

**“Be opened.”**  
**And immediately his**  
**ears were opened,**  
**his tongue was released ...**

**Mark 7:34-35, NRSV**



**SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**  
**COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**First**  
**Presbyterian**  
**— Church of Northville**



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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.

Currently, we are following recommendations from state and local health officials regarding our Covid-19 policy. At this time we will recommend face masks indoors, refrain from congregational singing and suspend fellowship gathering after the service.

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!

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

## Welcome

**Prelude**

*Sonata no. 1 BWV 525*

J.S. Bach

## Announcements

**Introit**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (v. 1)

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

One: We gather here to worship God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**All: We gather surrounded by God's Holy Spirit, who encourages us to walk faithfully with Christ.**

One: Praise be to God, whose goodness and mercy fill our days.

**All: Praise be to God, whose ways lead to peace and justice.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

## \*Hymn

## O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and  
3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new  
4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be



dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the  
life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en  
sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
now and ev - er given by saints be - low and



God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.  
earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of us all, your grace and mercy fill our lives every day.  
We give you our thanks and praise.**

**Too often, we forget or ignore your presence in our lives. Too often, we treat your children unequally, deeming some more important than others. Too often, we forget that our daily actions need to reflect our faith. Forgive us, and lead us to embrace abundant life for all of your children. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

*(Silent Confession)*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Readings

#### First Reading: Psalm 125: 1-5

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the LORD surrounds his people,  
from this time on and forevermore.

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest  
on the land allotted to the righteous,  
so that the righteous might not stretch out  
their hands to do wrong.

Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,  
and to those who are upright in their hearts.

But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways  
the LORD will lead away with evildoers.

Peace be upon Israel!

#### Second Reading: Mark 7: 24-37

<sup>24</sup>From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go — the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.





Hymn

In Christ There is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -  
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet



south or north, but one great fel - low -  
mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the  
race may be. All chil - dren of the  
south and north. All Christ - ly souls are



ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.



**Worship Leaders**

Minister

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Liturgist

Beth Heberlein

Organist/Accompanist

Dr. Dave Wagner

Vocalists

Julia Bezems, Tim Doty, Louise Fisher,  
Geoff Kelm

Children & Youth Dir.

Sarah French



**Vegetable & Fruit Collection Today** — Please place donations in the cart in the Narthex; they will be taken to Civic Concern this week.

**It's 5 Cents a Meal Sunday!** Please take a brown envelope and place it in the offering plate with your donation. For every meal you and your family members enjoyed over the past month, we are asking that you contribute 5 cents to help feed the hungry in our community. Those funds will be used to cover the cost of food for our Crossroads lunch in October for 500 people. Remember to 'feed' the brown envelopes with your nickels, dollars or checks in thanksgiving for the food we enjoy!

**Old Fashioned Church Picnic** — You're invited! Join us after worship service on **Sunday, September 12** for food, fun, games and fellowship. Please RSVP to attend — there will be sign up sheets in the pews and at the Welcome Center desk. Or, you may sign up on-line with the link in our Friday email or on our website bulletin board.

**Naomi Circle**—begins their monthly meetings, this Wednesday September 8. Ladies — you are invited to meet at 10:00 a.m. in Boll Hall for refreshments, fellowship and devotions! We will have booklets available for this year's devotional, cost is \$10 each.

**Children's Message** — Starting in September, we would like to return to rotating 'messengers' for the weekly time for the children during worship. Please contact Sarah or Pastor Jackie if you would like to serve our kids in this way!

**Church Directory** — the updated directory is now complete! Thanks to all who submitted your information and for your patience during this process. Printed copies will be available as of Sunday, September 12, in Boll Hall and in the church office.

**From Civic Concern**— Currently, we are collecting these products for our clients: **Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Bar Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Dish Soap and Laundry Detergent.** You may bring donations to Boll Hall on Sundays, or drop off in front of the Civic Concern office in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center (7 Mile Rd at Northville Rd.) on Mon-Wed-Fri between 10a.m. & 1:00p.m. We appreciate your dedication and participation especially during the past year — Blessings to you!

**Annual Reports** — All committee and program leaders— your report is needed to be included in this year’s church report, which is provided at the Annual Congregational Meeting at the end of this month. **The Due Date is September 14.** Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

**Congregational Nominating Committee** — Your Congregational Nominating Committee is underway to fill the important roles of Deacons, Elders, Endowment Committee, Corporate Officers and next year’s Nominating Committee, to serve in the functioning of a healthy and prosperous church. If you are interested in serving or learning more, please contact one of your CNC members:

*Adam Danes (248) 374-5568                      Bob Buckhave (248) 408-0910*  
*Louise Fisher (313) 670-9681              Wendy Richardville (248) 207-4993*  
*Shelly Walldorff (248) 231-1109*

**YOGA** — is returning to the CLC on Thursday evenings at 6:15pm. All levels welcome; wear comfortable clothing, bring a yoga mat and a blanket or large towel to class.

Session 1: September 9, 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14

Session 2: October 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18, December 2  
(NO class on November 26 - Thanksgiving)

The cost is \$60 for the six week session. The drop in rate is \$15.

We will follow the COVID guidelines set by the church and adapt as things change. Masks are currently recommended, but not required in the building. Please enter and exit the building through the Christian Life Center doors (on the west side of the building).

Contact: Ann Werther, certified instructor, 248-672-3209;  
annwerther@yahoo.com

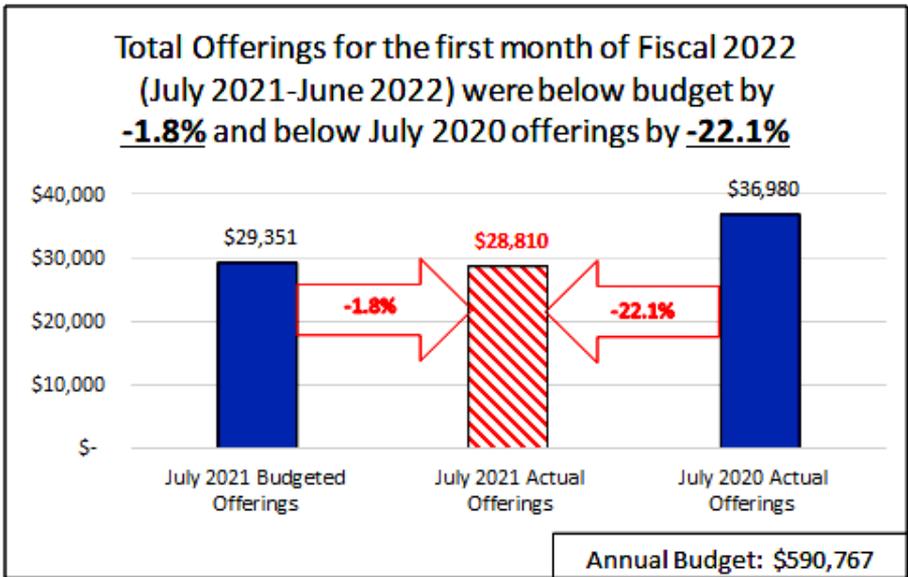
**Agape Women’s Bible Study** — Please join us for “God of Deliverance – A Study of Exodus” by Jen Wilkin. In this 10-session verse-by-verse study of Exodus 1–18, Wilkin shows us that Israel’s story is our story: the same God who delivered Israel also delivers all those He loves from slavery to sin and from service to the pharaohs of this world. He lifts our eyes to the Promised Land He has prepared where we dwell with I AM and worship Him as the one true God.

Get your bundle copy of the book and the DVD digital at Lifeway.com for \$24.99 (set up an account at Lifeway and then order the bundle). The book will be shipped to your house and the DVD will be a rental accessible to you which can be watched each week.

We will meet on Fridays at 9:15am - 10:30am in Boll Hall. Our first discussion will be **Friday, September 17.** Coffee and breakfast snacks provided. Please watch session #1 prior to coming. All are

welcome, so bring a friend! Please email [jsyver@gmail.com](mailto:jsyver@gmail.com) to confirm your attendance. For more information contact Gretchen Mizerowski ([gmizerowski@yahoo.com](mailto:gmizerowski@yahoo.com)) or Carol Maise ([Maise729@yahoo.com](mailto:Maise729@yahoo.com)).

**Scam Alert** — Recently, another e-mail scammer has been pretending to be Pastor Jackie and requesting congregants purchase gift cards on her behalf. This is a scam and not from the church or the pastor. Apologies to those who received fraudulent messages. If you're unsure if something is from the pastor, please call the church office.



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**Congregation:** all caregivers; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta, Marge Dabney, Al Henry, Donna Kennedy, Chuck & Maxine Lapham, Marge Longridge, Donald Morgan, Marilyn Overmyer, Rod Tabaczynski, Dick Werther.

**Friends and Family:** Melissa Altomare (sister of Debby DeLaby); Kimberly Atkinson (family of Jim & Marilyn Atkinson); Patricia Bader (mother of Dave Bader); Michelle Bishop (friend of Beth Heberlein); Claude Coleman (brother of Coline Coleman), Vanessa David (friend of Marilyn Thibodeau); Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Christy Farber (sister of Ann & Dick Werther); Colleen Farber (sister-in-law of Ann & Dick Werther); George and Jill Farris (friends of Adam, Lori and Jacob Danes); Jackie Fisher (mother of Louise Fisher); Sally Gillies (sister of Ron Austin); Dave Gingrich; Rose-Marie Green (mother of Ann Werther); Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); Mark Ivankovics (brother-in-law of Louise Fisher); Terry Lapham (daughter of Chuck & Maxine); Michael Murray (brother of Wanda Moon); Kathy Pflieger (sister of Deb Sopo); 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.*



## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5— SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

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Sunday 9/5

### Communion Sunday

- 8:15 am Kerygma Bible Study, Middle Sch. Rm
- 9:30 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live
- 10:40 am Children's Sunday School, via Zoom
- NO Youth Groups today

Mon. 9/6

Labor Day; *Church Office Closed*

Tue. 9/7

- 6:30 pm HR Committee, via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Education Ministry, via Zoom
- 8:00 pm AL-ANON, Boll Hall

Wed. 9/8

- 7:00 am Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
- 10:00 am Naomi Circle, Boll Hall
- 5:00 pm Mission Committee, via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Men's Evening Small Group, via Zoom

Thur. 9/9

- 9:30 am Women of Faith & Fellowship, Gathering Rm
- 6:00 pm CNC, Gathering Room
- 6:15 pm Yoga, CLC
- 7:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal, Bell Room
- 7:00 pm Preschool Parent Orientation, Children's Ctr

Fri. 9/10

Sat. 9/11

Sunday 9/12

### All Church Picnic

- 8:15 am Kerygma Bible Study, Middle Sch. Rm
- 9:30 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live
- 10:40 am Children's Sunday School, via Zoom
- 11:00 am PICNIC, Waterford Bend Park (or CLC-rain)
- 6:30 pm APEX HS Youth Group, CLC
- 6:30 pm Middle School Youth Group, Boll Hall

