

FIRST (PARK) CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC
Children's Music Sunday, May 14, 2023



Order of Worship for May 14, 2023

Children's Music Sunday

Gathering, Centering, Announcements - 10:15am

Sanctuary Worship - 10:30am

Gathering Music

Patrick Coyle, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Darryl Kistler

A Moment for Mission

Carrie Kolehouse
Executive Director of MomsBloom

Prelude

Steven B. Smith, organ
All Things Bright and Beautiful
Arr. Dale Wood

+ Introit

The Carol Choir
Cheryl Wells, director
If I Were a Butterfly
Brian Howard

+ Opening Hymn - No. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth
Tune: DIX

+ Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Darryl

concluding, the congregation prays in unison:

...Our Father/Mother/God, 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.

+ Chimes

*The Chimes give us an opportunity to center ourselves as we stand in silence
and prepare our eyes, ears, hearts and minds to receive the message God has for us.*

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles

Gloria Eckert
Director of Children's Ministries

*Ainsley Hoksbergen
Natalie Burke
Adeline Elizabeth Weibel
Henry James Weibel
Graham Daniel Winter
Romy Kathryn Riksen*

Scripture Reading

II Kings 22 (selected verses)
Pew Bible page 342
Paula Ellison, Liturgist

One: The Word of God for the People of God...
All: Thanks be to God.

Good Kings Come in Small Packages

The Story of Josiah the Mini Monarch

by Linda Rebeck, Bonnie and David Huntsinger

*Park Church Youth Singers
Heidi Hertel, director
Vonda Karnazes, accompanist*

(see bulletin page 5 for program)

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

Steven B. Smith, organ
Children of the Heavenly Father
Don Hustad

+ Doxology - No. 606

Praise God, From Who All Blessings Flow

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him (God) all creatures here below;
Praise him (God) above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
(Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost). Amen.**

+ Prayer of Dedication

Reading Responsively

One: Mothering God, this is a day we celebrate the sacredness of children, of our families of birth and families of our own choosing. We come thanking God for those who have mothered and fathered us when our birth mothers and fathers could not. We come with a longing and a commitment to keep all children safe and beloved.

All: This is the day we rejoice together as God's children. Some of us are young. Some of us are older. But we all are children of a mighty God. Together we are a family. Together we celebrate. Together we give a small portion of the gifts You have given to us, giving joyfully to care for children and families – all people – all around the world. Amen!

+ Hymn - No. 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Tune: AR HYD Y NOS

+ Our Common Commission

**Let us now go forth into the world in peace; being of good courage;
holding fast to that which is good; rendering to no one evil for evil;
strengthening the faint hearted; supporting the weak; helping the afflicted;
honoring all people; loving and serving the Lord and rejoicing in the power of
the Holy Spirit.**

Postlude

Steven B. Smith, organ

Trumpet Tune

James Richardson

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Overture

Celebrate/How Excellent is Your Name

Bad, Bad King

Tax Collector's Song

Tax Collector's Reprise

Trust in God

A King He Cannot Be

Good News and Bad News

Make Me a Servant

A King He's Born to Be

Celebrate/How Excellent is your Name (Finale)

Cast (In order of Appearance)

Elizabeth, the Palace Cook	Avery Hagemann
Court Announcer	Sadie Crampton
King Amon	Wendell Kutsche
Iripoff (Tax Collector #1)	Molly Cameron
Rakidin (Tax Collector #2)	Emma Bradley
Unce Sam (Tax Collector #3)	Caleb Kutsche
Josiah	Natalie Burke
Hilkiah	Mack Hickman
Servant #1	Molly Cameron
Servant #2	Caroline King
Servant #3	Natalie Kutsche
Servant #4	Sadie Crampton
Assyrian Messenger	Emma Bradley

Thank you for joining us this morning!

We'd like to know that you were here, answer any questions you have, and support you in prayer. Please fill out the information card and place it in the offering plate.

Please note: The Worship Center students and the youth will be remaining in worship today so that they can enjoy the musical.

The Park Church Youth Singers are especially grateful to the volunteers who helped with creating, fitting, and altering our costumes. Thank you for helping us look great!
Marty Butler, Christina Houlberg, Terrie Hunter, Mary Peresenaire, Sarah Persenaire, and Doris Robey.

Join us for coffee and fellowship in Spindler Dining Room following the service. You can stop at the P.O.P. table in Allinder Commons to find out more about the Moms-Bloom organization and how to dedicate Sanctuary flowers to a loved one.

Office Hours:

The office will close at 3:00pm on May 15 for a staff event.

The office will be closed on May 29 in recognition of Memorial Day.

Summer office hours will begin on May 30. Monday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm

Together West Michigan Opportunity

Saturday, May 20 at 10:00am

Trinity Reformed Church

1224 Davis Ave. NW 49504

Please register: bit.ly/twm assembly

As people of faith, we sometimes feel despair at all the suffering in the world - powerless to stop it or do anything meaningful to change it. But we do have power, especially when we come together! Join us on Saturday, May 20th to feel that power: the collective action of people right here in our city who care and are trying to create change. Hear about the challenges facing Grand Rapids families and what Together West Michigan's action teams are doing to solve them. Hear from public officials as we ask them to pledge to work with us towards those solutions. Your presence matters!

Joys and Concerns

Kathy VandenBosch passed away on **May 3** at the age of **75** after a short illness. Please share you condolences with her husband Tom at 158 Campau Circle NW, Apt. 158, Grand Rapids MI, 49503. Arrangements are pending.

Please pray for those navigating illness/treatment including: **Bruce Dybas, Bill Smith, and Bev VanDuinen**

Remember those serving in the military including: **Joe Birkhold, Jesse Campbell, Kit Grant, Andy MacGregor, Stefan Pawelka, and Matthew Quick.**

Pastoral care is always available. Reach Pastor Darryl at dkistler@parkchurchgr.org or Jonathan Shotwell at jon.h.shotwell@gmail.com, or call the office. 616-459-3203.

The Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the Altar are in memory of
Dr. G. Richard and Toddy Johnston.
Given by their family.

The flowers on the Children's Altar are in honor of
Jackson Palmer Jones on his 11th birthday.
Given by Gene and Carol Gess.

Thank You Gloria Eckert!

After a career in the field and 13 years as the Park Church Director of Children's Ministries, **Gloria Eckert is retiring at the end of May.** On May 21, everyone is invited to a reception after the worship service where we will honor Gloria's commitment to the families of Park Church and the faith development of hundreds of our young people.

Maybe you were one of Gloria's cherished Park Church children or maybe you have served as a teacher or caregiver. She taught many of you how to tell stories, serve the Feast, and guide response time. You learned that giving away flowers is a great way to make new friends and that a parable is a gift. You are invited to show your love and appreciation on May 21 in Merriam Hall over coffee and cookies. See you there!

Our New Director of Spiritual Formation, Education, and Development

After a prayerful and extensive search, **Park Church officially announces that Jonathan Shotwell has been hired to be our new Director of Spiritual Formation Education, and Development.** He is a dynamic addition to our staff and we are thrilled to welcome him. Jonathan brings years of experience in religious education (specifically in Godly Play) and youth group facilitation to the role. He has a history of successful volunteer management in the non-profit sector and years of entrepreneurial experience. As our new Director, he brings a compassionate heart and collaborative spirit to the position and an sense of vocation children's and youth ministry.

Jonathan's first day as our Director will be Tuesday, May 16. Over the next couple of weeks, he will work closely with Gloria Eckert and Pastor Darryl to on-board in this new role. Jonathan's professional contact information and his office hours will be available soon. For now, please take a moment to welcome Jonathan to our community and hold him, Gloria, our children, youth and families in your prayers as we enter this time of transition.

Summer Sunday Fundays

Every Sunday from June 4 - August 27

Park Church will be offering a multi-age spiritual formation and education time each Sunday of the summer. Following the Blessing of Children and Youth each Sunday, our children and youth will be invited to gather in Merriam Hall during the rest of the worship service for a fun and festive time of music, dance, crafts, snacks, story, and prayer. Any child 5 years old and up is welcome to attend. Children under 5 years old will be invited to be part of our childcare in the nursery and Little Lambs rooms.

We are very excited about this new program and so pleased that Heidi Hertel will be facilitating many of the Sunday Fundays. We are in need of other adult helpers and leaders to partner with her and lead the occasional Sunday. Middle and high school youth are especially encouraged to help out, serving as junior leaders and assistants. **If you are interested in helping out for a Sunday or two or more during the Summer Sunday Fundays, please contact Pastor Darryl at dkistler@parkchurchgr.org.**

One-Liners

We are welcoming many visitors lately. Please wear your name tags!

Dan and Ellie Pettee are grateful for the prayers, cards, and visits they received during Dan's recent illness. Thank you!

Were you or a someone you know married in Thompson Chapel? We'd like to see your pictures! Please contact Terrie Hunter. (thunter@parkchurchgr.org)

If you would like to mark an occasion by dedicating Sanctuary flowers, stop by the P.O.P. table on May 14 and talk with Marcia Streeter about signing up!

Do you have (or are you yourself) a senior graduating from high school? We would like to recognize that occasion. Please, let Amy Virkstis know. (avirkstis@grft.com)

The Park Church Golf League meets in Byron Center on Wednesdays at 4:00pm. Contact Jim Butler to find out more. (616-802-4355).

A few more Park Church group tickets are available to the **Whitecaps game on June 20 at 6:35. (15.00 each) Contact Terrie Hunter. (thunter@parkchurchgr.org)**

There are two spots left on the summer Grounds Crew schedule. (Aug. 20 and Sept 16) Call Kelly Jasperse if you would like to sign up! 616-288-8047

The Men's Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00am. Contact Pastor Darryl to find out more. (dkistler@parkchurchgr.org)

Nimble Needles handcrafting group meets after worship on Sundays. Contact Mary Raab to find our more. (m_c_raab@yahoo.com)

The Church Historian could use some help cataloging on Wednesday mornings. Contact Fritz Crabb to find out more. (heritage@parkchurchgr.org)

Do you get the weekly Congregationalist E-Newsletter? To get signed up, send a quick note to office@parkchurchgr.org.

Coming up at Park Church

Mon. May 15 at 9:00am - Cooking at Park for Degage

Wed. May 17 at 7:00pm - Zoom Bible Study

Thurs. May 18 at 10:00am - Men's Discussion Group in Martenson Parlor

Thurs. May 18 at 6:00pm - Free Chair Yoga*

Fri. May 19 at 9:00am - Cooking at Park for Degage

Sun. May 21 Sanctuary Worship - Music Sunday

Reception in honor of Gloria Eckert's service to Park following worship

Wed. May 24 - Mobile Food Pantry is cancelled

Thurs. May 18 at 10:00am - Men's Discussion Group in Martenson Parlor

Thurs. May 25 at 6:00pm - Free Chair Yoga*

Sun. May 28 Sanctuary Worship - Rev. Darryl Kistler Senior Minister

Baptism Sunday

Pentecost Birthday Party after worship in Spindler Dining Room

Mon. May 29 - Office Closed for Memorial Day

Tues. May 30 - Summer office hours begin: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm

Sun. June 4 Sanctuary Worship - Rev. Darryl Kistler Senior Minister

Graduation Sunday, Communion Sunday

Tues. June 6 at 6:30pm - Board of Deacons meeting

Looking ahead to Pentecost: On May 28 there are some wonderful Sanctuary enhancements and worship service elements planned. **Please wear something red** and plan to stay afterwards for coffee. Alicia Johnson is making cake for us!

* please note that free chair yoga is on hiatus for the summer. See you in September!

Volunteers are needed for the Degage food ministry for several shifts from May 15-20, and June 16-20 Click on the QR code to sign up.



Serving With You Today

Ushers: Bob Nichols, Doris Robey, Paul Davison, Doug Rubingh, Jim Butler, Mike Mitchell

Parking Lot Greeter: John Duiven

Greeters: Marcia and Bill Streeter

Sound: Sam Johnson

Video: Kevin Arnett

Name Tag Organizer: Teddy Cottrell-Gammage

Flower Care: Kathy Miller

Nursery – Jerika Kihn, Alexia Dominguez, Terry Barton

Little Lambs – Brianna Kim, Matthew Lester

Carol Choir: Cheryl Wells

Cantando and Chapel Choirs: Heidi Hertel, Vonda Karnazes

Youth Group: Kristin Bofysil, Gregg Hampshire, Joseph Workman

A Degage Food Ministry Update

Thanks to our Park Church volunteers and bakers, our partnership with Degage has been instrumental in meeting our community's growing needs. If you would like to help out, click on the QR code on page 10 and sign up!

In April we were able to provide:

Breakfast! On Saturday April 15, we cooked and served cheesy scrambled eggs, ham, English muffins, fresh fruit and yogurt.

Lunch! On Tuesday April 18, we cooked and served ravioli soup, tossed salad, garlic bread, and baked goodies.

More food! We cooked and delivered casseroles for 150 people (egg and sausage breakfast casserole, cinnamon swirl baked French toast casserole, and broccoli cheese chicken casserole). Degage is able to use these casseroles at a later date as the need arises.



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday from 9:00 - 4:00.

The wifi password is parkchurchguest.