



Let us run with  
perseverance  
the race that  
is set before us.

HEBREWS 12:1, NRSV

**AUGUST 14, 2022**  
**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



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# Welcome

*Thank you for worshiping with us!*

We invite you to write your name and contact information on the Friendship Pad and pass it down the pew for others to sign.

If you would like a children's folder, large print bulletin, *wireless hearing assistance device* or back pillow, the ushers will be happy to assist you. We currently offer two types of hearing assistance devices: one with earphones, and one which works with "T" coil hearing aids.

If you are visiting with us, and don't have a Bible you can read and understand, please take one from your pew as our gift to you!

Please join us for coffee and tea in Boll Hall after the service.

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~ *The prelude is to be a time of reflection and preparation for worship* ~

## Welcome

**Prelude**                      *Recit de Tierce en Taille*                      Nicholas de Grigny

## Announcements

**Introit**                      *How Great Thou Art*                      arr. Brent Olstad  
Te Deum Handbell Choir

**\*Call to Worship**    (read responsively)

One: O God, our Shepherd,

**All: gather us together and lead us like a flock.**

One: O God, our Gardener,

**All: plant us like a vineyard so that we produce good fruit.**

One: O God, our Merciful Judge,

**All: we call upon your name in prayer and praise.**

One: We bow before you, O God,

**All: and offer our worship with glad and humble hearts.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

\*Hymn

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

D Bm Em A7 D



1 God the scul - tor of the moun - tains, God the  
2 God the nui - sance of the Pha - raoh, God the  
3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the  
4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the

Bm Em7 A F Dm



mill - er of the sand, God the jewel - er of the  
cleav - er of the sea, God the pil - lar in the  
plant - er of the wheat, God the reap - er of the  
calm, de - ter - mined youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing

Gm7 C F E7 A A7



heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the land:  
dark - ness, God the bea - con of the free:  
har - vest, God the source of all we eat:  
proph - et, God the res - ur - rect - ed truth:

D F#m G F#m Bm



you are womb of all cre - a - tion;  
you are fount of all de - liv - erance;  
you are host at ev - ery ta - ble;  
you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment;

Em D Em D



we are form - less; shape us now.  
we are aim - less; lead us now.  
we are hun - gry; feed us now.  
we are search - ing; meet us now.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Attentive God, you care for us like a gardener tending a beautiful vineyard, blessing us with what we need to be fruitful. Yet we confess we fail to live up to your hopes for us. Instead of love and kindness, we produce self-centeredness and anger. Instead of generosity, we produce greed and jealousy. Forgive us, O God. In your mercy, renew in us the fruit of the Spirit through the grace of Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*(Silent Confession)*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

### Children's Message

**Pastor Jackie**

*Children are invited to come forward to the chancel steps. Following the message, elementary and preschool age children depart for Sunday School in the Education Rooms. After you exit the sanctuary, someone in the Narthex will direct you.*

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Readings

#### First Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better

resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

### **Second Reading: Luke 12:49-56**

<sup>49</sup>"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation** "Interpreting the Present Time"

**Rev. Jacqueline Spycher**

## Call for the Offering

**Offertory**    *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

arr. Lloyd Larson

Te Deum Handbell Choir

**\*Doxology**    **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Christ, all people here below  
Praise Holy Spirit ever more;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

One:    ...Faithful God, hear our prayer,

All:    **And renew our faithfulness.**

**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.**

**\*Sending Hymn**    *How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord*    (p. 7)

## \*Benediction

**\*Sung Response**    *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* (v. 1, 4)

**Postlude**    *Menuet Antique*    Leon Boellmann

*At the close of the worship service, you may depart during the postlude,  
or stay to enjoy the music.*



# Hymn

# How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord



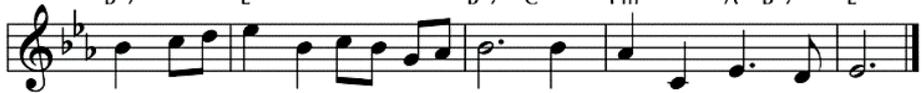
1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call  
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - came in hin - dranc - es more sure:  
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

(G) (Em) (A) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (Em)  
 Ab Fm Bb Gm Cm Ab Fm



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re -  
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -  
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your  
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to

(A7) (D) (A7) (B) (Em) (G)(A7) (D)  
 Bb7 Eb Bb7 C Fm Ab Bb7 Eb



stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
 wind its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.  
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.  
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored, done.

# Response

# God Be With You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels  
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner



guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:  
 float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:



God be with you till we meet a - gain.



***To The Glory of God...***  
*The flowers in the chancel are given by  
Karen Obsniuk and family in loving memory of  
Bill D. Taylor*

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**Membership Class—** is **TODAY**, right after worship. Please join us in the Gathering Room (next to Boll Hall) after you get your coffee!

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***Worship Leaders & Staff:***

*Senior Pastor*

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

*Parish Associate*

Rev. Linda Cochran

*Liturgist*

Beth Heberlein

*Music Ministry*

Dr. Jerry Custer, Vocal Music Director

Nancy Plumley, Te Deum Handbell Choir Director

Dr. Dave Wagner, Organist/Accompanist

*Youth Ministry*

Madie Zurkan, Interim Children & Youth Director

Ying Zhang, Sunday Morning Nursery Assistant

*Preschool*

Lisa Higley, Director

Cynthia Korpela, Assistant Director

*Technology*

Daryl Bean, AV Tech Associate

*Office Staff*

Kelly Sartorius, Church Administrator

Kelly Clarke, Accounting Clerk

Judy Phillips, Communications Associate

*Sextons*

Scott Nelson, Evening Sexton

Paige Poinsett, Daytime Sexton

**Song Credits:**

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# The Bulletin Board

**Dumpster - Week of August 15!** Groups, Committees, Staff— please sort any items you have in storage in the church and prepare to dispose of unwanted and unusable items. A dumpster will be on site for one week. You may label the items to be removed and leave them inside—please let Kelly, Paige or Scott know where they are and we will place them in the dumpster.

**Youth Pool Party! TODAY** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for any youth (going into 6th grade up to graduated seniors). Picnic dinner also provided — hosted by Jennie Macy at her condo at 39939 Crosswinds (south of 9 Mile btwn Haggerty and Meadowbrook). The pool is in the middle of the complex; look for Jennie or Pastor Jackie and enter through the pool bathrooms. Please RSVP to Pastor Jackie so we can plan for the food: email her at [jacquelinespycher@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:jacquelinespycher@fpcnorthville.org). Friends, new folks and parents are also welcome! Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel.



**You're Invited!** To our annual **Church Picnic** on Sunday, September 11 from 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We meet at Waterford Bend Park (at 6 Mile and Northville Rds.). Wear your picnic clothes and pack your lawn chair! Please RSVP online with our sign up link in the Friday E-News, or contact Vivienne Ward at 248-767-9146 or [jvtward@aol.com](mailto:jvtward@aol.com).  
Games -- Food -- Fun!

*Help and donations are needed to make the picnic a success!  
Please see the sign up link in our Friday E-News.*

**Blessing of Backpacks, briefcases, purses and bags!**  
**September 11, during Worship** — Please come to Church with your everyday backpack or “carrying container”, to receive a blessing that is meant to help us keep the words and actions of Jesus with us, whether to school, work, grocery store, activities, or back home! After Worship, in the Narthex, you will be invited to pick out a notepad and pencil to keep in your newly blessed container, for you to jot down concerns, prayers, ideas for helping others, etc. Questions? Contact Beth Heberlein@734-634-5485.

**Annual Reports** from committees and program directors are due on Tuesday, September 13. These reports are included in the meeting packet for the church’s annual meeting next month. Please forward your report for the past year to Judy in the office:  
[judyphillips@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:judyphillips@fpcnorthville.org)

**Open Position at FPC** — We are seeking a part time Children & Youth Director; qualified candidates may send their resume and letter of interest to Human Resources: [hr.firstpresby@gmail.com](mailto:hr.firstpresby@gmail.com). See the job description on our website and in the Friday E-News.

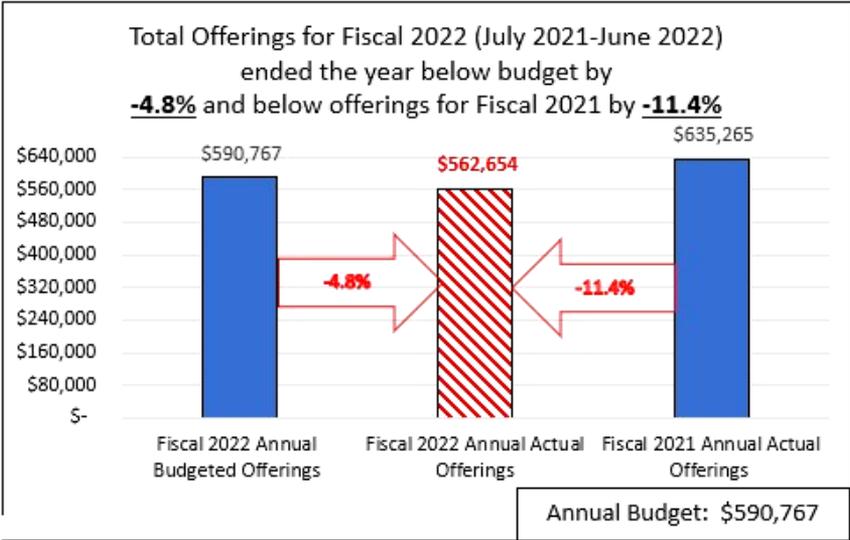
**Church Calendar Updates**— *To all groups, committees, and activity leaders:* Please send Kelly your meeting dates and room request for the upcoming program year (September to June), or at least through December. The calendar needs to be accurate and rooms reserved so there are no conflicts. Also, please note any dates that you are NOT meeting (i.e. during holiday weeks, etc.) If you are meeting on Zoom or a hybrid of Zoom and in-person, we need to know those dates as well. Thank you for your help!

**Simply Give campaign**— Purchase a \$10 *Simply Give* donation card at the Meijer store on 8 Mile and Haggerty Rds. Your donation is converted into a Meijer Food-Only Gift Card and donated directly to Northville Civic Concern! Meijer customers shopping online using Meijer pickup or home delivery can also purchase *Simply Give* donation cards as an [add-on](#) to their orders.

**The *Simply Give* fall campaign runs July through Oct. 1. Meijer will double match any cards purchased Saturday, Sept. 10, effectively tripling contributions made on those days.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

## *Offerings Update*





**Congregation:** all caregivers; Jim Atkinson; Bonnie Bakewell; Grant Beringer; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Marge Dabney; Kathy Gricius; Ron Housman; Donald Morgan; Marilyn Overmyer; Pat Smith; Melissa Weiss; Dick Werther

**Friends and Family:** Kimberly Atkinson (family of Jim & Marilyn Atkinson); Roy Awe (friend of Marilyn Thibodeau); Patricia Bader (mother of Dave Bader); Claude Coleman (brother of Coline Coleman), Donna (neighbor of Kathy Gricius); Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Jackie Fisher (mother of Louise Fisher); Erica Fulgar (niece of Kathy Gricius); Patrick Gill (husband of Neyssa Gill); Sally Gillies (sister of Ron Austin); Grandson of friend of Janet Heath-Morgan; Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); Mark Ivankovics (brother-in-law of Louise Fisher); Nina & Nikolai (residing in Ukraine; relatives of Marcia Booth); Marc Noga (friend of Jim & Liz Murtfeldt); Penny Norton (mother of Guy Sartorius); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann & Lynn Stringer); Tina Tate (friend of Mary Ann Gingrich); Bob Trombley (husband of Sandy Trombley and brother of Maureen Trombley and Barbara Ulbrich); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney).

**All Military Personnel** currently serving here and abroad.

*To add a name to this list, please call your Deacon, or the Church office at 248-349-0911. Please note that names are added to the Prayer Ministry list only with the individual's permission. This list will be purged and reprinted periodically. **Kindly let us know when to remove a name. Thank you.***



