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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 22, 2025 // 10am More Light Sunday

CENTERING WORDS:

Our Gathering God calls us into community, just as we are. Each of us — with our bodies of diverse shapes, sizes, and abilities is an integral part of God's magnificent spectrum. ~ A. Arden

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING

- One: The God of life be with you.
- All: And also with you!

GATHERING SONG #399 God Welcomes All

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Marie Burkholder

- One: We believe that horizons of hope are never fixed.
- All: They always move beyond, in the creativity of God.
- One: We believe that powers of evil cannot kill God.
- All: God walks free and leaps ahead of us in the image of the risen Christ.
- One: We believe that the Spirit can never be confined.
- All: She dances forth in the world and is found in surprising places, leading us on until the end of time.
- One: With joy, let us worship our welcoming God!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God, Open our eyes to the presence of your Spirit upon us, within us, among us. For our apathy in the presence of oppression,

- All: Forgive us.
- One: If we have contributed to the broken heartedness of anyone,
- All: Forgive us.
- One: For our participation in systems that enslave,
- All: Forgive us.
- One: When we distort your good news,
- All: Have mercy upon us.
- One: When we should speak up, but remain still,
- All: Give us the words you long for us to share. Hear our prayer, God, and forgive our sins. Hold us in your mercy, now and forever. Amen.

KYRIE

| Cantor: | Congregation (echo) | Translation |
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| Kyrie eleison. | Kyrie eleison. | Lord, have mercy. |
| Christe eleison. | Christe eleison. | Christ, have mercy. |
| Kyrie eleison. | Kyrie eleison. | Lord, have mercy |

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA #583 Glory to God

***PASSING THE PEACE**

- One: The peace of Christ be with you.
- All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

You Are Welcome Here (screen)

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

SPECIAL MUSIC

Country Gardens

Nora Teutsch

FIRST READING

Pied Beauty

Gerard Manley Hopkins

Glory be to God for dappled things – For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow; For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim; Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings; Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow, and plough; And áll trádes, their gear and tackle and trim. All things counter, original, spare, strange; Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?) With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim; He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change: Praise him.

SECOND READING #339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THIRD READING Galatians 3:23 - 28

SERMON

More Light

Rev. Barb Schreur

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

- One: Each of us is created with worth, imbued with dignity.
- All: We are the representation of God's love in the world.
- One: We are diverse in our experiences, vast in our manifestation of love's expression.
- All: Our families are all different, but each represents and honors the many ways that your people live and love.

- One: Our lives are enriched when LGBTQIA+ people are welcomed and affirmed in our churches and communities.
- All: Our lives are enriched when our Black, Latinx, and Indigenous neighbors are affirmed.
- One: Your words, shared in Scripture, call us to be a people of justice.
- All: We all suffer when any LGBT person is oppressed, excluded, or shamed.
- One: When justice is denied to any of us, justice is denied to all of us.
- All: Until we are all free, none of us are free.
- One: May we work to build a world where all people are affirmed with love.
- All: Our sexual and gender diversity enriches us, creates joy in our lives. Joy given by and through you. In your name, we pledge to go out to share these blessings with the world.

*HYMN #372 O For A World

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 are invited to 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.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Douglas Edema, Richard Hulse, Gail Lopez, Bob Morris, Dale & Jeanine Roberts, Nate & Sarah Sall, Kathy & Don Sexton

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

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: Spirit of Love, look upon us now.

Bless these gifts; those we can see and those we cannot. May our hopes come true for the better world we dream of As we work together in love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

***HYMN** #100 Canticle of the Turning

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG As We Depart (printed in the bulletin / screen)

 Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Beth Magennis, FPC Choir, Rose Gifford, Jean Williams, Marie Burkholder
Thanks to: Sound and Video Tim Richardson, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers, M&M Café Providers, Kiki Lemen and Nursery Care Providers

Liturgy Resources: Together in Worship, The United Church of Canada

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting Today // The Session is calling for a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 22 immediately following worship for the purpose of electing an elder to complete Dave Zessin's unexpired term as an active elder. The nominating committee is submitting Tim Staal as their recommendation.

Today is More Light Sunday //As a More Light congregation, we hold a service during Pride Month to highlight the diversity of humanity, to acknowledge Christianity's history of discrimination against LGBTQ individuals, and to continue to strive to be a welcoming place for all people. We are thrilled that our preacher this year is the Rev. Barb Schreur.

The Wired Word // Adult education continues to meet at 11:15 in the Michigan Room. Join us for conversations centered in current events as we consider them through the lens of faith and scripture. To receive the lesson ahead of time, contact Cathy (<u>cathy@fpcholland.org</u>). This class is also offered on Zoom.

Habitat for Humanity // Future Habitat workdays to put on your calendar are July 10 (1pm to 4pm only). August 20 and Sept 11 dates are all day volunteer opportunities. Questions can be directed to wehaines@icloud.com

Grief Support Group//Our monthly support group for all those living with grief will meet Wednesday, June 25th at 2:00 in the Superior Room. All are welcome. Contact Cathy for more information.

June Art Display // Be sure to check out the art display in the narthex! Our children and youth have created some amazing work and have been gracious enough to share it with us this month. We are also highlighting resources on faith and LGBTQ for Pride Month.

PRIDE Event // It is a joy to offer a very popular booth at Holland's PRIDE Festival **June 28**, 1:00-6:00 at Kollen Park (new venue). We have a button maker that allows anyone to design their own button to take with them. We need volunteers to help set-up (11:30 - 12:30), participate during the festival (1:00-3:00 and/or 3:00-6:00) and tear down (6:00-7:00). There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the lobby. Please consider volunteering for this fun event, a reflection of our belief that God welcomes all! If you have questions, call Chris Urbaniak (616-836-9293) or Cassie Kregger (616-298-4164).

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Peace Camp Sunday June 29 Outdoor Worship // On Sunday, **June 29** at 10:00 am we will invite our Peace Camp families to join us for an outdoor worship service in the parking lot. As part of our commitment as an Earth Care Congregation, we invite everyone to try to get to church on Sunday, June 29 via foot, bicycle, or carpool. The service will not be live streamed that week, but will be posted on our YouTube channel later in the day.

Note from the Outreach Council // The Outreach Council is sponsoring "5th Sunday" special offerings to respond to emerging needs in our community. The Council has already distributed our budgeted amount due to the fiscal cuts to our partner agencies. On **June 29**, we will gather our first special offering for Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates in support of their efforts to educate, resource and endorse the rights of our immigrant neighbors. We hope you will join us in supporting their mission at this critical time. Baskets will be placed at the Sanctuary exits to receive your offerings.

Seeking Host Families // This summer, July 19-23, Avalon School of the Arts will be serving as the host community for Flag Dance Symbolica from Belgium through Blue Lake International. This group of 50 boys and young men, ages 14-20, will be with us for four days to experience life in West Michigan before they continue on to Canada for the rest of their tour. We are seeking host families that are willing to host two or more students in their home, giving them a fun West Michigan experience, provide them with meals and housing and include them in their family activities. They will be performing here in Holland on Monday night and we will also organize group potluck beach day. If you are willing to welcome some of these wonderful young dancers into your home, or would like some more information, please email Marie Burkholder at info.avalonschoolofthearts@gmail.com.

Save the Date! // Our annual outdoor service at the Outdoor Discovery Center will take place on Sunday, **August 3**.

Howdy Happy Campers and Kayak/Canoers

Welcome to the 2025 FPC "Don't Rock the Boat" float adventure (Canoe Trip)! This year we will return to Mystery Creek Campground the weekend of July 11 – 13. **Mystery Creek Campground** 9570 Wisner Ave, Newaygo, MI 49337. This is about a 55-minute drive from the Holland area.

If you are coming for the day to paddle, be sure to show up to the campsite by **9am** to be sure we can get everything together. We will leave the campground at **9:30 am** and be shuttled to the Muskegon River. We will launch at **10 am**. This should land us back to the campground midafternoon. They offer rental canoes and kayaks if you need equipment. Prices are listed below.

Saturday night dinner: There will be a grill set up over the fire for community use. Please bring a main dish for your group and a side dish to share. **Sunday Breakfast:** In true Presbyterian style, Sunday morning is for pancakes! Please see the list at the bottom of the itinerary of how we can make this happen as a group.

Schedule of Events:

Friday: July 11

- Campsite check-in any time after 11:00 am. Feel free to show up at your leisure.
 - Lunch and dinner will be on your own, plan accordingly.

Saturday: July 12

- Breakfast Please provide your own food
- 9:00am Day Trippers Arrive at the Campsite
- 9:30am Leave Campsite for the real fun
- 10:00am Canoe & Kayak Trip Launch
 - It's a roughly 4 hour paddle back to the campsite. Remember sunscreen, bug spray and drinks.
- Lunch Please provide your own sack lunch for on the river or at the campsite.
- Dinner Provide something to put on the grill for yourself, and a side dish or dessert to share

Evening time together around the fire, games and fellowship. Bring a game if you have a favorite.

Sunday: July 13

- Breakfast Bring one of the following items to share for the pancake breakfast, if you would like; Maple Syrup, Sausage / Smoked Sausage (precooked), Fruit, Juice, Butter, Coffee
- 3:00pm Campsite Check-out

COST:Canoes - \$458' single kayak - \$2210' single kayak - \$25Personal boat transport - \$13Water/electric campsite - \$21 per adult per night – kids are freeTent Campsite - \$18 per adult per night – kids are free

Look for a sign up sheet in the Narthex. ALL PAYMENT can be made to the campground upon arrival.

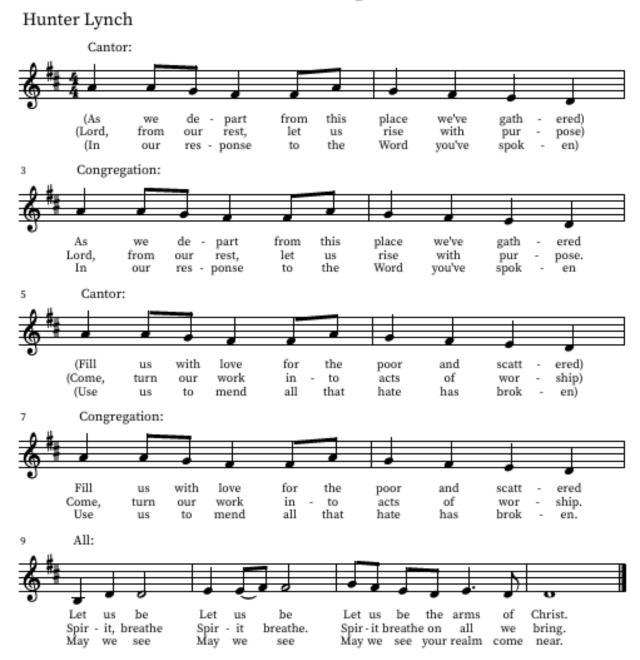
For All the Children



Music: David Lohman

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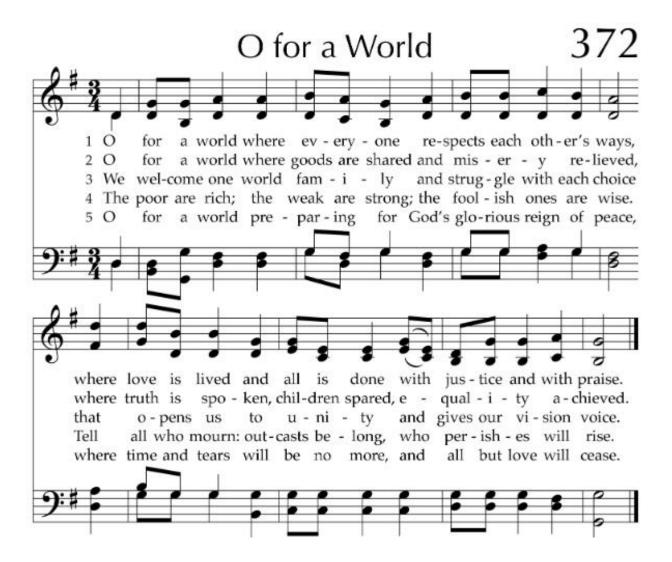
















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Children's Programming During Worship:

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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