

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA  
MAY 13, 2018  
ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT (INSERT)

*“Awesome God”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with  
loud songs of joy.

**Congregation: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,  
a great king over all the earth.**

Pastor: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under  
our feet.

**Congregation: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of  
Jacob whom he loves.**

\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

Pastor: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**Congregation: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

Pastor: For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

**Congregation: God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

Pastor: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

\*HYMN 151

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(in Unison)*

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all.**

**We confess that we have not bowed before him, or**

**acknowledged his rule in our lives.**

**We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory.**

**Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.**

KYRIE HYMN 572

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The King of glory and Lord of hosts, who ascended triumphantly above the heavens, has not abandoned us in our weakness, but has sent us the one whom his Father has promised, the Holy Spirit. By his renewing power we may repent and lead godly lives of witness until the day of

Christ Jesus. In his name is the forgiveness of all our sins.

Believe this good news and live.

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

Marilyn McKay

A TRIBUTE TO MOTHER'S

by Mary Williams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Liturgist:** *Acts 1:1-11*

Page 947 Pew Bible

**Liturgist:** The word of the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Pastor:** *Ephesians 1:15-23*

Page 1017 Pew Bible

**Pastor:** The Word of the Lord!

# Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Our God Rules" - Dr. Chris Dorn

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Page 14 - Hymnal  
*The Apostles' Creed*

\*HYMN (INSERT) "How Can I Keep From Singing"

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC BY HARKNESS HANDBELLS

*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

\*DOXOLOGY Hymn 592

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 263 "Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise"

\*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:* Sue Reglin

*Greeters and Ushers:* Lavonna and David Hoover, Lee

Hunsberger; *Children's Message:* Marilyn McKay

*Fellowship:* Christian Ed—Mother's Day

*Serving in Worship next Sunday:*

*Guest Speaker:* Dr. Chris Dorn: *Liturgist:* Robert Sykes

*Greeters and Ushers:* Duane and Judi Emlinger, Linda Hood;

*Children's Message:* Sue Thompson; *Fellowship:* Marcia and

Ross Mathews; *Flowers:* Margaret & Perry Gregory in memory of

Mary Esther Daddazio

*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.

Graduation Sunday will be June 10th. Graduation Sunday will be the last day for Sunday school until fall.



This year's Men's Yard Sale date is set for June 2nd, and if rained out it will be planned for the following Saturday, June 9th.

Proceeds will go towards student's summer camp. A date of Wednesday May 30th has been set to price items for the sale.

The children will be running a lemonade stand and bake sale, with the help from adults that day to help raise money for summer camp. Judi will be calling everyone in the congregation to see who will be able to help with the sale.

Headstart book collection is held again today.

Please bring your new or slightly used books 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

- 5/13      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
- 5/19      9:30 A.M. –2:00 P.M. Literary Club Luncheon
- 5/20      8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells practice  
            10:00 A.M. Worship—Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn  
            Guest Organist, Mary Cusack  
            11:00 A.M. Fellowship and Refreshments  
            Deadline for June Newsletter Articles
- 5/22      7:00 P.M. Session meeting
- 5/23      9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 5/24      2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group

## **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*