

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 16, 2025



First Presbyterian Church of Mount Clemens invites you to
“Come as a guest, leave as family.”

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BOLD TEXT – All participate

* - Stand if you are able

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GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Schmidt

PRELUDE

"This Day of Gladness"
Chancel Bells

Susan E. Geschke

***SONG**

"Fly"

In our dreams we can fly
and we soar
and our feet touch the sky
and it seems we can go anywhere if we try
and the world's not so dark
when the clouds make it white
If there's no hope
tell us why
in our dreams we can fly

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The world needs to change, a lot. There are so many things that need change,

All: and we can get overwhelmed,

Leader: especially if we think that we need to make all of the change by ourselves. We need to remember that God is already at work.

All: God has been, and always will be, doing a new thing.

Leader: We are called to show up and cooperate with what God is doing! We are the changemakers, and we are being made ready!

All: May we be changed by this time of worship!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***SONG**

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

#268

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, you are always at work in the world, and you call us to be a part of what you are doing. But all too often, we don't see the creative opportunities that you have for us. We think too narrowly about what we can give, what we can do. We struggle to trust that you are at work within us as well. Forgive us. Forgive us for when we fail to see others. Forgive us for when we failed to trust. Forgive us for when we failed to risk vulnerability. Forgive us, and change us again. Remake us as the people who cooperate with your Spirit. Remake us as the Body of Christ, that we would work for the healing of the world. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

"We Are Forgiven"

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Holy One, help us to hear what you are doing in the Gospel. Help us to hear the ways that we can show up and cooperate with your Spirit. May this story show us the way to become a compassion-driven changemaker, like Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 42:1-9

Luke 9:10-17

SERMON

"A Story of Creativity"

Rev. Kathy Nealand

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

"Humbly, I Adore You"

arr. Shawn Gingrich

*OFFERING RESPONSE

(tune of *Blessed Assurance*)

Let us be makers, makers of change,
compassion and courage for each new exchange.
As we discern, God, our offerings now,
gift us and bless us, show us just how.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. 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

***SONG**

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

#343

CHANGEMAKER BLESSING (In unison)

Blessed are the changemakers.

Blessed are you who are not asleep
to the world's pain and suffering.

Blessed are you who lament for the way things are.

Blessed are you who know, to the depth of your bones,
that this is not how things are meant to be.

Blessed are you for not believing the lie that
this is how they will always remain.

Blessed are you who know that things can change,
who long for things to change.

Blessed are you whose life's ambition is to bring the change
that is justice and mercy for all.

Blessed are you who know that God has always employed the faithful
acts

of ordinary people to heal and change this world.

Blessed are you who know that change begins today,
change begins with us,

and that we are blessed to be the changemakers.

Let the people say... Amen!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE