



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 15, 2024 // 10am

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major BWV 924

J. S. Bach

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The God of life be with you!

All: And also with you!

GATHERING SONG #413 *Come into God's Presence*

All: Come into God's presence singing

**"Alleluia,
alleluia,
alleluia."**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the day our God has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: The heavens declare the glory of God—

All: Not in words but in a glorious, technicolor light show.

One: All creation sings praise in a wordless language to our good God.

All: Let us add our voice to the song--Praise God!

One: Come, let us worship!

*OPENING HYMN #17 *Sing Praise to God, You Heavens*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SONG OF CONFESSION

All Creatures Lament (Bulletin Insert)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

**Please stand if you are comfortable doing so. _____*

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.**

ANTHEM

From All that Dwell Below the Skies

Cindy Berry

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 19

One: The Word of God for the people of God;

All: thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Lost Words

Rev. Paul Van Kempen

SONG

Declaring Glory

Jon Guerra

When I was young
You woke me with the sound of song
The wind and rhythm drew me along
I echoed in the hymn of the dawn
I turned, and turned
This dance that all the planets learned
In circles, 'round the stars as they burned
I praise You as I orbit and turn

Chorus: Declaring glory, glory
Declaring glory, glory

The mountains rise
The forests grow before my eyes
The moments and the seasons in mind
Then turn again, embracing the tide
The waters fall
And carve their way across my soil
Their canyons cutting deep in my soul
I praise You while the rivers still roar

New life begins
Your creatures dance across my skin

Like me, they have Your Spirit within
But soon they fade away as I spin
They fall to dust
And dress me in decay and rust
Their secrets buried deep in my crust
I praise You in the layers of dust

All the rocks wear down
Beneath passing of the crowds
The rivers run until they run out
I praise You till my fire's run out

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, you can fill out a prayer card (found in the pew-backs) and put it in the offering plate. The ushers will deliver it to the pastors.

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**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Come, Lord Jesus, Send Your Spirit (Tune: RESTORATION)

**Sing: (All sing)
Come, Lord Jesus, send your Spirit
to renew the face of earth.
Come, Lord Jesus, send your Spirit,
to renew the face of earth.**

One: God of beauty and of justice,
we pray for the earth—
for restoration of soil, air, and water.

Sing: Come, Lord Jesus...

One: We pray for all people you have created—
for restoration of dignity and hope.

Sing: Come, Lord Jesus...

One: We pray for our nation and community—
for restoration of our sense of unity and shared purpose.

Sing: Come, Lord Jesus...

One: We pray even for ourselves—
for restoration of our resolve to love you and the world you made.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sing: Come, Lord Jesus...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Source of all life, our Companion in Heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your community come,
your vision be realized on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today all that sustains us,
free us from the harm we do
and heal us from the harm done to us.
Shield and guide us in the times of trouble
and deliver us from evil.
For the community, the vision,
and the joy are yours now and forever. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN #20 All Things Bright and Beautiful**

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG** #549 *May the Love of the Lord*

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy C. Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Rebecca Gardiner,
Beth Magennis, Rose Gifford, Sherry Martens, FPC Choir.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Directories // If you would like a paper copy of the church directory, they are available on the desk adjacent to the office door. If you want to access it through your phone or computer, look for the Instant Church Directory app (free) or website. Thank you to everyone who has had their photo added! It's never too late to add your picture...give us a call or see Chris Urbaniak.

Pot-luck Gratitude // Many thanks to the Connections Council for a delightful potluck last Sunday. What a beautiful day to enjoy fellowship together. Thank you to everyone who helped with setup and clean up. Let's also give a shout out to staff member Thom Samuelson for setting up and breaking down the tables!

Volunteer Opportunity // We have 2 people that have volunteered to run used coffee cups through the dishwasher on Sunday mornings. However, there are 2 Sundays in October (13th & 27th) that they are both gone. If you would like to volunteer as a back-up, or before committing inquire about the logistics and time it takes (approximately a 1/2 hour), please contact Chris Urbaniak at 616-836-9293.

Understanding Christian Nationalism // Meets in the Michigan Room today at 11:15am. Join us as we explore the following topics:

- > September 15: What is Christian Nationalism?
- > September 22: Biblical Responses to Christian Nationalism
- > September 29: Christian Nationalism, Racism and White Supremacy

Habitat work day // Our next workday is Wednesday, **September 18**. Contact Bill Haines with any questions wehaines@icloud.com

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

Men's Discussion Group // Next meeting is Friday, September 20 at 7:30am in the M&M Café.

All Creatures Lament

The Porter's Gate



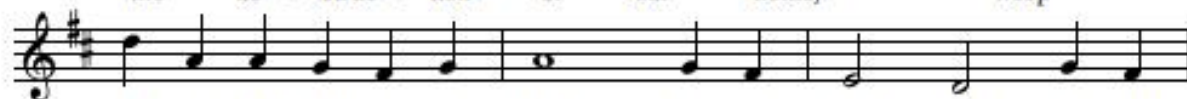
All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let the
All crea-tures wing-ing in the air; cry out the fail - ures of our
All crea-tures hid - den in the seas; lift up your an-guished prayers and
All crea-tures dwell-ing on the land; join as we life each heart and



ring. Fill the earth with lam - en - ta - tion. Cry
care. Fill the sky with lam - en - ta - tion. Shout
pleas; Fill the sea with lam - en - ta - tion. Teach
hand; Fill the world with lam - en - ta - tion. Mourn



out a - bu - ses of our pow'r. Tell
through the clouds of smoke and ash; choked
us to see your won - ders now; help
the de - struc - tion of our home; weep



what we lose with ev' - ry hour to our greed and de - pre -
with the fumes of poi - son gas; tell us of our de - gre -
us to make a ho - ly vow; here to halt your de - ves -
with the fear of worse to come; hear the groans of all cre -



da - tion. Lord, have mer cy; Christ, have mer cy; Lord, have mer cy.
da - tion.
ta - tion.
a - tion.

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens! 17

(Psalm 148)

1 Sing praise to God, you heav-ens! Sing praise, each shin-ing light!
 2 Sing praise, O earth, sing prais-es! Sing prais-es, hill and plain,
 3 Sing prais-es, all you crea-tures in whom God takes de-light:
 4 Sing prais-es now, God's peo-ple; your gift of speech em-ploy

Sing, plan-ets in your or-bits; sing, stars all burn-ing bright!
 you moun-tains thrust-ing sky-ward, you val-leys ripe with grain!
 you whales that roam the o-ceans, you ea-gles in your flight!
 to praise the Lord, your Mak-er, with thank-ful-ness and joy!

Sing praise, you winds and tem-pests, you driv-ing rain and snow!
 Sing praise, each fra-grant flow-er; your fair-est hues dis-play.
 Sing praise, you sheep on hill-sides, you cat-tle in the stall!
 Sing with the whole cre-a-tion; a cos-mic cho-rus raise:

Sing, clouds that race and bil-low and shad-ow earth be-low!
 Sing praise, you trees of au-tumn in glow-ing, glad ar-ray!
 Though word-less, sing your prais-es to God who made you all!
 "To God a-lone be glo-ry and ev-er-last-ing praise!"

This paraphrase of Psalm 148 reflects the spirit of praise linking Psalms 146–150. Of the two great themes found in these final five psalms—creation and deliverance—this psalm focuses on the former. The opening praise “from the heavens” is matched by praise “from the earth.”

20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev-ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

May the Love of the Lord

549

唯願神的愛撫慰你的靈



May the love of the Lord rest up - on your soul.
 唯願神的愛撫慰你的靈。



May God's love dwell in you, through - out ev - ery day.
 每時刻他的愛住在你心裡，



May God's coun - te-nance shine up - on you and be gra - cious to you.
 他的榮光照耀你，慈愛伴隨你，



May God's Spir - it be up - on you as you leave this place.
 無論何處他的靈都永遠伴隨你。

The tune ("pure knowledge of God"), named for the son of the composer, was created to be a lullaby. The infant stopped breathing at one day old but was revived by the prompt action of nurses. The thankful mother wrote the English version of the Aaronic blessing (Numbers 6:24-26).

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MUSIC: Swee Hong Lim, 1990

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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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