

Firelands Presbyterian Church

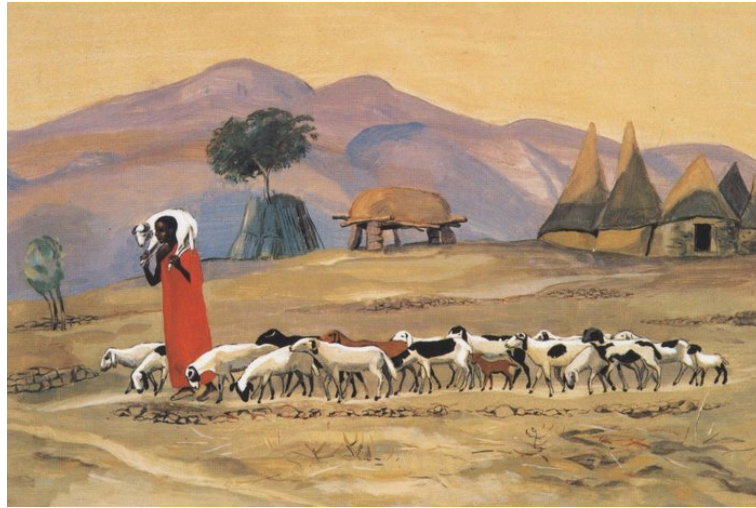
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The Good Shepherd

JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

October 11, 2026

Welcome to Firelands Church, a community of believers gathered by the Holy Spirit, growing together in Christ, and committed to serving God. Everyone is encouraged to stay for fellowship following the worship service.

The Order Of The Liturgy

↑ Please stand in body or in spirit ↑

Prelude

Selected Pieces

“Lake Erie Dulcimers” are Theresa Dick, Dulcimer, Jim Dick, Guitar, Susan LeMaitre, Dulcimer, Sande Johnson, Dulcimer, Stan Johnson, Autoharp, Kay Nelson, Dulcimer and Susan Rogers, Dulcimer

↑ **Call to Worship** Psalm 100: 1 - 5 (*Responsively*)

1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

2 Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into God's presence with singing!

3 Know that the Lord, the Lord is God!

It is God who made us, and we are the Lord's;

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

4 Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

Give thanks to God; bless the Lord's name!

5 For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,

And God's faithfulness to all generations.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Hymn 612

We Praise You, O God

↓ **Call to Confession:** Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted God's people, and will have compassion on the afflicted. (*Isaiah 49: 13*) Let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (*together*)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news; the empires of this world will rise and fall, but the mercy of the Lord will never end.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, thanks be to God.

Glory to God - Hymn 585 verse 1 (*together*)

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the Highest. Glory to God,
glory to God, glory in the Highest. To God be glory forever.
Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen.*

Prayer of Illumination (*together*)

Holy Spirit, pour out upon us wisdom and understanding, that being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to receive all that leads to life and holiness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 23 (*together*)

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters;
- 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of death, I fear no evil, for You are
with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Gospel: Philippians 4:1-9 & Matthew 22: 1 - 14
The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Sometimes It Isn't Good to be Remembered!

↑ **Affirmation of Faith:**

In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Peace - The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Hymn 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* (vs 1, 4, 5)

↓ **Presentation of Our Gifts, Offerings, and Thanksgiving**

↑ **Doxology** - *Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.....*

↓ **Prayers of the Church and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Communion Invitation

The Acclamation Let us praise the Lord.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. In Christ shall all be made alive.

Hear the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ: The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes. With thanksgiving, let us offer God our grateful praise.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Supper (*approach the table using the center aisle - return using the side aisles*)

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Communion Meditation *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. Tonioli

Prayer after Communion.

↑ **Hymn 33** *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

Charge and Benediction

As we go forth from this place, our service of worship comes to an end. May our lives of worship and service begin anew with tomorrow’s rising sun.

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

Benediction Response *May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song. And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong. And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy! And may the road you travel always lead you home.*

Postlude *This Little Light of Mine* Traditional
Lake Erie Dulcimers

Prayer Concerns

Rob Constein • Karen Dietz • Dottie Douglas • Dottie’s son, David Douglas • Remi Floro • Karla Hoffman • Linda & Garrett Holcomb • Linda Holcomb’s sisters, Lois & Carol • Sue Holman • Kathy Jerram (after surgery) • Betty Layton’s friend, Sue • Jim Layton • Bob Leib • Judy Smither’s brother, Rob Morris • Flona & Eric Pott • Rod Teen (knee surgery) • Anne Trombatore • Karen Salzgeber’s friend, Becky Deredick • Bill & Pat Sharp • Bill Umlauf • John Vardyon • Kay McIntosh’s cousin, Terry Webster (after surgery) • All those who are currently under a doctor’s care • All who are traveling this week.

Announcements

Exploring Our Faith Bible Study meets Wednesday at 10:30am in the Conference Room, when we begin a study of the Apostles' Creed. Books are available in the church office.

The House of David video series resumes Thursday, October 15th at 2:00pm. This video series dramatizes the life of David, with conversation to follow the video.

Our Adult Sunday School meets at 9:30am in the Conference Room. This adult class studies the Scripture lessons which are a part of the morning worship service.

This Week at Firelands: Office Hours 10am - 2pm, T - Th

Today10/11		10:30am Worship and Fellowship. The Reader assisting in worship is Gwen Aber. Communion Servers are Sally & Dave Wahlers. Coffee & Fellowship Hosts are Ed & Shirley Carlson.
Monday		10:00am Sewing Group 10:00am Musical Arts Series Meeting 2:00pm Health & Exercise 4:00pm Bistro Drive thru Comm.
Tuesday		9:00am Wilsons Quilting Group 2:00pm Mission 3:30pm Session Meeting
Wednesday		10:30am Exploring Our Faith 10:30am - 12 Stein Hospice Healing Hearts
Thursday		8:00am Cleaning Service 2:00pm House of David video
Friday		8:00am Men’s Group Meeting Fulton S. cafe
Next Sunday 10/18		10:30am Worship and Fellowship. The Reader assisting in worship will be Don Dewalt. Communion Servers will be Dave & Janet Gray-Moore Coffee Fellowship Hosts are needed.