

For Such a Time as This

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 29, 2024 // 10am

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

CENTERING WORDS: "...in the ordinary events of life, and sometimes in the not-so-ordinary events, in the coincidences and chance encounters of our days, we are called and claimed by God. And we may even, like Esther, find the courage to answer that call."

~ Kathryn M. Schifferdecker

PRELUDE

Improvisation

Max Reger

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING:

One: The God of Life be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

GATHERING SONG #474 Chorus *As a Child Rests*

All: **As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in you (x4)**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I am the church; you are the church.

All: **We are the church together.**

One: We depend on our long-time members to remember where we came from and where we have been.

All: **We are the church together.**

One: We depend on our children to retell our sacred stories as they grow.

All: **We are the church together.**

One: We depend on our new friends to ask us

why we do things this way and to suggest something new.

All: **We are the church together.**

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so. _____

One: We need each other to be the church.

All: **We are the church together.**

*HYMN #301 *Let Us Build a House*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Called to be your people, Living God - why do we find it so hard to answer?
You ask us to speak out against injustice,

All: **and we whisper because we are afraid someone might hear us.**

One: You ask us to see the pain and poverty around us,

All: **but we close our eyes.**

One: You tell us that everyone, and each one, is created in your image,

All: **yet we persist in noticing the differences between us and others.**

One: Forgive us, God of the Past and Creator of the Future.

All: **May we be the ones who go out into the world, bearing your gifts of peace, hope, healing, and joy to everyone who is broken, even as we have been made whole through the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Come All You Children

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

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ivy Elizabeth Coconour, daughter of Alana & Alan, sister of James
Baptismal Sponsor: Cassie Kregger

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe in God, the Creator almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Creator.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

THE BAPTISM

WELCOME

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE #488 *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

ANTHEM *See the Children Here Before Us* Jan McGuire

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Esther 4:1-17; 7:1-10; 9:20-22

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The Came for Me* Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

HYMN #340 *This Is My Song* (vs. 1-2)

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.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Fran Ford
Alana & Alan Coconour

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: We bring you only what is yours, Creator God, that you might use this offering and each of us for the building up of your realm and the glory of your name. Amen.

HYMN

Dare to Live the Dream God Gives You (Printed in the bulletin)

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

Today we are happy to welcome Rev. Dr. Barb Edema, grandmother of Ivy Coconour, to participate in the sacrament of baptism. In addition to Ivy's parents, brother, and great-grandmother, Mimi Keller, we celebrate that many of her family could be with us today: grandparents, Doug and Joanne Cocanour, and Doug Edema; aunts and uncle, Elise, Lauren, and Wesley Wright; and family friend, Sophie Placinta

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Janet Morrow,
Tim Staal, 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

Understanding Christian Nationalism // Meets at 11:15 this morning in the Michigan Room. Join us as we explore Christian Nationalism, Racism and White Supremacy. Visit christiansagainstchristiannationalism.org for more information and resources.

Sunday October 6 is World Communion Sunday // On World Communion Sunday we join with PC (USA) congregations in receiving the Peace & Global Witness Offering. This offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering for peacemaking efforts that align with their passion. The FPC Outreach Council has designated that 25% to be given to Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates, a local agency offering a unique service model that includes holistic case management, community education, and advocacy. LIA exists to bring stability to West Michigan families and communities through legal services, advocacy, and education. Learn more at Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates (lia-michigan.org)

World Communion Sunday // Imagine the communion table draped with fabrics from around the world! We know many of you are world travelers! Do you have something you could lend for Sunday, October 6?

Zadran Dedication Gifts // We will be participating in providing dedication gifts for the Zadran family in coordination with the First Reformed Church of Zeeland. We will fill a laundry basket filled with brand new cleaning supplies and home items, think Clorox wipes, Swiffer dusters and any items that are helpful to setting up a new home. There are two labeled collection baskets in the Outreach Kiosk. The date of the dedication ceremony has not been set, but we will share it when it is. Thank you!

Out on The Lakeshore Welcomes Jennifer! // Meet our new executive director! Jennifer Evans (she/her) brings a unique blend of experience and dedication to our organization, with a rich background in animal non-profits and veterinary medicine. Her leadership in a global LGBTQ+ Colleague Resource Group at a major corporation highlights her commitment to fostering inclusivity and support. Having recently relocated from Texas to Holland, Jennifer, along with her partner Penelope and their three wonderful children, is excited to embrace this new journey. Their household is also graced by Pacey, the charming Prince of Kitty Town. Jennifer's journey with OOTL began as a passionate volunteer, and she is now poised to lead us into an exciting future. Join us in welcoming Jennifer and look forward to the incredible advancements she will bring to Out On The Lakeshore!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacons will Provide Transportation and Handyman Services // One of several services offered to church members by the Deacons include rides to those who need them. We have a team of volunteer drivers who will pick you up, take you to appointments, wait for you until you've finished your business, then take you back home. A second service is available from a team of volunteer handymen from our church who will come to your location and perform help with most household repairs. Both services are free of charge. Please contact Deacon Tom Glover if you need transportation or a handyman, or simply more information Tom can be reached by phone at 616-994-6075 or e-mail at glovertn@gmail.com

Habitat workday // Our next workday is **Wednesday, October 9**. Contact Bill Haines with any questions wehaines@icloud.com

Lakeshore Habitat is starting up a new Family Friend program! We are hoping to partner local supporters of Lakeshore Habitat with Future Homeowners currently going through the Homeownership Program to walk alongside them and provide support and mentoring. Are you interested in being partnered with a future homeowner? Email our Homeowner Services Liaison Reni at, rhountras@lakeshorehabitat.org.

Save the Date // Join us **Sunday, October 13** at 2pm for Blessing of the Animals. More information to come.

Run For Your Life 5K // Join us for the Holland Free Health Clinic 15th annual Run For Your Life! The 5k fun run/walk is for participants of all ages and abilities and can be run or walked at any pace.

- > Participants are encouraged to use creativity by dressing in Halloween costumes.
- > Prizes will be awarded to the first male and female finishers and for most creative costumes.
- > Event proceeds support programs and services of Holland Free Health Clinic.
- > For more information about our mission and vision, please visit: hfhclinic.org
- > Event takes place **October 19th, 9am**
- > **Register online** <http://www.hfhclinic.org/run-for-your-life-5k.html>
- > **Cost is \$30** (by Oct 1st for T-shirt)
- > Late Registration \$35 (after Oct 12th)
- > Student Rate \$10 off, use code: RYFLSTUDENT2024
- > HFHC Patients Run for Free: If you receive HFHC services, email mail@hfhclinic.org for info.
- > **Lil' Pumpkins Run:** Kids 8 and under, will receive a medal for participating in this 2 block run at 8:45am. Suggested \$5 donation.

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B^b

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Refrain
(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

488 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
 make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

DARE TO LIVE THE DREAM GOD GIVES YOU

David Bjorlin, b.1984

HOLY MANNA
William Moore, fl. 1830

1. Dare to live the dream God gives you,
2. When the dread of doubt as - sails you,
3. Jour - ney on with true com - pan - ions,
4. Dare to live the dream God gives us,

seek out paths as yet un - known,
and the road re - mains un - clear,
join - ing hands and shar - ing bread,
brave the path, and face the fear,

for the Spir - it leads you on - ward,
yet our faith - ful God will guide you
for we share a com - mon jour - ney
for the Spir - it will u - nite - us;

and you nev - er walk a - lone.
through the doubt and dread of fear.
and in friend - ship we are fed.
Christ him - self is al - ways near.

Go in cour - age, walk - ing hum - bly, bear - ing
love none can de - stroy. Do - ing jus - tice,
lov - ing mer - cy, go with God, and go in joy.

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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

Children's Programming During Worship:

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. Available for the whole service.
- Celebration Time - 4 years of age through 1st grade. Available after Children's Time.

Education Offerings After Worship:

Education hour is from 11:15a -12:00p. *All are welcome to participate!*

- Adult Class - Michigan Room
- Youth - Youth Room
- Worship Center - PreK - 5th grade
- Nursery - Newborn through 3 years

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