



*Worshipping, serving, and living with a fresh vision of
God's vibrant energy and grace for all.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 1, 2024 // 10am

CENTERING WORDS

Creator of this world,
We work. We watch. We wait for you.
Come down. Come in. Come among us.

God of this life,
We labor. We look. We long for you.
Come down. Come in. Come among us.

Lord of this moment,
We strive. We serve. We search for you.
Come down. Come in. Come among us...
That we may dwell in you, and you in us...forever.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Sonata Op. 13 in C minor, 2nd mvt.

Beethoven

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING

One: The God of life be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

GATHERING SONG #70 *What Does the Lord Require of You?*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God said, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

All: But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord."

One: Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

All: And I will give you rest."

One: We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors,

All: Let us worship God this day!

***HYMN #36** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: We are workers, God, just like you.

But we confess that our actions
do not always affirm and honor each other.

Our work is not always done in a spirit of wisdom.

We confess that, on some occasions,
we have bought goods made by people who are paid too little
or work in unsafe conditions.

We admit that we have failed to end an unjust system
in which some workers have jobs that provide good wages and benefits
while others may have no job,
or one that pays little and provides few benefits.

**All: Creator God,
help us to be your people,
working for a world where all workers are valued.**

One: A world where those who clean houses

All: are also able to buy houses to live in.

One: A world where those who grow food

All: can also afford to eat their fill.

One: And one where those who serve and care for others –

**All: in stores, schools, hotels, restaurants, nursing homes,
and many other places**

One: are, themselves, also served and cared for.

**All: A world where all workers everywhere
share in the abundance that you have given us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Come all you Children (Uyai Mose)

All: Come all you children;
come and praise your maker!
(x3)
Come now and worship the Lord.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Breastplate of St. Patrick

Wendell Kimbrough

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 15

James 1:17-27

One: Word of God for the people of God;

All: thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

*HYMN #700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

As we sing the hymn, you are invited to bring forward the symbols of your vocation!

PRAYER FOR OUR LABORS

One: Whether we work at home, or at school,
in a factory or an office,
indoors or out of doors,
we give our work to you, Lord God.

All: Whether we work alone, or with others,
with hand or brain,

**in a shop or a hospital,
we give out work to you, Lord God.**

One: Whether our work is paid or unpaid,
interesting or boring,
with computers or with people,

All: we give our work to you, Lord God.

One: Whether our work involves manufacturing or planning,
travelling or homemaking,
teaching, learning or caring,

All: we give our work to you, Lord God.

One: Whatever we do, give us a sense of wonder.
Whatever we make, give us a sense of achievement.
Whatever we build, grant us a sense of awe.
Whatever our work, grant us a share in your purpose.
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray,

All: Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

LIFE AT FIRST

Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you. If you have a prayer request that you would like shared in worship, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: Pray for those who are hungry.

All: Pray harder for those who will not feed them.

One: Pray for those who struggle each week to pay their bills.

All: Pray harder for the wealthy who do not care.

One: Pray for those who are homeless.

All: Pray harder for those who deny them shelter.

One: Pray for the sick and lonely.

All: Pray harder for those who will not give them comfort.

One: Pray for those who cry out for dignity.

All: Pray harder for those who will not listen.

One: Pray for those oppressed by unjust wages.

All: Pray harder for those who exploit them.

One: Pray for those who bear the yoke of prejudice.

All: Pray harder for those who discriminate against them.

One: Pray for those whose basic needs are denied.

All: Pray harder for public officials who cater to the greedy and ignore those bound unjustly. Amen.

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

All: 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #606

All: Praise God whose image we all bear.

Praise Christ whose mercy we all share.

Praise Spirit making justice grow.

One God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Gathering God, We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT 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.

SANCTUS #552

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION #553

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***HYMN #23** *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Marianne McBeth
Colleen Ball, Beth Magennis, FPC Choir, Rose Gifford

Thanks to: Sound and Video Tim Richardson, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers,
M&M Café Providers, Kate Overbeek and Nursery Care Providers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calling all FPC Musicians // One of the things I love about being the worship director is employing the various gifts of FPC members in our weekly worship. You are all so talented and it is lovely to see you using your gifts to worship God. But I can't highlight your gifts if I don't know what they are!

If you are a musician (of any skill level—all gifts can be used to worship God!), I would love it if you could fill out this brief survey so I can incorporate your gifts in the worship of the church.



FPC Musician Survey

Scan the QR code for a link to the survey.

Fall kick off potluck // Save the date for **September 8** following worship. The potluck will take place outside in the triangle area across the street from the church. Please bring a ***peanut and nut free*** dish to share. If your last name begins with ...

A-J please bring a main dish

K- R please bring a side dish

S-Z please bring a dessert

We are in need of volunteers to help set up and clean up. Look for sign-up sheets in the narthex.

Adult Education Opportunity // Beginning **Sunday, September 15**, you are invited to join us for a study of Christian Nationalism. What is it? What is a Biblical response to this movement? What practical responses can we adopt? We will meet in the Michigan Room at 11:15. Facilitator: Cathy Hoop.

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Kids Food Basket Farm at Ridge Point Church Event // Thursday September 19, we will have a group work day at Kids Food Basket Farm from 8:30-10:30am. 10 spots have been reserved for our group. The farm is located at 226 104th Ave., Holland, MI 49423.

How to sign up? Each person attending the shift should use the following link to sign up: <https://vhub.at/fpcsalley>. Click the link, and either create an account or log into an existing account. Once logged in, they will see a calendar showing your group shift. Click the shift and follow the instructions to complete registration. Please contact Tom Salley with any questions, salleyt@yahoo.com

Childrens Nursery // Do you enjoy seeing our children's faces on Sunday mornings? Would you like the opportunity to get acquainted with them? Perhaps you might enjoy spending more time with them a few times a year. We are looking to add more faces to our child care crew. Our volunteers are currently scheduled to serve approximately 6-8 times during the year. You will need to attend a brief training to receive information about our church Child Protection Policy and submit to a simple, confidential background check. After that you may choose when and how often you would like to be scheduled. If interested or if you have any questions, contact Sandy Peterson, ssb2peter@gmail.com and we'll let you know about the training in early September.

What Does the Lord Require of You? 70

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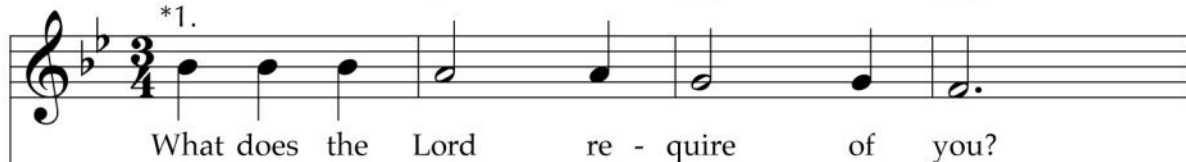
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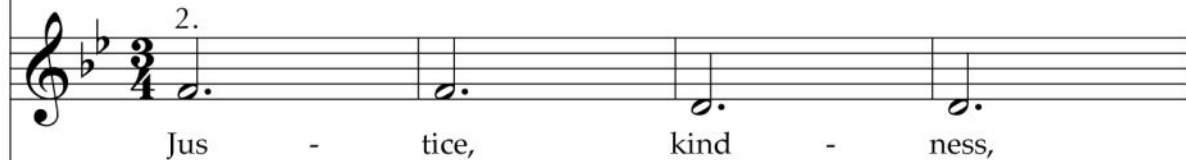
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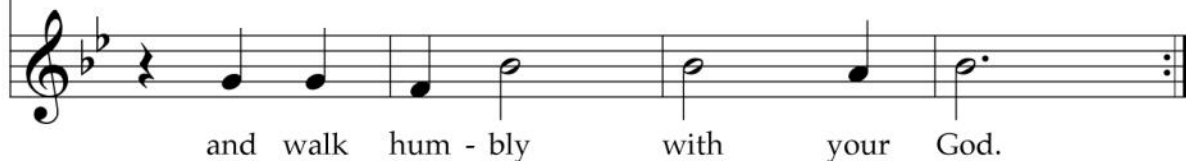
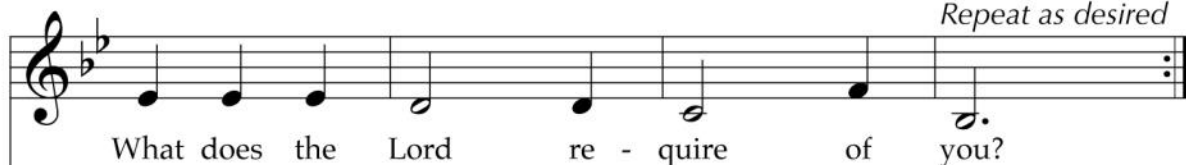
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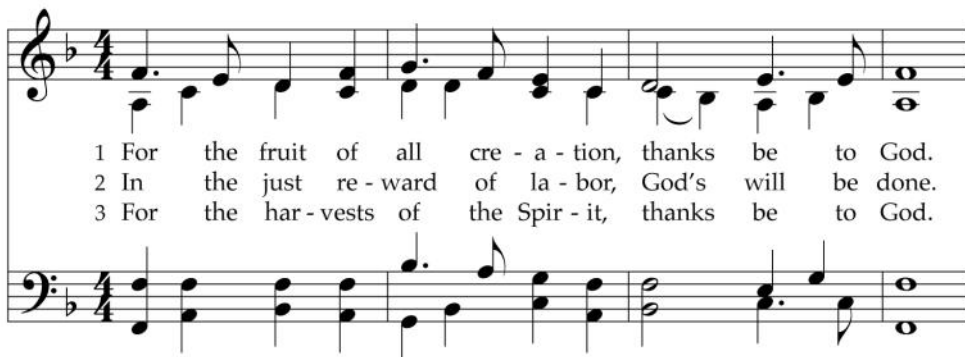
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For the Fruit of All Creation

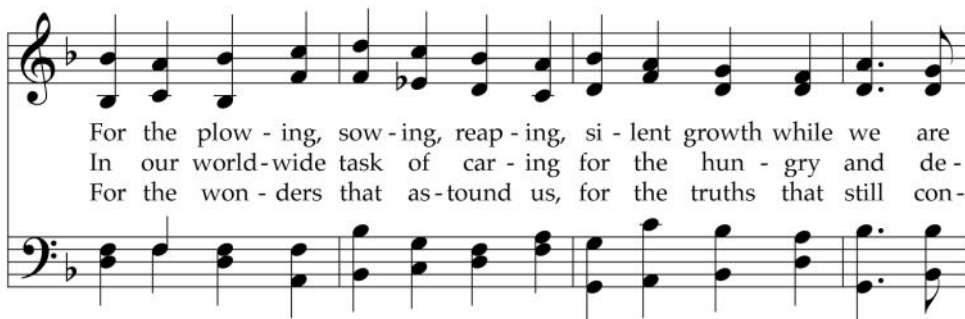
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1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time! (an - y - time!) I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time! (an - y - time!)
 (my Lord,)

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets 23

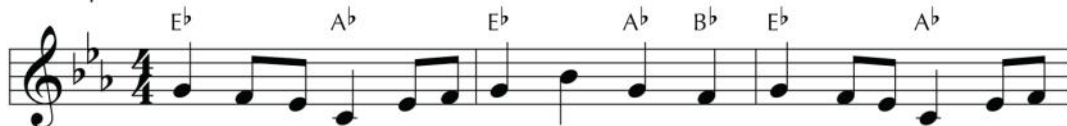
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1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and
2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and
3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to

(D) (A) (D) (Bm) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D)
Eb Bb Eb Cm Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb



spread the plain, mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, call forth
min - is - try. We re - spond in grate-ful wor-ship joined in
life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's

(G) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (A)
Ab Eb Bb Eb Ab Eb Bb



sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,
one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,
work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor-tion.

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (G) (A) (D) (G)
Eb Cm Gm Ab Bb Eb Ab



would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,
fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened
Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures

(D) (G) (A) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A) (D)
Eb Ab Bb Eb Ab Fm Eb Bb Eb



grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.
as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.
in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

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Class of 2026: Carleen Bauer, Bill Evenson, Cassie Kregger, Bruce Rosensteel.

Class of 2027: Jen Laux Ludwig, Tom Salley, Dave Zessin

Summer Worship Schedule

Children of all ages are encouraged and welcome to be with us during worship.
If you prefer an alternative:

- Nursery: Newborn - 3 years of age (main level)
- Celebration Time: 4 years of age through 1st grade are invited to attend following Children's Time within the Service; attached to the Nursery.
- Adult Class - Michigan Room - main level - 11:15am - Noon

All children and youth options are supervised with two adults who have been background checked and adhere to the Child & Youth Safety Policy.

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