

ORDER OF WORSHIP

"Almost every act you do is insignificant; and it is very important that you do it."
- Mohandas Gandhi

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude "Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God" - *J.S. Bach*

***INVOCATION** Charise Hastings

***HYMN (see insert)** Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore him *HYFRYDOL*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

***THE PSALM** Psalm 25:1-5
Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
People: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame.
Leader: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame.
People: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
Leader: Lead me in your truth, and teach me;
All: for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

***GLORIA**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 8:18-19:1 Charise Hastings
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM In faith I calmly rest - *J.S. Bach*
- arr. Dickinson
In faith I calmly rest and keep my trust in God
Although oft sore oppressed with anxious care and dread, His friendship my reward,
in Him my joy I find; He keepeth watch and ward Over me and over my house.
Therefore I thank my God, and joy to do His will; I know, whatever befall, His love
doth lead me still. So like a little child who clasps his father's hand, Serene I take
my way, in faith untroubled stand.
Lucy Thompson, soloist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Lord's Prayer "debts") Stacey Simpson Duke

*** GOSPEL READING** Luke 16:10-13 Paul Simpson Duke
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Sue Ellen Glover

***HYMN 452** My faith looks up to thee *OLIVET*
(Preschool - 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

SERMON *Little Things, Big Things* Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS Let not your heart be troubled - *J. Brahms*
- arr. Maynard Klein

Let not your heart be troubled in sorrow Be tranquil as God commands
For he through love sustains you.

Spend not the day in grieving
Tomorrow will bring you God's healing grace.
Dispelling your suffering

In every way be faithful
Be steadfast as God ordains
And life will ever be blessed and joyful.

***DOXOLOGY**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN (see insert)** Take my life and let it be consecrated *HENDON*

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY Prelude and Fugue in C Minor - *J.S. Bach*

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
from the Purchase Memorial Fund.*

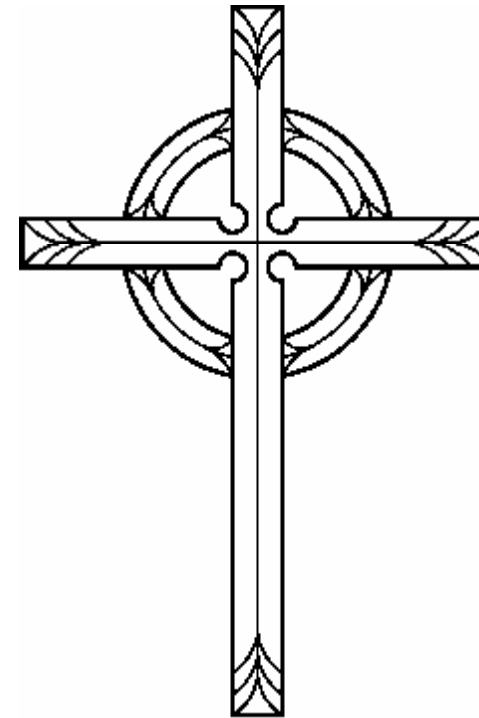
The Prayer Concern Cards are for your use. If you have a prayer concern in addition to those listed here, please fill out a card and pass it to the end of the aisle during the first hymn. We pray for Conrad Juchartz, Marian Carter, John Moyer, Iris Martin, Bonnie Jensen, Marge Shannon, Mildred MacGregor, Frances Hinderer, Justin Kerns, Tim Studer, Ruth Scott, John Edward Martin, Martha Tipton, Dannie Jones and Lorraine Jones.

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD



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*17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 23, 2007*

*Please sign the Welcome Pad during the Offertory and pass it down the pew.
If you are a visitor, please also fill out a yellow "Welcome" slip and place it in the offering plate.*

~ Please turn off all cell phones and pagers. Thank you. ~

Ann Arbor Co-op Nursery Proposal and Vote

Negotiations with the Ann Arbor Co-op Nursery concerning a proposal that their program be housed in our building have progressed to the point that our congregation should now discuss the proposal and vote on it. A discussion meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, October 7, during Second Hour. Final discussion and vote will occur on October 14. It has not yet been decided whether the October 14 business meeting will begin at 11:30, or immediately after worship, at 11:00. In order for you to be as fully informed as possible in advance of the meetings, printed copies of the proposal in detail will be available next Sunday, September 30, and will also be distributed by e-mail.

CROP Walk 2007

Walkers of all ages who are interested in taking part in the 2007 CROP Walk will find forms at the Information Counter before worship and at a table near the Fellowship Hall (downstairs) after worship. We will be doing this for the next two Sundays. The CROP Walk is October 7th, with registration beginning at 1:30 p.m. If you are unable to walk, please plan to support CROP Walk. If there are any questions, please contact Scott Diels or Bev Inbody.

Cooks Needed for The Gathering

Volunteers are needed to cook meals for our campus ministry program, The Gathering. This is a much-appreciated ministry of hospitality for students who are away from home and don't often get a home-cooked meal. Please sign up at the Information Counter and take an instruction sheet with you.

Ministerial Services Survey

There are additional Ministerial Services Survey questionnaires at the Information Counter. Please remember to return your questionnaire to the office by next Sunday, September 30.

Texts for next Sunday, September 30:

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 · Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 · 1 Timothy 6:6-19 · Luke 16:19-31

Announcements

We warmly welcome all those who have come to worship with us today! Everyone is invited to join the events listed in this insert. Immediately following the service, please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

TODAY, Sept. 23	9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)
(newsletter deadline)	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m. - Board of Care & Comm. (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Sept. 25	9:30 a.m. - ABWM Board (Lounge)
	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, Sept. 26	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
	5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
Thursday, Sept. 27	9:00 a.m. - Rummage Sale Set-up
	6:15 p.m. - Adult Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B)
Friday, Sept. 28	9:00 a.m. - Rummage Sale
Saturday, Sept. 29	9:00 a.m. - Rummage Sale
Sunday, Sept. 30	9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)
	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:30 p.m. - Budget Meeting (Lounge)

Rummage Sale – September 28 and 29

Don't forget to bring in your contributions to the rummage sale before this Thursday, September 27, which is set-up day. Please sign up at the Information Counter if you plan to work or help. And please remember that the money made from the sale will allow the AB Women's Ministries to continue their work for our church and supported groups.

Children and Youth Christian Education

Nursery 9:30 – 12:30 Room 307

All children are welcome to worship with their families. After the Time as Children portion of the worship service, children in preschool – 3rd grade are invited to Children's Worship.

3 and 4 year olds

10:00 – 11:15 Childcare in nursery
11:15 – 12:30 Church School (Room 306)

K – 2nd grade

10:00 – 10:30 Worship
10:30 – 11:00 Children's Worship (202A)
11:00 – 12:00 Church School (Room 202B)
12:00 – 12:30 Grace Notes Choir (Room 202A)

3rd - 6th grades

11:00 – 11:50 Church School (Room 304)
11:50 – 12:30 Jr. Choir (Room 102)

Youth (7th – High School)

10:00 – 11:00 Worship
11:15 - 12:30 Church School (Room 107)
11:50 – 12:30 Jr. Choir (Room 102)

Children's Music and Arts Ministry

Jr. Handbells	9:15 – 9:45	Room 305, upper level
Tiny Grace Notes (preschool)	10:45 – 11:00	Room 305, upper level
Grace Notes (K - 3 rd grade)	12:00 – 12:30	Room 202A, middle level
Jr. Choir (4 th grade and older)	11:50 – 12:30	Room 102, lower level

Adult Christian Education (Today, 11:30 – 12:30)

The Jesus Class (Memorial Lounge) **Ron Gregg & Sue Ellen Glover, leaders**
In recent decades there have been new conversations, speculations, questions, and convictions - - among scholars and in churches - - about Jesus. There has been new dialogue about his identity and his mission, a re-visioning of traditional understandings of what we mean when we say "God is in Christ." This class will be examining the issues and questions that are currently being raised. It will be a safe place to think, ask questions, and exchange views about important theological and spiritual issues. We don't expect everyone to agree on one theological position, but we will thoughtfully engage each other on the issues.

Young Adult Bible Study (Campus Center) **Marlene & Arthur Francis, leaders**
We will engage in a study of the books of the Hebrew Bible known as "The Minor Prophets." The name speaks to the relative length of the books and not to their importance. In these often-overlooked writings are to be found some of the earliest articulations of the principles of justice and compassion which today are essential elements of the Christian Gospel. We will begin by considering how the moral and ethical decay which began soon after Solomon's kingdom was divided led not only to the prophetic calls for repentance, but also to the eventual conquest and exile of the peoples of both Israel and Judah. A brief manual, giving dates, some historical and biographical background and a summary of the basic message of each book, will be available on the first Sunday of the class.

Second Sunday Speaker Series:

On the second Sunday evening of each month, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Each month will feature scholars and visionary church leaders addressing theological and social concerns through a lecture and discussion period. On October 14 we welcome Dr. Richard Rosengarten, Dean of the Chicago Divinity School. On November 18 (actually the 3rd Sunday) our guest will be Rev. Riah Abou El Assal, retired Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem.

Wednesday Bible Study

Starting this Wednesday, September 26, Pastor Paul will lead the class in an in-depth study of the Gospel of John, chapters 12-21. Classes are from 1:30-2:30 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity for interested persons to join the group and increase their knowledge of the Holy Scriptures in an informal setting.

Small Groups (ChristCare) – Centered on Bible study, fellowship, mission, prayer and worship, we currently have two groups: one which meets monthly and the other which meets every other week. Please see Stacey, Paul or Sue Ellen for more information about joining a group.