

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA
OCTOBER 7, 2018
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT HYMN (INSERT)

“Good Soil”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Today we gather around God’s table from near and
far.

Congregation: We are the people of God!

Pastor: Though we differ in language, custom and tradition,

Congregation: we are brothers and sisters in Christ!

Pastor: For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

Congregation: We are one in God’s Spirit!

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

Pastor: We are one and together we remember our Lord
Jesus.

**Congregation: For we have been redeemed by his
blood!**

Pastor: He gave himself up for us, so we could be
reconciled to God.

**Congregation: Come, let us worship the God of our
salvation!**

*HYMN INSERT

“Gather Us In”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in Unison)

**God of compassion and mercy, we are your wounded
and wounding children. We bring to you our wounded
selves, our divided society, and our broken world,
confessing our need for your healing and transforming
grace. It is easy for us to point the finger at others, yet
we know that we all stand in need of your forgiveness.
Forgive us, O God. Break down the walls of hatred,**

distrust and bitterness that separate us and open a way for us to reach one another in the truth and love that are in Jesus. By your Spirit, enable us to build a community where we can all find a place, share our gifts in mutual respect, and seek for the new future which you offer us 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

Dear friends, hear now the good news. In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with us. He is the eternal Word of the Father who became flesh and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to

God and to one another.

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!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist: *Genesis 2:18-24* Page 2 Pew Bible

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: *Mark 10:2-16* Page 877-878 Pew Bible

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord!

Congregation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

SERMON

"The Wedding Supper"- Dr. Chris Dorn

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal
The Apostles' Creed

*HYMN 517

"We Come as Guests Invited"

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

COMMUNION PRAYER

SANCTUS (IN UNISON)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven

and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

POST SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Great is the mystery of faith:

Congregation: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE BREAD AND WINE

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN INSERT

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

*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 Minister: Dr. Chris Dorn; *Liturgist:* Lee Hunsberger;

Greeters and Ushers: Marilyn McKay, Lavonna and David

Hoover *Communion Servers:* Lee Hunsberger, Kathy VanSyckle,

Lavonna Hoover, Marilyn McKay and Norma Kilpatrick

Fellowship: Pat Gustafson and Oscar Johnson

Serving in Worship next Sunday:

Guest Minister: Sally Wilcox; *Liturgist:* Kathy VanSyckle

Greeters and Ushers: Shelly Reglin, Marcia and Ernie Ross

Children's Message: Marilyn McKay

Fellowship: Sue Reglin and Norma Kilpatrick

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

The Mission Offering collected today will go to Presbytery

Disaster Relief for those effected by the recent hurricane in the

Carolinas. Thank you for your donations.

I would like to thank the following people for their help in

decorating the communion tables this morning: Lavonna Hoover, Marilyn McKay, Carol Campbell, Lynn Sterner, Barb Klenk, and Cindy Rozich. Kathy VanSyckle, Worship Chairperson

As we celebrate World Communion day this morning, please notice the five tables representing different countries of the world. At the designated time in the service, you will take communion at the table of your choice, using intinction.

CALENDAR

- 10/7 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells practice
 10:00 A.M. Worship - Communion, Missions Offering
 11:00 A.M. Fellowship and refreshments
- 10/9 5:30 P.M. Family Night
 "Green Eggs and Ham"
- 10/10 9:30 A.M. Quilters meet
- 10/11 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 10/14 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells practice

10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker, Sally Wilcox

Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Fellowship and Refreshments

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