

Meals for the homeless are needed at Mercy House, located at 805 W. Huron Street, in Ann Arbor, is an oasis of hope for people experiencing homelessness, providing meals, showers, clothing and personal care items. We are looking for individuals who could prepare and drop off a meal for 20 people on Mondays or Wednesdays, with a 5:45 p.m. drop-off at the house. Typically, one person provides the main dish, and another provides sides and dessert, but some do both. Aluminum pans work best, as they do not need to be returned and will be reused by the community. (They also accept grocery gift cards, in any amount, to buy the ingredients to prepare a meal.) Questions? Contact Sonia at soniafrances55@gmail.com. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E44FAE22A2F49-mercy>.

Mature Ministries October 28 Trip — A Few Spots Remain! We'll travel by bus to the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Museum in Saginaw. Lunch will follow the museum visit at Zehnder's in Frankenmuth. Depart at 8:00 a.m. from the church and return by 4:30 p.m. The price is \$50 and includes lunch and bus travel. Museum admission is free; on site donations are welcome.

Please check our website for many other opportunities for faith formation, mission, and fellowship.

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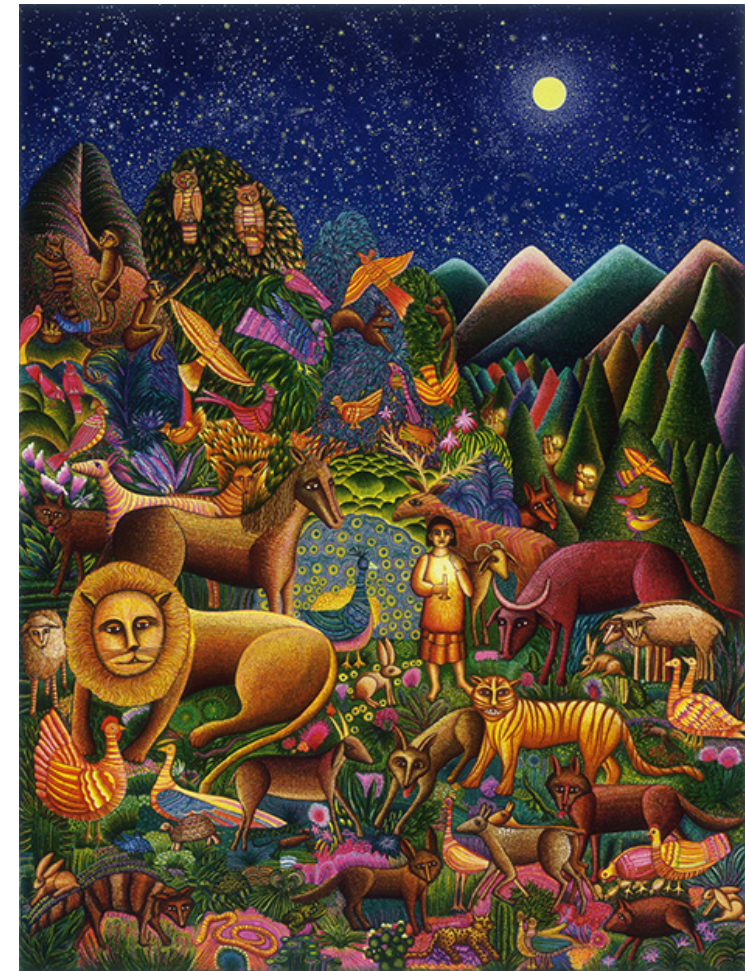
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Making God's Love Visible

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Peace, Be Not Anxious* arr. Paul A. Tate

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION Annual Giving Kickoff Jim Peggs

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from *Connections Worship Companion*)

One: Rejoice in the Lord always.

All: We rejoice and trust in God!

One: Shout aloud and sing of God's peace.

All: We sing of God's peace in this world!

One: Let us worship God!

* HYMN 757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* KINGSFOLD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*)

God of peace and justice, we live in a world where our lives move between inclusivity and exclusivity. We are often caught up in exclusive thinking and leave out those who differ from us. When faced with a choice to do what is comfortable for us or helpful for others, we are too often tempted to do what is comfortable over what is helpful. Forgive us, O God, as we are quick to see the differences in one another instead of the similarities. Help us to remember your teachings and be co-creators of your peace in the world...

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

ADULT FAITH FORMATION TODAY @ 11:00

Bible Study at 11:00 (Curtis Room)

Exploring the Faith (Chancel area of Sanctuary)

First Friends (Lewis Room)

T2A2 Small Group (Founders Room)

Everyone in their twenties and thirties is welcome to come and build community with us as we share meaningful conversations and reflect on the Word together. We'll begin a study of the book of Romans around 11:00 a.m. A light lunch (eaten outside) will be provided.



Adult/Parent Confirmation Class (Vance Room)

This class will follow the main themes the youth are learning in their confirmation class. Whether you have been here your whole life and remember everything from your confirmation class or you were confirmed in another church or you simply want a reminder of what you learned and what our youth are learning, please come to this class! This class meets on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. It will be led by Resident Minister Megan Berry and Rev. Jay Sanderford.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Justice Kickoff Meeting is today at 12:15 p.m., under the Canopy on the Hill Street Lawn. Are you interested in what our Social Justice Action Group has been doing? Do you have a special interest in any of the priority areas identified by our congregation? Join the discussion!

Our September Food Collection supports Food Gatherers. Non-perishable food and personal care items may be placed in the bin provided in the Social Hall on Sundays, Mondays–Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Fridays 9:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m. Financial gifts may be made by check or online.

Making God's Love Visible, Peace by Piece. Have you received your 2022 Annual Giving packet in the mail? Your pledges are the foundation that makes everything possible. Please fill out and return the pledge and opportunity to serve forms by mail or online. Thank you.

A Stephen Ministry-sponsored continuing education lecture entitled "Overcoming Clinical Depressions: The Future is Now, Your Help is Needed," presented by Dr. John Greden, is on Monday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. All are invited.

All are invited to our monthly Taizé Prayer Service on Tuesday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

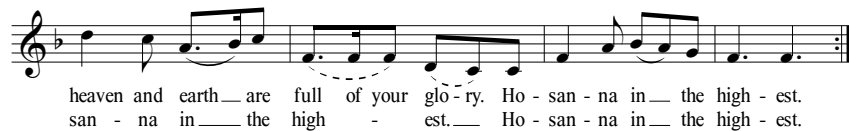
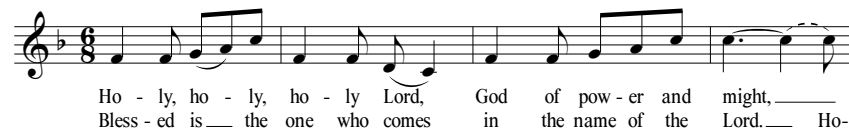
All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Music

Interlude

Mark Hayes

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

* HYMN

Peace by Piece

CWM RHONNDA

The hymn is found on the next page of this bulletin.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

In the name of Jesus —

Let us Love...**with Open Hearts!**

Let us Learn...**with Open Minds!**

Let us Serve...**with Open Arms!**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Praise God's Greatness

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Worship Leaders: Liturgist – Matthew Warfield; Faith in Action – Jim Peggs; Scripture Reader – Diane Knibbs; Preacher – Megan Berry; Musicians – Chancel Choir Section Leaders; Pianist – Eric Banitt; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Usher – Brian Rubel; Communion Servers – Diane Knibbs and Jean Song

Use the offertory moments to savor your gratitude for the abundance of God's love and to consider your own response in loving service. As you consider making your offering, remember that the church's regular expenses continue in these difficult times. And the community around us needs your financial support: your faithful giving is like the breath of life to mission programs we love, neighbors in need, members who are hurting. Thank you for your faithful generosity! Ways to give include online on our First Pres website, via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523), using our Give+app, putting a check in the mail, or scanning the QR code on the right.

Join us for Coffee Hour today on the Monteith Terrace following the Closing Voluntary.

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* HYMN

Peace by Piece

CWM RHONNDA

1. Peace by piece, re - build the tem - ple as a wel - come place for all.
 2. Peace by piece, re - store the bo - dy for the work of min - is - try.
 3. Peace by piece, re - pair the fab - ric of the hu - man tap - es - try.
 4. Peace by piece, re - form the faith - ful, all God's chil - dren, young and old.
 5. Peace by piece, re - veal the vi - sion of the world that God in - tends.

Lend your hands to make a shel - ter from the old di - vid - ing wall.
 Lift your souls with truth and wis - dom, dwell in hope and u - ni - ty.
 Wrap your hearts in grace and kind - ness, join in per - fect har - mo - ny.
 Train your minds to see God's pur - pose, there are won - ders to be - hold.
 Give your all to live the gos - pel: life in Christ that nev - er ends.

Lov - ing God and lov - ing neigh - bors, let us show what faith can do.

God is mak - ing all things new!

Our Annual Giving Campaign team, along with Dave VanderMeer, commissioned a hymn to reflect our theme Peace by Piece. The text of the hymn was written by David Gambrell, Associate for Worship in the Office of Theology and Worship for our PC(USA) headquarters in Louisville, KY.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O to grace how great a debtor
 daily I'm constrained to be!
 Let that grace now, like a fetter,
 bind my wandering heart to thee.
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
 prone to leave the God I love;
 here's my heart; O take and seal it;
 seal it for thy courts above.

This is Hymn 475, Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (NETTLETON).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:6–9

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 7:1–6, 9–10, 9:20–22

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

RESPONDING AND SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Rejoice in the Lord Always
 Chancel Choir Section Leaders

Anonymous

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.
 Let your softness be known unto all.
 The Lord is even at hand.
 Be careful for nothing, but in all prayer and supplication
 Let your petition be manifest unto God,
 Unto God with giving of thanks.
 And the peace of God which passeth all understanding
 Keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.