

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA
MAY 28, 2017
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

INTROIT (INSERT)

“Majesty”

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: “The Lord is risen!”

Congregation: “He is risen indeed!”

Pastor: The earth is the LORD’s and all that is in it, the
world, and those who live in it;

**Congregation: for he has founded it on the seas, and
established it on the rivers.**

Pastor: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who
shall stand in his holy place?

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

Congregation: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

*HYMN 293

"This is My Father's World"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in Unison)

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have eaten without a thought for the hungry.

We have spoken without an effort to understand others.

We have kept silence instead of telling the truth. We

have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the

Judge. We have acted rather in accordance with our

opinions than according to your commands. Within

your church we have been slow to practice love of our

neighbors. And in the world we have not been your faithful servants. Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Here are words you may trust, words that merit full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life, he says, "Your sins are forgiven." He also says, "Follow me." Now to the one who rules all worlds, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 1:15-23

Page 1017 Pew Bible

Luke 24:44-53

Page 920-921 Pew Bible

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *“The Day of His Departure Arrives”* Dr. Chris Dorn

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal
The Apostles' Creed

*HYMN 306

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

WE HONOR OUR VETERANS

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ending with “The Lord’s Prayer”
Page 16 in Hymnal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“My Country Tis of Thee”
Mary Williams

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 592
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 564

“O Beautiful For Spacious Skies”

*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:

Liturgist: Kathy VanSyckle; *Minister:* Dr. Chris Dorn

Greeters and Ushers: Bill Robinson and Pat Gustafson;

Children's Message: Kathy VanSyckle

Fellowship: Bill Robinson - Memorial Day Weekend

Serving in Worship next Sunday:

Liturgist: Sue Reglin; *Minister:* Rev. Mark Veldt

Communion Servers: David and Lavonna Hoover

Communion Preparation: Judi Emlinger and Evelyn Ransom;

Greeters and Ushers: Oscar and Leone Johnson

Fellowship: Margaret and Perry Gregory

Elders serving on Session: Dr. Jan Arnold, David Hanson, Lavonna Hoover, Evelyn Ransom, Sue Reglin, Cindy Rozich, Dr. Keith Sterner, Dr. Warren Thompson, Kathy VanSyckle

Music Fund: Elder Bill Robinson

Shaver Children's Fund: Elder Judi Emlinger

Head Start Initiative: Elder Sue Thompson

Margaret Gregory, Clerk

Barb Klenk and Norma Kilpatrick, Treasurer

Guest Speaker

Music Leader

Harkness Handbell Choir Director

Administrative Assistant

Custodian

Dr. Chris Dorn

Mike Kaufman

Cindy Rozich

Deb Montgomery

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.

See Judi Emlinger for any donations to Camp Greenwood .

Scholarship donations are welcome during the months of May and June. Thank you for your help.

Thank You First Presbyterian Church For The Books And Donations. This Congregation Provided 183 Books For The Ionia Headstart Children.

Mission Committee

CALENDAR

5/28 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells Choir practice

10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker - Dr. Chris Dorn

11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments, Sunday School

5/29 Memorial Day – Office closed

5/31 9:30 A.M. Quilters meeting

6/1 2– 4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group

6/4 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbell Choir practice

10:00 A.M. Worship - Missions Offering - Living Waters

Project - Guest Speaker, Rev. Mark Veldt

Communion

11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments, Sunday School

6/7 9:30 A.M. Quilters

6/8 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group

6/11 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells Choir practice

10:00 A.M. Worship - Graduation Sunday

Guest Speaker - Rev. Mark Veldt

11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments, Sunday School

6/14 9:30 A.M. Quilters

9:30 A.M. Membership and Care meeting

6/15 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group

5:00 P.M. Soup Kitchen at Zion - Team #2

Captain, Margaret Gregory, Linda Hood, Evelyn Ransom,
and Beryl Bishop

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