

November 14, 2021 ~ 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements ~ Jan Lapenta

Prelude ~ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd.

People: God leads us by still waters and through dark times,

Leader: and our God will restore our souls.

People: Today we enter the house of the Lord to praise him and learn together.

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

*\*Hymn #223 ~ "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Jesus we come to your presence seeking your forgiveness and care. You are the Way the Truth and the Life. Yet we confess that we have strayed from your way and call for us. Forgive us and guide us back to you we pray. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #627 ~ *"I Love You, Lord"*

*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.*

*Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

Passing the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #626 ~ *"As the Deer"*

*As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.*

*You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.*

*You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.*

*You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.*

Offering Prayer

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Isaiah 43:1-7

Special Music ~ “No, Not Despairingly” (Kedron, B. Burroughs) ~ Ringers

Christian Scripture ~ Philippians 1:1-11

Message ~ “The God Who Walks with Us”

\*Hymn #741 ~ “Guide My Feet”

Community at Prayer

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 #740 ~ “Lead Me, Guide Me”

\*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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A donation to the Board of Deacons Hunger Ministries was gratefully received from Jan Sandin in honor of her 3 (and soon to be 4!) great grandchildren.

*Livonia Community Theatre presents...“ALMOST, MAINE, a series of nine amiably absurdist vignettes about love, with a touch of good-natured magic realism...witty, romantic, unsentimental. A beautifully structured play, with nifty surprise endings (most but not all of them happy).”*

November 19, 20 @ 7:30PM; November 21 @ 2:30PM. Tickets are \$15.00 and available on the Livonia Community Theatre website - click on “Box Office”

Masks will be required for all show attendees regardless of vaccination status.

and... *"Home for the Holidays,"* a benefit concert on Sunday, December 12 @ 4:00PM featuring the award winning A Cappella Vocal Group *TBD*. Tickets are \$15.00 and available on the Livonia Community Theatre website - click on *"Box Office"*

From Kathy Potter...ROMANS 12:4 : Cookies for Crossroads Farm  
December 12, following worship in the Social Hall

We will gather for a meal, Christmas carols & packaging up 125 Christmas cookie decorating kits for the rural youth served by Crossroad Farms in western Michigan! Lunch will be prepared by the VanEcks! There will be a freewill offering available to cover the cost of the meal. Everyone is invited!

We will be requesting assistance from anyone who would be willing to bake large, plain sugar cookies to be bagged by the dozen in gallon ziploc baggies. They can be Christmas shaped or round, but NOT decorated, as we are making cookie-decorating kits, for the youth to decorate themselves! We need 125 dozen. Cookies can be brought in Sunday, December 12th, bagged & ready to be boxed & included in the kit.

Please sign up by Tuesday, December 7th in the church lobby or by responding to this invitation. Indicate how many will be participating on Sunday, so we can plan for the meal. Also indicate if you will be willing to bake and how many dozen you can provide.

If baking isn't your thing, Gordon Food Service has Christmas shaped sugar cookies ready to bake in boxes of 6 dozen!!! No mixing! Just bake, cool & bag!

On Sunday, the 12th, we will be boxing cookies, bagging sprinkles, and assembling the decorating kit for gifting! Crossroads Farm is a Christian ministry to at-risk rural youth in Western Michigan. These cookie decorating kits are added to other gifts donated by a variety of groups and individuals to form a Christmas package given to each of the youth served by this ministry at their annual Christmas party. We always have a wonderful time of fellowship & service as we prepare to bless and encourage these youth. I hope you will plan to join us!

**From the Board of Deacons...**Do you have someone or something to celebrate? You can share your joy with your St. Paul's family, help feed the hungry, and honor the person or object of your celebration with a tribute gift to the Board of Deacons Hunger Ministries. Tribute gifts may also be in memory of someone or something, or your donation can simply be a gift to the Hunger Ministries. An acknowledgement will be placed in the bulletin and e-Branch. No set amount is required, and acknowledgements will go in the bulletin as soon as possible after checks are received. Donations may not be made far in advance for future dates.

To donate, please:

- **Make your check payable to: St. Paul's Board of Deacons**
- In the Memo line, write: Hunger Ministries
- Enclose a note with: Donor(s) Name(s) and the dedication. (Dedication examples: In honor of the first responders. In honor of our grandchildren. In memory of my parents).

Send the donation with your check and note to St. Paul's, drop it in the secure mailbox outside the entrance, or bring it to the church during office hours. The Board of Deacons appreciates the congregation's generous spirit. Let's feed each other spiritually, and the hungry, literally. May the peace of Christ be with us all."

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers* 

Meta Tulley, 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, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant  
Bruce Phillips, Patricia Hutchison, Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff  
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock; Tony Peraino ~ father-in-law of Steve Boyak  
Finley Farquhar ~ granddaughter of Eric; Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel  
Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen; 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 the late 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.**

## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.

## Guide My Feet

741

1 Guide my feet while I run this race;  
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;  
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

2 Hold my hand ...

5 Search my heart ...

3 Stand by me ...

6 Guide my feet ...

4 I'm your child ...

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1–2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.

## 740 Lead Me, Guide Me

Capo 1: (D) Refrain E<sup>b</sup> (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (Em) Fm 3

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

(A) B<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 3 (D) E<sup>b</sup> 3

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

(A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (B7) C7 (Em) Fm (D) E<sup>b</sup> (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (D) E<sup>b</sup> Fine

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(D) E<sup>b</sup> 3 (B7) C7 (Em) Fm (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (Em) Fm

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me

(A) B<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (D7) E<sup>b</sup>7

o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your

(Em) Fm (D) E<sup>b</sup> (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (D) E<sup>b</sup> to Refrain

face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "I" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.