

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA
MAY 6, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“Awesome God”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done

marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm

have gotten him victory.

Congregation: The Lord has made known his victory;

he has revealed his vindication in the

sight of the nations.

Pastor: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithful-

ness to the house of Israel. All The ends of the

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

earth have seen the victory of our God.

Congregation: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Pastor: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

Congregation: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Pastor: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Congregation: Let the floods clap their hand; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord.

Pastor: For the Lord is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

*HYMN (INSERT)

“Sing Out Earth & Sky”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in Unison)

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you;
you command, but we have not obeyed. We have turned
away from your children in their need, too absorbed in
our own concerns. In our unbelief, we have failed to love
one another, lured away and overcome by the things of
this world. Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so
that as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent,
turn to you, and receive your forgiveness; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

KYRIE HYMN 572

*“Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us.”*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our Heavenly Father desires to show us mercy in our repentance and sends Christ Jesus the only Son of God to rescue us from our lovelessness. It is for Christ's sake that our sins are forgiven. We are God's own people and by the power of the Holy Spirit we may live again in the faith that overcomes the world. Believe this good news and be at peace.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Christ has given us peace that surpasses all understanding. The peace of Christ be with you!

Congregation: The peace of Christ be with you also!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lee Hunsberger

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist: *Acts 10:44-48*

Page 958 Pew Bible

Liturgist: The word of the Lord!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: *John 15:9-17*

Page 939-940 Pew Bible

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord!

Congregation: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

SERMON

"Power to Love"

Dr. Chris Dorn

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal
The Apostles' Creed

*HYMN 439

"In Christ There is No East or West"

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ending with "The Lord's
Prayer" Page 16 in Hymnal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 592

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 403

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Please sign the red attendance folder in your pew, sharing your name with those near you and making formal your gift to God of this hour. If you give your complete address and phone number, we will keep you informed about upcoming events.

Serving in Worship Today:

Guest Speaker: Dr. Chris Dorn; *Liturgist:* Kathy VanSyckle

Greeters and Ushers: Perry and Margaret Gregory, Pat

Gustafson; *Children’s Message:* Lee Hunsberger

Fellowship: Ernie and Marcia Ross, Linda Steele

Serving in Worship next Sunday:

Guest Speaker: Dr. Chris Dorn; *Liturgist:* Sue Reglin

Greeters and Ushers: Lavonna and David Hoover, Lee

Hunsberger; *Children’s Message:* Marilyn McKay

Fellowship: Christian Ed—Mother’s Day

Elders serving on Session: Dr. Jan Arnold, Judi Emlinger, Lavonna Hoover, Lee Hunsberger, Evelyn Ransom, Sue Reglin, Dr. Keith Sterner, Kathy VanSyckle, Mary Williams

Music Fund: Elder Bill Robinson

Shaver Children's Fund: Elder Judi Emlinger

Head Start Initiative: Elder Sue Thompson

Clerk, Margaret Gregory

Treasurers, Barb Klenk and Norma Kilpatrick

Music Leader

Mike Kaufman

Harkness Handbell Choir Director

Cindy Rozich

Administrative Assistant

Deb Montgomery

Custodian

Steve Slaughter

COME ENJOY!

Retirees Fellowship: Norma Kilpatrick, President (527-4144)

good friendship, good activities, 3rd Thursday

Quilters Fellowship: Carol Shier, Chairperson (616-755-0963)

fun, fellowship, and helping hearts 9:30 a.m. Wednesday

Prayer Shawl Group: Evelyn Ransom and Mary Williams, Co-

Chairs Making lap robes and shawls for those who need them

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Bless, O Lord, the one you are sending to be our next pastor.

When that person is joyful, guide that person to be prayerful.

When that person is tempted, stay by that person. In all seasons send that person the companions you intend and the good judgment and good heart to embrace them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Christian Education Committee hopes to receive your cans and bottles to redeem for their deposits, as well as your exhausted ink cartridges.

Your help is needed for Sunday Fellowship hour and altar flowers.

Please remember to sign up.

Headstart book collection will be Today and Sunday, May 13th.

Please bring your new or slightly used books on these Sundays to benefit the children in the Ionia Headstart program. Unable to shop for books? Your donations will be used to purchase books for the kids. Thank you for your help in providing a book for each child in this program.

CALENDAR

- 5/6 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells practice
10:00 A.M. Worship – Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn
Mission Pot, Headstart Book Collection, Sunday School
- 5/9 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 5/10 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 5/13 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells practice
10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn
Head Start Book Collection, Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Fellowship and Refreshments
- 5/16 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 5/17 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
5:00 P.M. Soup Kitchen at Zion Methodist Church
Team #5 Captain, Chris Desgranges

SEE WHO WE ARE

Christian Service Center

clothing and household goods we donate for neighbors

Crop Walk

walking or rocking we help to feed the world

Souper Bowl of Caring

homemade soup prepared and served to collect funds for local soup kitchen

March Into Reading

books we give to Head Start youngsters

Faithful Friends

Head Start classroom volunteers & family support

Ionia County Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen

groceries we collect and food we serve for a neighborhood center

Bear Buddies

near Christmas, we collect small stuffed animals for use in hospital emergency room, patrol cars of police officers, and spouse abuse center