

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA
AUGUST 26, 2018
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT HYMN (INSERT)

“Shout To The Lord”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us sing for the joy to the LORD; let us
shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Congregation: Let us come before him with

thanksgiving and extol him with music

and song.

***based on Psalm 95:1-2 NIV**

*HYMN (INSERT)

“Gather Us In”

***THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist: Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Congregation: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***based on Psalm 51:10-12**

KYRIE HYMN 572

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Liturgist: Hear the good news: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

***based on 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24**

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

Liturgist: Lord, our God, we bless and thank you for the gift of your Word. Grant your servant, Ram, both the humility and the boldness necessary to preach it. Prepare our hearts and lives to be strengthened and changed by it. Through Christ, our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist: *1 Kings 19:4-8* Page 313 Pew Bible

Pastor: *Ephesians 6:10-20* Page 1020 Pew Bible

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Ram Aryal

"God's Word Commands Us to Take up the Whole Armor of God. Stand Firm and Pray at All times"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal
The Apostles' Creed

*HYMN 447

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

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 341

"Blessed Assurance Jesus is Mine"

*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: Rev. Ram Aryal; *Liturgist:* Robert Sykes

Greeters and Ushers: Keith and Lynn Sterner, Evelyn Ransom

Fellowship: Bill and Pam Robinson

Serving in Worship next Sunday:

Liturgist: Marilyn McKay; *Communion Servers:* Lee Hunsberger,

Marilyn McKay, Norma Kilpatrick; *Communion Preparation:* Jim

and Kathy VanSyckle; *Greeters and Ushers:* Linda Hood, Judi

and Duane Emlinger

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: Barb Klenk, 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.

Happy birthday to Lee Hunsberger, 8/27, Sally Wilcox, 8/28, and Patrick J. Folaron, 8/28.

CALENDAR

- 8/26 10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker, Rev. Ram Aryal
 11:00 A.M. Fellowship
- 8/28 9:00 - 11:15 Office hours - Deb having lunch with friends
- 8/29 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 8/30 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group

9/2 10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn

Missions Offering

11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments

9/5 9:30 A.M. Quilters

9/6 10:30 A.M. Retirees, Travelogue

2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group

Today our Guest speaker is Rev. Ram Aryal. Following is his ministry history: I am originally from Nepal. I received my faith in Christ in 1997, after doing a Bible Study with a student from the Bahamas for several months. The following year my wife, Tara, became a believer. My wife and I have been married for 21 years. Together we parent two sons: Raj, 19, who attends University of Michigan and Jas, our younger one, who attends Michigan State University. We live in Kentwood.

I earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of North Alabama in 2006, M.A. Master's in Pastoral Leadership

from Birmingham Theological Seminary in 2013 and Master's in Divinity from Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids in 2017. In the past, I have worked: as an international student minister for three years (University of North Alabama), as an intern for two years at Restoration Ranch in Tuscumbia, Alabama, as an outreach Minister (Mel Trotter) for two years, as a chapel planning team member for two years, and as a part time (three years) and full time (two years) Pastor of Nepali-speaking Community in Grand Rapids. I have also served as a Minister of Word leading services in several CRC churches in Grand Rapids and other cities in Michigan. Currently, I am seeking a pastoral job on a part time basis.

In my free time, I like to spend good quality time with my family, watch movies, read a new book, play my guitar and go out walking with my family.

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