

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

Gathering around the Word

Prelude Sung by the Choir of Mattawan High School

Introit (9:30)

“A Jubilant Gloria” Mary Lynn Lightfoot
*Glory to God in the highest and peace to God’s people on earth.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, and we glorify you; for you alone
are holy, you alone are the most high, with the Holy Spirit. Grant us peace.*

Introit (11:00)

“A Prayer for Tomorrow” from *A Tale of Three Trees* Allen Pote

*Doxology (*sung*) The Hymnal, 606

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.

*Call to Worship

Minister: *Children of God:*

People: this is what we are.

Minister: *People of God:*

People: this is who we are.

Minister: *Give thanks to God, for God is good;*

People: the love of God is now and forever.
Let us worship!

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 238 “Thine Is the Glory”

*Stand as you are able.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Good Shepherd God,
we confess that we are in danger of becoming a tearless people.
On some days, we imitate a smiling society and gloss over
the hurt, the oppression, and the chaos of this earth.
At other times, we become caustic, cynical, or despairing.
Truth be told, we are in danger of being a blindhearted people.
But have we not seen? Have we not heard?
You, O Lord, are the everlasting God,
our Creator to the ends of the earth.
And you have created us for covenant keeping.
You have created us for resurrection spotting.
You have created us to live your Easter good news
with everything we've got. So forgive us.
Forgive us and help us live as a people shaped by
your voice, your hope, and your reign.
Give us whatever courage we need to step out and follow.
We pray in the name of our risen Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Commissioning of Stephen Ministers (9:30)

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 23 Old Testament, page 474

Anthem

“Psalm 23” Z. Randall Stroope

First Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11–16 Old Testament, page 756

*Gloria Patri (*sung*) The Hymnal, 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Second Lesson

John 10:11–18 New Testament, page 97

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 187 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*). Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

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.

Prayer Response

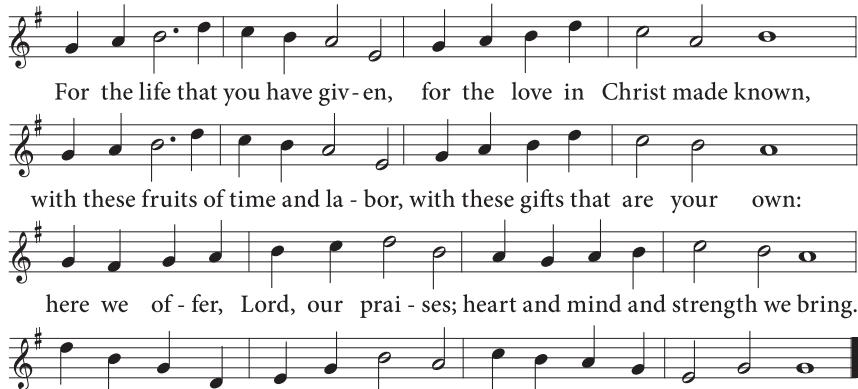
“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord” George Brandon
Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“There Is a Balm in Gilead” African American spiritual
arr. Rene Clausen

*Presentation of the Offering and Response



For the life that you have giv-en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

We've heard, O God, that you love a cheerful giver,
so we offer you our lives and our resources with joy.
We dedicate our time, our money, and our skills
to continue spreading the good news to your world.
May all that we have and all that we are
be used in the service of your justice and mercy. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 233 “The Day of Resurrection!”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Halle, Halle, Halle Caribbean melody; arr. John Behnke

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is grounded in Jesus' command to love one another. Through one-to-one caring relationships that are confidential, Stephen Ministers extend the pastoral care of our clergy staff by providing weekly support for those who are facing a significant life transition or challenge.

Each Stephen Minister has completed fifty hours of intensive training and committed to two years of service. They are also involved in peer supervision twice per month throughout their term of service. While they are not counselors or therapists, problem-solvers, casual visitors, or errand-runners, they are individuals who care, support, and listen.

The Stephen Ministers being commissioned during today's 9:30 a.m. service are

Victoria Budd	Lise Shipley
Catherine Flaa	Carroll Smith
Marsha Heizer	Anne Stelle
Jean Joslyn	Callie Thompson-Schexnayder

The Stephen Ministry Leaders are

Paula Addington	Barbara Timberlake
Jeannine Forrest	Roger Wilson
Ellen Schaller	Judy Watt, <i>staff support</i>

Current Stephen Ministers are Martha Brown, Rebecca Dixon, Sam Evans, Cheri Lundin, Melanie Oh Pierce, Mark Schimmelpfennig, Leslie Wainwright, and Natalie Williams.

Who is Stephen Ministry for?

Stephen Ministry is for those who are experiencing loneliness; hospitalization; terminal illness; loss of spouse, child, close family member, or friend; unemployment; childbirth; separation or divorce; retirement changes; or being homebound.

If you or someone you know might benefit from a Stephen Ministry relationship, please call the Stephen Ministry voicemail number —312.573.3365—where you can leave a confidential message.

Worship Leaders

9:30 Victoria G. Curtiss, John Dallas Jr., Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Jeffrey Doane, John Dallas Jr., Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

9:30 The Mattawan High School Choir; The Youth Choir; The Morning Choir;
Carol Carpenter, flutist; Laura Perkett, oboist

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The Morning Choir; Carol Carpenter, flutist; Laura Perkett, oboist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing Huei Huang, pianist

Worship Notes

SINGING THE PRELUDE this morning is the Choir of Mattawan High School.

From Mattawan, Michigan, this award-winning choir is directed by David Hook.

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