

Holly Presbyterian Church  
26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 26, 2021

**Welcome** - We extend a warm welcome to anyone coming here for the first time.

**Greeting and Pennies from Heaven** - A voluntary small change offering for new building projects. Basket is on the table by the AV desk.

**Announcements** At this time there will be a moment for sharing announcements.

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

The heavens proclaim your glory, O God;

And their voice goes through all the earth.

Your law is perfect,

More precious than gold, and sweeter than honey.

O Lord, you are our rock and our redeemer.

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Before you, O God, we confess our sin; we acknowledge our brokenness, and the brokenness of our world.

We have said and done things which cause harm to ourselves, to others, and to the world, and for which we are truly sorry.

We have failed to say and do things which show love to each other and for you.

Knowing that you are compassionate, merciful, and ever faithful, we ask your forgiveness, and your healing of all that is wrong; that you will restore us to fullness of life to serve and love the world in Jesus' name.

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

To all and to each, where regret is real, God pronounces pardon and grants us the right to begin again.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Come as a Child**

*(We set apart this time specifically for children as we reflect upon the words of scripture for the day. There is no need to move from where you are, unless you find it helpful to come closer. Adults, too, are invited to listen as a child might and to participate.)*

**First Reading** James 5:13-20

Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 217-218

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*The Gospel Reading** Mark 9:38-50

Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 42-43

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**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Brooke Pickrell

**Hymn 422**

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

*(While still in the midst of the pandemic, we will be listening only and not singing. However, follow the music along with words, if you are so moved.)*

**Prayers of the People**

O God, hear our prayers for your world and all its people, for your church, and for ourselves.

**O God of life, hear us and sustain us.**

We pray for your creation that is the work of your hands. Teach us to care for the earth, sky, waters, and all that live and breathe.

**O God of life, hear us and sustain us.**

May your church speak and act, united, proclaiming the Good News of life given, of life renewed, and of life in fullness and abundance for all.

**O God of life, hear us and sustain us.**

We pray for people of every nation and religion, and we pray for their leaders. Give to all wisdom and understanding, compassion and mercy, and may such abilities be the foundation upon which policies are shaped and decisions are made.

**O God of life, hear us and sustain us.**

Where there is hunger, where there is thirst, where there is loneliness, where there is sickness, where there is hopelessness, may we have the courage to go there in your name.

Bring healing where there is brokenness.

Look with compassion on all who suffer, [especially...].

**O God of life, hear us and sustain us.**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## *Invitation to the Offering*

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

*\*Charge*

*\*Blessing*

*Postlude (Working together to help maintain safety during this time of Covid, please exit the sanctuary quietly during the Postlude.)*

- Portions of this morning's liturgy are adapted from liturgy provided by The Church of Scotland.

Serving in the celebration of worship this week:

A/V Setup: **Gerry Jackson**, Sound/Camcorder Operator: **Randy Cook**

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### *Finance Team*

<i>Monthly Summary</i>	<i>Average budgeted needs</i>	<i>Income received</i>
<i>August 2021</i>	<i>\$9,072.03</i>	<i>\$6,012.89</i>

	<u><i>Attendance</i></u>
<i>Aug 1st</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Aug 8th</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Aug 15th</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Aug 22nd</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Aug 29th</i>	<i>13</i>

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### *From the Care Team*

#### *Prayers of Joy ...*

- Jimmy Pernel (Gerry Jackson's friend) who is now in remission. Praise God!
- For Nicole Howe, who is pregnant with twins.

#### *Prayers of Comfort ...*

- For the family of Cristy Banks (Josh Banks mother).
- For the family of Marc Cooper (Gerry Jackson's dear friend and guest preacher at our church).
- For the family of Charlene Clement, and her brother Norm. A memorial service will be at Dryer Funeral Home on September 30th at 11 am. Please reach out to Norm by phone at 810-240-1845 or by mail McCandlish Manor, 4191 McCandlish Rd, Grand

Blanc, MI 48439. He really is hurting.

### *Prayers of Concern ...*

- For all those sickened and threatened by the COVID-19 virus here in the United States and around the world.
  - For healing, strength, comfort and peace for: Betty Striggow (Penny Schettling's mother) recovering from hip surgery; Debbie Mikolowski (Penny Schettling's sister), who is battling cancer and having a difficult time; Karen Haneline's niece and fiancé who live outside New Orleans, which is in the path of Hurricane Ida; Julie Schram's mother-in-law who is in the hospital with Covid-19; George Dzahristos (a friend of Randy Cook's) who has suffered an aneurysm in his brain issues; Mary Renico who has been experiencing quite a bit of pain and discomfort from a wound on her leg, most likely caused by the treatment she had been receiving for skin cancer; Melinda (Elizabeth Kici's daughter), who was diagnosed with breast cancer and is undergoing treatment; Jim Pelton, who has Lewy Body Dementia and in decline; Diana (friend of Cathie Killewald) who is facing health issues and medical tests including a lung biopsy; Jimmie Pernell (friend of Gerry Jackson) who is fighting cancer; Mandie Bank's mom, Laura, who is waiting on medical test results; Jim Killewald (Bob & Cathie's son) who has a lot of pain; Baby Ryan Washer (friends of Jan & Gordie) who has a compromised health condition and is the hospital with RSV, ongoing prayers for Hadleigh Banks, Keaton Banks, Fran Olson and Terry & Julie Parish.
  - For our members who are home bound, or in care facilities.
  - For those who are suffering from natural and man-made disasters.
  - For those serving, or who have served, in our military.
  - For our country, its leaders and for world peace in a troubled time;
  - For all the churches in our Presbytery that are in transition.
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### *Outreach Team*



Come to church and get a mask with our logo. Spread the word, not the germs.

Donations are needed for candy on Halloween. We will be collecting until October 24th. Thank you for your support.



### *- Recent Disasters*

If you are interested in supporting help for those in Hurricane Ida and/or Earthquake Haiti, please see the enclosed. You may also make your check out to HPC and put a note where and how much you want to go to each.