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# Harvest Sunday

#### Prelude - In the Garden

#### **Announcements**

# Gathering Song - I Saw the light

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin I wouldn't let my dear Savior in Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night Praise the Lord, I saw the light

#### **CHORUS:**

I saw the light, I saw the light No more darkness, no more night Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight Praise the Lord, I saw the light Just like a blind man, I wandered along Worries and fears I claimed for my own Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I was a fool to wander and stray For straight is the gate and narrow's the way Now I have traded the wrong for the right Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

# Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

# **Prayer of the Day**

O Lord, maker of all things, you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. We praise you for crowning the fields with your blessings and enabling us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth. Teach us to use your gifts carefully, that our land may continue to yield its increase, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

# Song of Praise - Just a Closer Walk with Thee

I am weak but thou art strong, Jesus, keep me from all wrong, I'll be satisfied as long As I walk, let me walk close to thee. Through this world of toils and snares, If I falter Lord, who cares, Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, my dear Lord, none but thee.

#### **CHORUS:**

Just a closer walk to Thee, Jesus grant my humble plea! Daily walking close to thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be. When the journey here is o'er, Time for me will be no more, Guide me to thy distant shore, To thy shore, O dear Lord, to thy shore.

# **Children's Bible Story**

# **Special Music**

Children's Handbells

# First Reading - Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5

1Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

2He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

3And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

4What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?
5And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
6I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
7For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,

or decide by what his ears hear; 4but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

5Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,

and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

## **Gospel Acclamation – Glory Bound**

When I hear that trumpet sound I will lay my burdens down I will lay them deep into the ground Then I'll know that I am glory bound

I'll be travelling far from home But I won't be looking for to roam I'll be crossing o'er the great divide In a better home soon I will reside

Hallelujah- (Repeat)

When I'm in my resting place I'll look on my mother's face Never more will I have to know All the loneliness that plagues me so

So I'm waiting for that train to come And I know where she's coming from Listen can you hear her on the track When I board I won't be looking back

Hallelujah (Repeat)

# Gospel Mark 12:1-3

<sup>1</sup>Then he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>2</sup>When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. <sup>3</sup>But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed.

#### Sermon

# Hymn of the Day – Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost, but now I'm found Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine But God, who called me here below Will be forever mine, will be forever mine You are forever mine

CHORUS: My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns, Unending love, Amazing grace

# Prayer Song - I'm Free

My soul has been found guilty The fires of hell I've faced But I gave my soul to Jesus And by His saving grace

**CHORUS:** 

I'm free from all the guilt and shame My soul no longer bound And when death comes I'll have no fear The grave can't hold me down This world down here no more my home All heaven waits for me Since Jesus washed my sins away And by His blood I'm free- I'm free My sins have been my shackles A prisoner of my past But down in those living waters I found my peace at last

## **Prayers of Intercession**

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

God, we give you our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.** 

# Offering Song - Good Good Father

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night And You tell me that You're pleased And that I am never alone

#### **CHORUS:**

'Cause You're a good, good Father It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are And I'm loved by You It's who I am, it's who I am

And I've seen many searching for answers far and wide But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide 'Cause You know just what we need Before we can say a word

#### **CHORUS:**

You're a good, good Father It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I
am
You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are,
it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I
am
You're perfect in all of Your ways
(Repeat)

Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak Peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think As You call me deeper still As You call me deeper still As You call me deeper still Into love, love, love

#### **CHORUS:**

You're a good, good Father It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are And I'm loved by You It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am
You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

You're perfect in all of Your ways (perfect in all of Your ways)

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like...

# **Offering Prayer**

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings.

Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

# **Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

#### **Words of Institution**

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

This is Christ's table and Christ welcomes each and every single one of you. All who desire the Lord's Supper are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Following the usher's invitation, come forward along the center aisle. Receive the wafer of bread in your hands. You may also request a gluten-free wafer. Then take a small cup from the tray: white grape juice is in the center and red wine is around the edge. Deposit your cup in the basket when you are finished and return to your seat down the side aisle. We invite children and those not receiving the bread and wine to come forward to receive a blessing.

# **Communion Song – By the Mark**

When I cross over
I will shout and sing
I will know my savior
By the mark where the
Nails have been

**CHORUS** 

By the mark where the
Nails have been
By the sign upon his precious skin
I will know my savior
When I come to him
By the mark where the
Nails have been

A man of riches
May claim a crown of jewels
But the king of heaven
Can be told from the
Prince of fools

On Calvary's Mountain Where they made him suffer so All my sin was paid for A long, long time ago

# **Prayer After Communion**

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **Amen.** 

# **Blessing**

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. Amen.

## **Sending Song**

Some glad morning when this life is over I'll fly away To that home on God's celestial shore I'll fly away CHORUS:

I'll fly away oh glory I'll fly away (in the morning) When I die hallelujah by and by I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have gone I'll fly away Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly I'll fly away

Just a few more weary days and then I'll fly away To a land where joys will never end I'll fly away.

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

Postlude - Will the Circle Be Unbroken

**Special Music for Christmas: Musicians Needed!** All Ages! To have special music on Christmas Eve, we need our musically talented members. If your play an instrument and would like to play at our Christmas Eve service, please contact Ray Smith or Adra Stevens.

The Nominating committee is looking for candidates that would be willing to run for a position on the church council. If you are interested in learning more about any of the available positions or would like to volunteer for one of them, please contact Doug Kamprath, Kelsey DeLand, Jennifer Hemry, Drew Lynn or Ron Zabawa.

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Serving our congregation today:

Acolytes – 9:00 AM William Gensler and Shane Clark 5:00 PM Charlie Opfermann and Ryan Buuck

Altar Guild – Laurie Sherman, Mindy Stadler and Linda Steils

Coffee Hour – Pancake Breakfast

Financial Stewards – Brian DeLand and Doug & Diane Kamprath

Liturgical Minister – Tim Smith

Media – Kelsey DeLand

Organist – Ray Smith

Special Music – Children's Handbells

Ushers - Brian & Barb DeLand

Youth Lay Reader – Cooper Salenbien

#### **Schedule:**

Sunday: Holy Communion - 9:00 AM

Pancake Breakfast

Parts Chosen for SS Christmas Program Community Thanksgiving Service – 5:00 PM

Community Meal - 6:00 PM

Monday: Dartball – Immanuel E Ida @ PoP – 7:30 PM

Tuesday: AA - 7:00 PM

Wednesday: Thanksgiving Eve Service - 7:00 PM

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day Saturday: Set up Christmas Tree

**This morning we welcome** Ol' Creek Road, who will be playing at our worship services this morning and again, at 5 PM. Be sure to let them know we appreciate their talents!

The annual pancake breakfast is today after church. The menu includes pancakes, sausage links, scrambled eggs, applesauce, apple juice, orange juice, milk, and coffee. Free-will offerings will be collected to benefit youth events. Christmas program parts will be chosen this morning, too.

**The "Friends in Faith"** (formerly "Dundee Interfaith") Hymn Sing featuring Ol' Creek Road is at 5 PM today. Following the service, meat & beverages will be provided by our deacons; members of our neighboring congregations will bring sides and desserts for our meal. We hope to see you there!

Poinsettia orders are due by next Sunday. Order on our website or envelopes are in the narthex. The women's annual Advent by Candlelight is Nov. 28. We'll enjoy appetizers and desserts at 6:30 PM in The Gathering Place. Afterwards, Pastor Aaron will lead a brief worship service that includes a few favorite Christmas hymns as we remind ourselves of the "reason for the season". Save the date, invite your friends & set aside a little time for yourself during this busy time of year. Contact Laurie Sherman; Chris Lietzke; or Kim Zietlow w/questions.

Advent candle lighters and readers are needed for each Sunday Service during Advent. The first Sunday of Advent is December 03. Traditionally, a child(ren) would light the candle in the Advent wreath as a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc. reads the special Advent reading. Please sign up in the narthex if you are interested in this. The Advent reading will be emailed to you.

**The refreshment committee** serving after the concert at the Christmas in Ida festival on December 1 needs a person or two to help set up and/or clean up. If available, please contact the church office.

**Our WELCA ladies are counting on help** for the luncheon at the Christmas in Ida craft show and bake sale on Dec. 02. Baked goods, donations, workers the day before and the day of the event are needed. Please sign up in the narthex as you are able.

**Two teens are needed** to sell admission tickets, stamp hands etc. at the Christmas in Ida Craft Show. Please contact Stephanie Gabriel at <a href="mailto:thirtyoneladygabriel@gmail.com">thirtyoneladygabriel@gmail.com</a> if you can help anytime from 8:30am-2 pm.

**Are you willing to walk** in the Christmas in Ida Parade on Dec. 02 to hand out cards inviting the community to our "Country Christmas" service? There are also a couple openings to ride on the float. If interested contact John Gerweck and/or Pastor Aaron.

A Kids of the Kingdom movie night will be on Sat., Dec. 09 in the Sanctuary from 5:30-7:30 PM. We'll watch "The Star" the story of adventurous animals who bore witness to the birth of Jesus. The entire family can stay or drop off the kids and use the time to get ready for the holiday. Dinner will be served. Get comfy! Bring a pillow, blanket, sleeping bag, etc. Please sign up in the narthex.

Local Events...

...Fri. Dec. 01 - 7 PM

Christmas in Ida Commemorative Concert featuring Detroit Opera Youth Chorus St. Joseph Catholic Church 8295 Van Aiken St immediately following the concert at St. Joseph Catholic Church Hall Free & open to public.

...Thurs. Dec. 07 - 11:30am-5:30 pm Blood Drive Prince of Peace Community Center schedule 1800REDCROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter code: IDACHURCHES

...Fri., Dec. 15 – 7:30 pm John Tyner Choral presents "Festiva of Lessons and Carols" at First Presbyterian Church 108 Washington St. Monroe, MI 48161 Free and open to public.