out!!!** Share it with your friends, family, neighbors!! If you have a neighborhood website, put it out there!
- 5) **Pray for children & families to come out to hear of the good news God has given us in Jesus!**

From the Faith Formation Committee...

You are invited to **Prayer Gatherings** to pray for our church, leadership, ministries and members as well as other concerns for 25 minutes on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. We meet at 6:30PM online at [Hangouts Meet](#) via meet.google.com/ztu-mbuj-urm or by phone at +1 321-465-4985 PIN: 715 347 297# or prior to meetings in person in Room 11. We pray together, silently or aloud, depending upon your comfort level and God's leading, then close together with the Lord's Prayer. Anyone who is attending a meeting will have ample time to arrive on time to the 7PM meetings, so come a little early to join in prayer. We will also receive any specific prayer requests! These can be emailed to christianeducator@stpaulspresbyterian.church by 5pm on the day of the Prayer Gathering or you can call Kathy Potter at 313-719-8467.

"For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them." Matthew 18:20. All are welcome to come pray together. If you are unable to come, please set aside that or another time at home or wherever you are to pray for our church family, our ministries, leadership, and the community that God has called us to serve.

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Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE



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