

# SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

JUNE 18, 2023 | 9:30 A.M.

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## PREPARATION & PRAISE

Prelude: "Selected Hymns"

arranged by Sharon Bakker

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship:

based on Psalm 116:1-2, Micah 7:7

Prayer of the Day:

God of all, you gave your only Son to take the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross. Give us the same mind of Christ Jesus so that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

\* Hymn: "And Can It Be"

PH 267:1,3,4

\* God's Greeting:

based on Philippians 1:2

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## CONFESSION & PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Canons of Dordt V, Art. 4-5 (PH p. 943)

Prayer of Confession:

based on Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 127 (PH p. 924)

God's Will for Our Lives:

PH p. 1016

Assurance of Pardon:

based on Ezekiel 18:21-23

Form for Readmission (PH p. 990)

\* Confession of Faith:

Apostles' Creed

\* Hymn: "When Peace Like a River"

PH 489

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: "God Is So Good"

God is so good, (3x)....he's so good to me.

He cares for me, (x3)....he's so good to me.

God answers prayer, (3x).....he's so good to me.

I praise his name, (3x).....he's so good to me.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Forgiven in the Sight of Christ*

II Corinthians 2:5-11 (p. 1143)

\* Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

PH 556

## OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

\* Offertory Prayer

for the General Fund & Children's Haven

## BLESSING & DISMISSAL

\* Benediction:

I Peter 5:10-11

\* Doxology: "To God Be the Glory"

PH 473:1,3

Postlude

*\*Indicates congregation stands, as able*

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Minister: Rev. Joel Vande Werken

Liturgist: Cara Zabilansky

Organ: Sharon Bakker

*Prayer of the Day Worship Sourcebook K.1.4.5  
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## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK:** Emma Kuipers works with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Chad (Central Africa), developing literacy materials in several languages. "Pray for a way forward to translate the Bible in Mogum: At this point we don't know how the work will continue. One translator is a Christian and has good Bible knowledge, but has limited access to resources because he is blind. The other is quickly learning to write in Mogum, but as a Muslim has no Bible background. They really need an exegete to guide them."

**MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:** Peace of Bread offers free, nutritious dinners in an atmosphere of community fellowship every Wednesday evening at the United Presbyterian Church. A free food pantry and clothing items are also available those evenings.

**GLADY EBBELING** returned home this past Wednesday after a long period of recovery and physical therapy following her broken hip. Give thanks for God's gift of healing and pray for her as she adjusts to life at home again. .

**JOAN KOOPMAN** was in the hospital last weekend with an illness related to a recent tick bite. We pray for God's comfort as she heals at home.

Yesterday, June 17, **DUANE VANDEN AKKER** reached his one-year mark since his lung transplant. He is scheduled for a day-long checkup at the hospital in Boston on June 26. Praise God for the miraculous gift of healing Duane has received in the last year, and pray for good results from his up coming checkup.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER** in the Fellowship Hall has a new selection of books related to the current sermon series on forgiveness. The library is open for self-checkout on Sundays and during the week whenever the office is open (Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. till 2:30 p.m.)

**PEACE OF BREAD:** Wednesday, June 28, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. will be Fairlawn's turn to serve at Peace of Bread, hosted by the United Presbyterian Church in Whitinsville. Several helpers are needed for serving food and cleaning up! Please email Kris VandenAkker at vandenakker@gmail.com.

Our annual Fairlawn **CHURCH PICNIC** will be Sunday, July 16 at Fairwoods! We'll gather for worship at 9:30 at Fairwoods and then enjoy a picnic together. More details to come.

This year's **NAC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held on July 10-14 from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Pleasant Street CRC. Registration is now open! Please email northbridgevbs@gmail.com for registration forms.