

September 3, 2023 ~ 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music ~ Karen Danke, guest

Welcome and Announcements ~ Don Tulley, liturgist

Prelude

Procession of the Cross and the Elements of Communion

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: We gather to worship the Lord our God!

People: **Breathe your Spirit into us yet again today, O Lord.**

Leader: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God.

People: **Lead us in your grace, peace and wisdom, God, we pray this day. Amen.**

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

**Hymn ~ "10,000 Reasons" (J. Myrin & M. Redman)*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Holy Lord, you call us to be beacons of goodness, love, and grace in your world. Yet, Lord, we confess that when we face hardships, pain and evil, we often fall prey to sin ourselves. Forgive us, Lord. Show us how to respond to evil with love. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #71 ~ *"Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me"* (refrain)

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus ~ *"Shout to the Lord"* (D. Zschech) ~ (refrain)

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King; Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand, nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Offering Prayer

***Doxology#606 ~ “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (Avery & Marsh)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Exodus 3:1-15

Special Music ~ “Come to Me” by Village Church ~ Katie Achterhof

Christian Scripture ~ Romans 12:9-21

Message ~ “Overcome with Good”

Installation of Elder-elect Eric Farquhar

***Affirmation of our Common Faith ~ The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus
Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended
into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy
Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of
sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Hymn #69 ~ “Here I Am, Lord”**

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

**Prayer Preparation ~ “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”
Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.**

The Lord’s Prayer ~ in unison

**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.**

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper ~ responsive

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*“All Belong Here”~ (L. Rand/H. Rand) as recorded by The Many
Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.
Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.
At this table come as you are, broken and bleeding’s ok.
At this table eat and be filled, come and drink in this grace.
Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.
Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.*

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn #15 - *“All Creatures of Our God and King”* (v. 1, 6)

*Benediction

*Choral Response #80 - *“You Shall Go Out with Joy”*

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there’ll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.*

Postlude

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St. Paul’s will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

In memory of Raymond Olthouse

August 25, 2023 - Age 96

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family in care of Ray’s daughter,
Laura Sievers at 29646 Hoy St., Livonia 48154

Thank you to all who have volunteered along with Pam Phillips for the ongoing Dress Ministry. Along with the funds that carried over from 2022, donations have totalled over \$5,800.00 to date to several outreach charities, in keeping with the mission of the Dress Ministry.

Chancel Flowers may be ordered from the Board of Deacons for any of the remaining available Sundays in 2023. Order forms are in the office. Please check the chart on the lobby wall for an open date **before** placing your order. You may also call the office to check on available dates and place an order.

Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE!



Karen Erwin, Steve Boyak, Andy Foy, Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin
August and Faith Kornowicz
Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim and Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell
Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips, Anna Richardson
Pat Garrett ~ sister of Don Tulley; Nate Statly (MSU shooting victim) ~ friend of Joey Nicholas
Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips
Elizabeth ~ sister-in law of Pat Garvey and Andy ~ nephew of Pat Garvey
Linda Thompson and her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Joan Velis and family; John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol and Mike Graham
Cousins of Terry Earnley and Jennifer Speiles ~ friend of Terry Earnley
Lois Wludyka and John Candiloro ~ friends of August Kornowicz
Ray and Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don and Meta Tulley
Richard Rosenberg and Mike Hyatt ~ friends of Judy McGregor
Sarah and Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August and Faith Kornowicz
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie and Marc Whitlock
Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen
Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike and Carol Graham; Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling and Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron and Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon and Marion Davis