



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
16th Sunday after Pentecost // 10:00am  
September 25, 2022

**ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE**

INTROIT *Come, Let Us Gather* Traditional

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE *Wayfaring Stranger* arr. Mark Hayes

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We live in the shelter of God and are protected by God's shadow.

**All: God is our refuge and strength in whom we trust.**

One: God covers us with strong wings as a mother hen covers her chicks.

**All: God's angels watch over us in all our ways.**

One: Let us worship the one true God who deserves our thanks and praise.

**\*HYMN** #22 *God of the Sparrow*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: Like the prophet Jonah, we all have times when we wish God would just leave us alone. Let us confess together our lack of trust in God's grace.

**All: Merciful God, heavenly parent of us all, forgive our pride-filled, stubborn ways. We make ourselves the center of our universe and neglect to care for the poor, the sick, the weak, the prisoners, and the sorrowful. You are the only One who can guide us to the right paths on our journey through life. Forgive us for not giving ourselves over completely to your loving hands.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

Cantor: Kyrie eleison, *Lord, have mercy.*

**All: Kyrie eleison.**

Cantor: Christe eleison, *Christ, have mercy.*

**All: Christe eleison.**

Cantor: Kyrie eleison, *Lord, have mercy.*

**All: Kyrie eleison**

## \*ASSURANCE OF LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

#740 *Lead Me, Guide Me*

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

### ANTHEM

*Dona Nobis Pacem*

Dave and Jean Perry

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### TIME WITH CHILDREN *So Glad You're Here*

**I'm so glad you're here**

**I'm so glad you're here**

**I'm so glad you're here, here today! (x2)**

**We're gonna \*sing while we're here**

**We're gonna \*sing while we're here**

**We're gonna \*sing while we're here, here today! (x2)**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE

Jonah 1; Romans 8:31-39

### SERMON

*We're Being Followed*

Rev. Carol Bechtel

**\*HYMN #833 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go***

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Some choose to begin this prayer, "Our Creator" or "Our Parent."*

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.

#473    *Shepherd Me, O God*

### THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND LIVES

**\*DOXOLOGY**      #606      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **\*PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**    #828    *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

### **\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Carol Bechtel

### **CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

Theodore DuBois

**Worship Leaders:** Rev. Linda Male, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Rev. Dr. Carol Bechtel,  
Chuck Norris, FPC Choir, Darren Parker, Linda Clark, Beth Magennis. **Thanks to:** Technical  
Support Team, Greeters and Ushers, Bus Drivers, and M&M Café Providers

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Guest Preacher** // This morning we welcome Rev. Dr. Carol Bechtel to the pulpit. Dr. Bechtel is a professor at Western Theological Seminary and the author of the current Presbyterian Women's Bible Study. You're invited to join her after the service for adult education at 11:15 in the Michigan Room.

**Church Directory** // We are in the process of updating the church directory. If your contact information is outdated (address, phone number or email address) please call or email Hannah in the office -or- simply update your information when signing the red Friendship Pad. Thank you!

**Child and Youth Safety Policy Training** // **\*Rescheduled\*** Our required (very brief) annual training on the FPC Child and Youth Safety Policy will take place on **Sunday, October 2 at 9:30am in the Michigan room**. Training will take only a few minutes and includes completing forms for a state background check. Everyone who works with children and youth at FPC in any capacity is required to renew this training yearly. If you volunteer in nursery, celebration time, Worship Center, youth group, or as a youth mentor, please plan to attend. If you want to learn more about ways you can get involved working with the children and youth of our church, talk with anyone on Spiritual Growth Council (Jon McFadyen, Amy VanderMeer, Sandy Peterson, Chris Urbaniak, Cassie Kregger, Lauren Stouffer, Lori Klinesteker, or Rev. Paul Van Kempen)

**Young Families** // Sunday, October 2 at 12:30pm we will meet at Crane's Orchard for lunch and apple picking. We hope you can join us!

**Holland Community Theatre** // Join us Friday, October 14th at 7:30pm for another production at HCT: *California Suite*, a Comedy by Neil Simon. Four comedic scenarios play out at a hotel. Divorced couple Hannah and Bill argue over custody of their daughter. An actress frets over her Oscar nomination as her gay husband comes out of the closet. A businessman finds a comatose prostitute in his bed. And two competitive doctors settle their differences with a free-for-all tennis game. Sign-up in the church lobby. Tickets are \$15per person. Optional dinner at 5:30pm at the Curraugh. See Chris Urbaniak with any questions.

**Art in the Church** // We are hoping to put up a new display of art in early October related to Pastor Paul's "Birds" sermon from earlier this summer. If you have a favorite photo or sculpture of birds in the Bible such as eagles, sparrows, pigeons, doves or other birds that are meaningful to you please you're your contribution off in the church office (work will be stored in the choir room and will be secure. If you have questions you can contact Jan Brashler.



# Presbyterian Women's Bible Study Kick off Event

## Saturday, October 8th 9:00 am-12 noon

**\*Continental breakfast & beverages available**

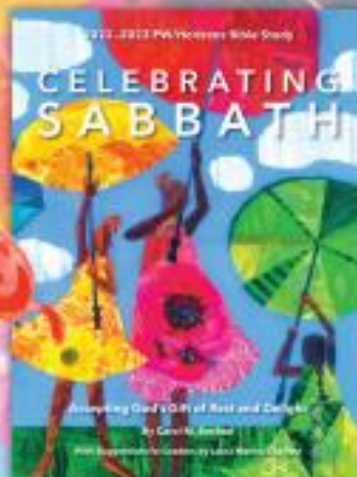


Author and Speaker  
Carol M. Bechtel, an ordained minister, is Professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary in Holland Michigan. Carol is the author of the 2022-2023 *Celebrating Sabbath - Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*. It will be a morning of refreshing for all women!

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**Register by October 1, 2022  
Call the Office 616-363-6864  
Or go online: [nppchurch.org](http://nppchurch.org)**

**FREE EVENT!**



# Kyrie

Carlos Yo Juego

Voice 1

Ky- ri- e e- le- i- son,

Voice 2

Ky- ri- e e- le- i- son,

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Chri- ste e- le- i- son,

Chri- ste e- le- i son,

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Ky- ri- e e le- i- son.

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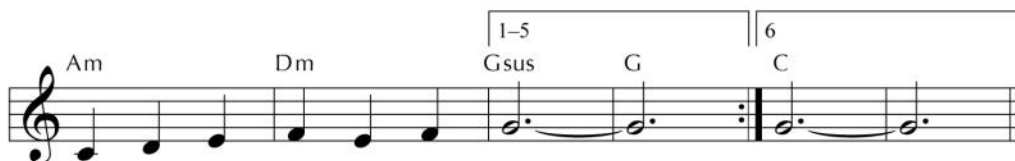
## God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the  
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the  
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the  
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the  
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the  
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe  
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace  
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care  
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love  
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise  
 How does the crea - ture cry Save  
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
 How does the crea - ture say Life  
 How does the crea - ture say Peace  
 How do your chil - dren say Home

## 740

## Lead Me, Guide Me

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

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 (D) E<sup>b</sup>

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> (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.

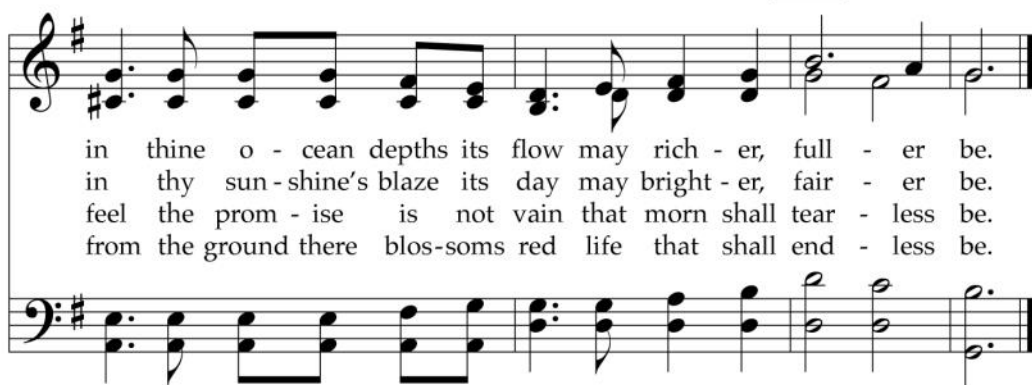
# O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 833



1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my  
 2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my  
 3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not  
 4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not



wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that  
 flick-ering torch to thee; my heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, that  
 close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, and  
 ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and



in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.  
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.  
 feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.  
 from the ground there blos-soms red life that shall end - less be.

# Shepherd Me, O God

(Psalm 23)

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Capo 1: (Em) Refrain Fm (C) D<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup>

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

(Bm7) (C) (Am7) (Bm7) (Em)  
Cm7 D<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m7 Cm7 Fm

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

*Leader stanzas included in Accompaniment Edition*

## PSALM 23

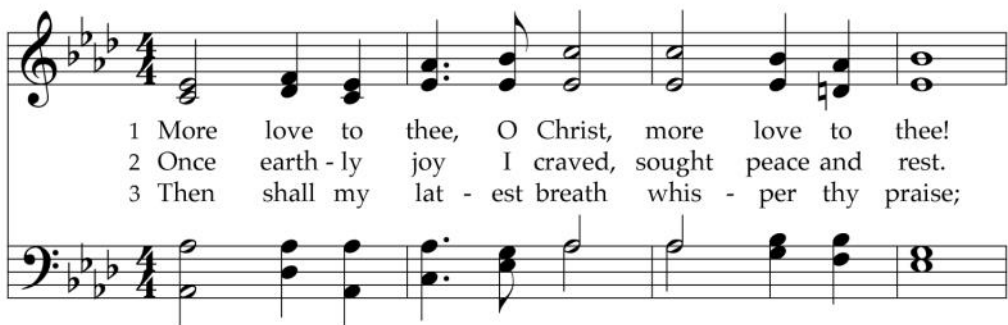
### Refrain

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures.**  
**He leads me beside still waters.**  
*Refrain*
- 3 He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.
- 4 **Even though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I fear no evil,  
for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**  
*Refrain*
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.
- 6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house  
of the LORD forever.** *Refrain*

## PSALM PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd,  
in the waters of Baptism you give us  
birth,  
and at your table you nourish us with  
heavenly food.  
In your goodness and mercy,  
lead us along safe paths,  
beyond the terrors of evil and death,  
to the house of the Lord  
where we may rest securely in you  
forever.  
**Amen.**

# 828 More Love to Thee, O Christ



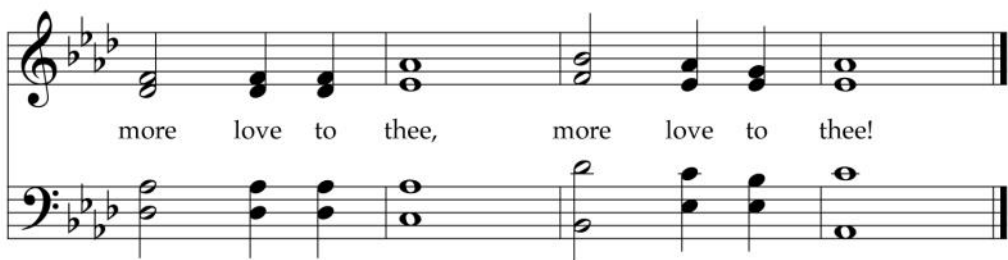
1 More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!  
 2 Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.  
 3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;



Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee.  
 Now thee a - lone I seek; give what is best.  
 this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise.



This is my ear - nest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee;  
 This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;  
 This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;



more love to thee, more love to thee!