

**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.**

(Many Congregationalists in the early days felt that using the Lord's Prayer as a fixed part of worship was far too "liturgical". The traditional form in this Congregation uses "debts" and "debtors", but you are free to join in with whatever version you know.)

**Sharing the Bread and Cup
Communion Music "For Praise"**

***CLOSING HYMN "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"** *(see below)*

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Tim Vander Haar

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go Now In Peace"** *(inside back cover of black hymnal)*

POSTLUDE "Sing Unto The Lord".....Arr. by Hayes Solee Lee-Clark, piano

*You are invited to remain and enjoy the postlude
but if you need to leave please feel free to do so.*

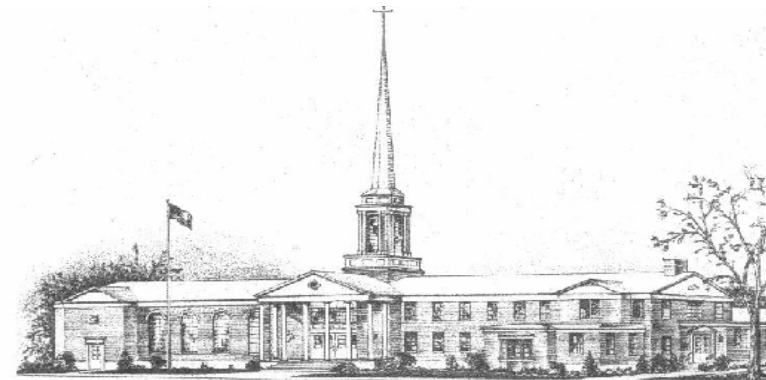
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The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
Galatians 5:22-23

SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

Senior Minister
Rev. Timothy D. Vander Haar



**Listening devices & large print bulletins are available.
Please ask an usher for assistance.**

We invite those seated in the sanctuary to prepare quietly for the worship hour.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY BEFORE LABOR DAY
September 5, 2010

*Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this:
to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself
unstained by the world.*
James 1:27

WELCOME

Deb Collett

PRELUDE "Thy Word"Arr. by Hayes

Solee Lee-Clark, piano

*OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: **And also with you.**

*HYMN Red 304 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

*GATHERING PRAYER (*Collect for Labor Day, Book of Common Prayer*)

Rev. Tim Vander Haar

Leader: Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all
we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we
do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and,
as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the
rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those
who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-46 *NT p. 29*

Carol Thompson

THE MINISTRY OF "FOR PRAISE"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carol Thompson

* *Those who wish may stand.*

OFFERTORY

Invitation

Offertory Music "For Praise"

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father (Creator), Son (Christ), and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

*Prayer

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meaning of the Sacrament

Communion Prayer

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly fitting and right...

...and so, with your whole Church on earth
and with all the company of heaven, we worship
and adore your glorious name.

"Holy, holy, holy God..." Black #792

Merciful God, we recall anew ...

...we boldly say what we believe:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine.
Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes may be opened, and
we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all
for whom Christ died.

**In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you,
eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve
you.**

And now as Christ our Savior taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**


* *Those who wish may stand.*

Announcements

Sunday, September 5, 2010

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given by Donna Jacobsen in memory of her father Wilfrid Fortier.

THE SATURDAY CHRONICLE AD is sponsored by Nancy Tighe in memory of her parents Barbara and Robert Johnson and son Brett Harman.


 **PLEASE PLAN TO BRING COOKIES**, treats and baked goods during the month of **September** if your last name begins with the letters **E-J**. Thanks for helping out in this way!

Today is the kick off for 2010 Crop Walk. This year's theme is "Ending Hunger One Step At a Time."

The goals for the Muskegon Area Walk are to get 500 walkers, from 55 congregations & organizations, to raise at least \$50,000 to help our neighbors both locally and globally. One fourth of what is raised from the Muskegon Area Walk will benefit eight agencies working to alleviate hunger and human suffering right here in Muskegon. One of those programs is the Saturday Breakfast here at FCC.


Last year FCC sent out a mere 21 walkers who raised \$2,861. This year our goal is **AT LEAST 25 WALKERS TO RAISE \$3000+**. After today's service, please stop outside Fellowship Hall to pick up your packet and details about the walk. Don't wait until the last minute! Start gathering your pledges right away. Open your hearts and your wallets to "stamp out hunger." Thank you. Barb Wenk

 **MEMBER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** encourages each one of us to bring a friend to church next Sunday.

 **IT'S NOT TOO LATE** to sign up to donate a cake for Christian Education's cake walk next Sunday. Please contact Michelle Bullion or the church office and sign up today. Thank you.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL begins next week. We've missed you!



 **SIGN UP TODAY** for the 2nd annual FCC Golf Outing at Lincoln Golf Course, Sunday September 12. Shotgun start will take place at 1:30 p.m. The 18 hole, 4 person team competition will be followed by dinner and a prize raffle. Cost is \$25 for golf and golf cart and \$10-15 for dinner. Payment is due upon registration. See Jim Ware at the table outside Fellowship Hall.

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A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors

We are so glad you are with us today.
We encourage you to sign our friendship register found in each pew. We invite you to stay for coffee and fellowship after Worship Service today.

Nursery Care is available on the second floor-Room 201 for infants and toddlers.

Please contact an usher for any assistance.



THANK YOU TO OUR MUSICIANS

“For Praise” is a contemporary gospel-singing group comprised of five lead vocalists, Billy Hines, Alvin and Ida Jackson, Danett Terry and Debra Mukes, all from Muskegon, MI. Each truly loves the Lord and is inspired to do his will. Their purpose and mission is to go the highways and byways to reach the lost in prisons, jails and rescue missions across the country. This great commission enables them to sing and express through songs the promises that God has bestowed upon them to give others hope. “For Praise” has headlined with many gospel artists such as Helen Baylor, A-1 Swift, Allen and Allen, Nicholas, as well as many others. They have also had the opportunity to minister to millions that attend the Unity Fest held here in Muskegon, along with Point of Grace, Michael W. Smith, Selah, Steven Curtis Chapman and Newsboys.

They have just held 2 fundraiser concerts, one here at FCC last night, to raise money to continue their travel ministry. We had the privilege of having them as a part of our worship service for our culmination of VBS last year and are honored to have them as a part of our service this morning. Welcome back, “For Praise”.

Please join in supporting “For Praise” by donating to our Special Offering for their mission to help reach the lost in prisons, jails and rescue missions across the country.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN September 5

- 9:00 am Communion Chapel
- 10:30 am Worship Service/Communion
- 11:45 am Christian Ed. meeting

MON September 6

Labor Day - Building Closed

TUES September 7

- 9:00 am Prayer in Chapel

WED September 8

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study Bkfst.
- 9:00 am Bldg. Volunteers
- 9:00 am Prayer in Chapel
- 6:30 pm Shema Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Motet Rehearsal

THU September 9

- 9:00 am Prayer in Chapel
- 2:00 pm Women's Support Group
- 6:30 pm Finance Committee Mtg.
- 6:30 pm Worship & Music Mtg.

FRI September 10

- 9:00 am Breakfast Setup
- Building Closed**

SAT September 11

- 9:00 am Saturday Breakfast

SUN September 12

- 9:00 am Chapel Communion
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 1:30 pm Golf Outing

**Bring a Friend Sunday
BBQ/Cake Walk after
Worship Service**

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN Sep 05 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 18/Ordinary Time 23)

- Jeremiah 19:1-11
- Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
- Philemon 1-21
- Luke 14:25-33

MON Sep 06 1 Corinthians 5:1-8

- Psalm 5:4-8, 11
- Luke 6:6-11

TUE Sep 07 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

- Psalm 149:1b-6a, 9
- Luke 6:12-19

WED Sep 08 1 Corinthians 7:25-31

- Psalm 45:10-11, 13b-16
- Luke 6:20-26

THU Sep 09 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7,

- 11-17
- Psalm 139:1-3, 13-14, 23-24
- Luke 6:27-38

FRI Sep 10 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,

- 22b-27
- Psalm 84:1-5, 11
- Luke 6:39-42

SAT Sep 11 1 Corinthians 10:14-22

- Psalm 116:12-13, 17-18
- Luke 6:43-49

SUN Sep 12 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper /Ordinary Time 24)

- Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
- Psalm 14
- I Timothy 1:12-17
- Luke 15:1-10 (11-32)



Next week please join us for a BBQ (sponsored by Congregational Life Department) and old fashioned fun (sponsored by Christian Education Department) as we kick off our “Celebration Sunday”. Member Development Committee encourages you to **bring a friend to help us kick off this fun event!**