



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 12, 2026 // 10am

CENTERING WORDS:

A planting rhyme:
One for the mouse,
One for the crow,
One to rot,
And one to grow.

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 #664 *Morning Has Broken*

Bruce Rosensteel

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Linda Clark

One: God scatters the seeds and calls us to grow.

All: We come to grow in Christ.

One: God scatters the seeds and calls us to love.

All: We come to love as Christ loves.

One: God scatters the seeds and calls us to hear.

All: We come to listen for the word of God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

HYMN #5 *God the Sculptor of the Mountains

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

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Sower of word and truth, when we are confused,

All: guide us with new understanding;

One: when we are distressed,

All: help us be faithful and true;

One: when we are distracted,

All: focus us with your Holy Spirit;

One: when we are worried,

All: comfort us with your presence.

**Nourish the soil of our lives,
that we may be fertile recipients
of your word**

and faithful followers of Christ Jesus.

In your mercy and love, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: God's mercy is abundant,
and God's grace makes us new.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, nourished, and sent to bear good fruit.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN #399 *God Welcomes All*

MUSIC

God is Like a Foolish Farmer

David Bjorlin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 65: 8 – 12 (CEB)

Matthew 13: 1 – 9 (CEB)

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Very Foolish Farmer

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

*HYMN #714 *God of the Fertile Fields*

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.

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: Generous God, receive these gifts and magnify them to bless our community and world. May these offerings reflect our gratitude for your beloved community and trust in your kin-dom. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: May your love be like a seed,

All: Taking root and growing strong.

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

CARRYING GOD’S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG** *Go Now in Peace* (Bulletin/Screen)


Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Beth Magennis, Linda Clark, Rose Gifford,
Bruce Rosensteel

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

Go Now in Peace


Natalie Sleeth

A Canon **B**



Go now in peace, go now in peace; may the love of

C



God sur-round you ev-ery-where, ev-ery-where you may go.

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two staves of music in 2/2 time. The first staff is labeled 'A' and 'Canon' and contains three measures of music with lyrics 'Go now in peace, go now in peace; may the love of'. The second staff is labeled 'B' and 'C' and contains five measures of music with lyrics 'God sur-round you ev-ery-where, ev-ery-where you may go.'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Education // *The Wired Word*, Adult Education begins at 11:15am. If you prefer to participate virtually, a ZOOM link is emailed on Sunday mornings.

Lost & Found Table // Please note the Lost & Found table found in the lobby. Does anything look familiar? Items not claimed by July 13 will be donated? Thank you!

Habitat for Humanity Workdays // July 16 and August 13 are the next Habitat work dates. Work dates often fill up quickly so plan accordingly. Contact Bill Haines with questions, wehaines@icloud.com

Annual Shrimp Boil // Join us on Saturday, July 18 at 6:00pm at the Rund-Scott's, 1334 Heather Drive, Holland. Cost is \$8 per person and a dish to pass. Kids eat free. Yard games available. We provide shrimp, hot dogs, table settings, lemonade & ice water, and ice cream sundaes. Indicate if you need bus transportation. Sign-up in the lobby.

Kid's Food Basket Work Day // Scheduled for Tuesday July 21, 2026 from 9-11:00 am at the Ottawa + Allegan Kids' Food Basket Farm located at 226 104th Ave Holland MI 49423.

We will be working outdoors harvesting and whatever else needs attention at the farm. Children 5 and older are welcome to participate. Dress for the weather and expect some muddy shoes.

Sunscreen and hats are encouraged. To assist with planning, Kids' Food Basket prefers each person volunteering to register individually for the shift they are volunteering for. To register, you will need to create A Kids' Food Basket account. Any questions or problems getting registered contact: Tom Salley, 616-612-8044 -or- salleyt@yahoo.com

Justice Reads: FPC Book Group // Join us July 23 at 7:00pm in the M & M Cafe to discuss, *As Long as Grass Grows* by Dina Gilio-Whitaker, a reflection on the indigenous fight for environmental justice. Questions? Contact Jan Brashler or Pastor Cathy.

Grief Support // Our next meeting will take place July 29th at 2:00pm. Contact Cathy for more information.

Outdoor Discovery Center Worship // *Please note this event will take place the SECOND Sunday of August. Join us for worship at the Outdoor Discovery Center pavilion on Sunday, August 9 at 10am. This service will be intergenerational, and all ages will be encouraged to participate! Feel free to bring your favorite lawn chair to sit in, however there are plenty of chairs and tables available in the pavilion. You are welcome to bring your own coffee! Lemonade and cookies will be served after worship. If you wish, bring a lunch to eat after the service, walk the fully accessible trails, have fun on the playground, or visit the animals and birds of prey cared for by the ODC. A reminder that this outdoor service **will not be live streamed** (not available on YouTube.) The Outdoor Discovery Center is located at 4214 56th St, on the south side of Holland.

Morning Has Broken

664



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

God Welcomes All

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God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

The first system of music is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The treble clef staff contains a series of chords: F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, and F#5. The bass clef staff contains a series of chords: F#2, G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, and F#3. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The second system of music continues in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp. The treble clef staff contains a series of chords: F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, and F#5. The bass clef staff contains a series of chords: F#2, G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, and F#3. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

God of the Fertile Fields 714

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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.

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Tim Staal

Class of 2028: Jon Kreple, Lauren Stouffer,
Chris Urbaniak

Class of 2029: Alana Cocanour, Paula Perkins

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! Please note Education Hour is on summer break for children and youth and will resume in September.*

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

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