

“SEE, I AM DOING A NEW THING...” IS. 43:19

FALL 2021 AT FPC-HOLT



**WELCOME TO NEW LIFE...
TOGETHER!**

September 19, 2021

Whether you are a member or a visitor, whether you are in person or online*, we hope you will sense God's presence and be open to God's blessing through the service we share this morning.

Children's bulletins and large-print Orders of Worship are available from our ushers.

The asterisk (*) is an invitation for the congregation to stand, in body or spirit, as you are able.

Following the service, please join us on the front porch for lemonade and a time of church family fellowship.

As you enter the Sanctuary or look at the links beneath the YouTube window, you will find opportunities to submit a prayer request to be shared by the pastor during the "Prayers of the Community of Faith." Alternatively, you may personally voice your prayer request at that time or type it into the chat window on YouTube.

**During the livestream service, our cameras capture virtually every person in the sanctuary. If you would prefer to stay out of the camera's eye, you're encouraged to sit in the back pews on the pulpit side of the sanctuary or participate in the service in our Fellowship Hall.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

THE GATHERING

Joanne Maher, Organist

If you are with us this morning in person, please note that mid-Michigan is in "high transmission status" for Covid-19. As we gather together, we pray you are able to use this time to fall freely into a spirit of worship, while staying mindful of safety protocols:

1. *masks are required at all times in the presence of others on church property*
2. *Respect social distancing for those outside of your household. During the "Passing of the Peace" especially, it is wise to avoid physical contact with anyone and, if you would like to shake hands, hug or otherwise touch someone, please ask for permission to be considerate of each other's comfort levels.*

*Regardless of transmission status, this is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

WESTMINSTER CHIMES AND WELCOME

Rev. Kirk R. Miller

PRELUDE

"This Joyous Day"
Ringers of the Kirk
Mitchell Eitbun, Director

by Doug Wagner

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lois Furry, Liturgist

The power of Jesus' name animates our limbs,
and with new life we dance.

Give thanks to the One whose love pours into the world.

Give thanks to the One who opens our minds to understand the world.

Give thanks to the triune God!

*HYMN #267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Author of life, we are creatures of dust and ignorant of your revelation.
We misunderstand your life, death, and resurrection among us. We need
forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. Have
mercy on our fallen world. Help us to live with faith in our brokenness.
Help us to feel your peace and to trust your healing in this life and always.**

(A moment of silent prayer is kept.)

*KYRIE #437

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE #363, v.1

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you,
and also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

RESPONSE

Jesus Loves You!

Following the Children's Sermon, children and youth 4th grade and younger are invited to make their way to their respective Christian Education opportunities as described in the Chanter.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:11-19

New Testament p. 146

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Gravel Pit"

Rev. Ben Rumbaugh

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

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OFFERTORY

Arioso

by J.S. Bach

*RESPONSE #609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Heather Thum-Gerber

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our 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; and lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WE TAKE GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #733

We All Are One in Mission

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

RESPONSE #384, v.1

Soon and Very Soon

*POSTLUDE

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

arr. James Mansfield

