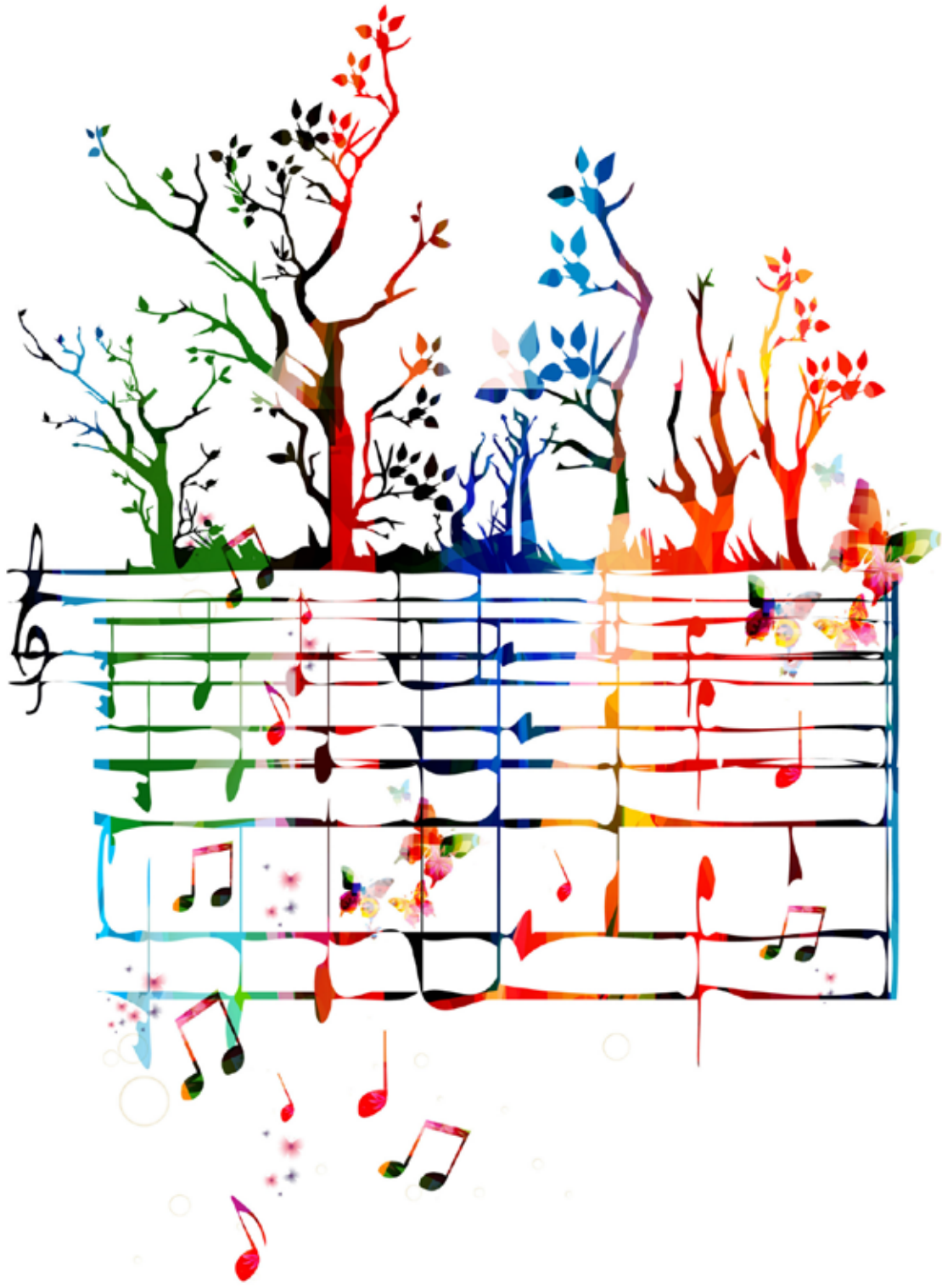


FIRST (PARK) CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC
Music Sunday, May 21, 2023



Order of Worship for Music Sunday, May 21, 2023

Gathering, Centering, Announcements - 10:15am
Sanctuary Worship - 10:30am

Gathering Music

Brass Quintet-in-Residence
Just a Closer Walk
Arr. Don Gillis

Amazing Grace
Arr. Luther Henderson

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Darryl Kistler

Fanfare and Processional

Brass Quintet
Fanfare on THAXTED
(O God Beyond All Praising)
Arr. Kevin Hildebrand

Introit

The Parkmeisters
Divine Encounter: The Invitation
Craig Courtney

*Come, you who thirst, come to the water,
and you who have nothing, come by and eat.*

Come to me.

*Seek me while I may be found;
call on me while I am near.*

~ Isaiah 55:1,6

+ Opening Hymn - No. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN
Arr. Jeffrey N. Blersch

+ Prayer of Invocation

Reading in Unison
Barbara Osburn, liturgist

God of all that is seen and unseen, we may not know the time or the place, but we know that You are restoring the world. We may not see the risen Christ before us, but we know his spirit rests on us. We may not know how God may touch our hearts this day, through a song, a reading, a kind word, but we know God will speak to open hearts. We may not know what God is doing next, but we are here in faith, excited to discover it! Open our hearts, our minds and our spirits to Your presence. 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.

Blessing of the Children and Youth

*Children and youth are dismissed to the Worship Center and Youth Group.
Visitors, we invite you to go with your children to see their classrooms and to meet their teachers.
Then come back and join us for worship.*

Meditation

Smith-Dively Ringers and Friends
Phyllis Ann Miner, piano
Steven Smith, organ
Kurt Stroh, director
When in Our Music God is Glorified
Arr. Larry Visser

(For text, see hymn no. 641)

The Reading of Psalm 150

Mark Mullinax, liturgist
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Anthems

The Choral Scholars
Salmo 150
Ernani Aguiar

Wondrous the Joy of Singing Together

Traditional Gaelic Melody

Arr. Ken Berg

*Wondrous the joy of singing together,
blending the voice in anthem and hymn;
Joining as one in sacred endeavor,
Strengthening lives without and within.*

*Melody found in unison singing,
Harmony bound in strengthening chords;
Joyous the choir whose purpose is bringing
Praises to Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

*Praise God, from whom flows every blessing;
Praise God, all creatures singing below.
Praise God above, ye heavens confessing,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

The Prayers of the People and Our Savior's Prayer

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.

Response

String Quartet-in-Residence

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morricone/

Arr. Kathryn Griesinger

Sermon in Song

The Chancel Choir

Heavenly Home

Settings by Shawn Kirchner

I. Unclouded Day

*O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies,
they tell me of a home far away,
and they tell me of a home where no storm-clouds rise:
O they tell me of an unclouded day.*

*(Refrain) O the land of cloudless days,
O the land of an unclouded sky,
O they tell me of a home where no storm-clouds rise:
O they tell me of an unclouded day.*

*O they tell me of a home where my friends have gone,
they tell me of a land far away,
where the tree of life in eternal bloom
sheds its fragrance through the unclouded day. (Refrain)*

*They tell me of a king in His beauty there,
they tell me that mine eyes shall behold
where he sits on a throne that is bright as the sun
in the city that is made of gold. (Refrain)*

II. Bright Morning Stars Soloist: Mark Jackson

*Bright morning stars are rising,
Day's a-breaking in my soul.*

*Oh, where are our dear fathers?
They are down in the valley praying.
Day's a-breaking in my soul.*

*Oh, where are our dear mothers?
They are gone to heaven shouting.
Day's a-breaking in my soul.*

*Oh, where are our dear children?
They're upon the earth a-dancing.
Day's a-breaking in my soul.*

III. *I'll Be on My Way*
Soloist: Jason Coffey
Violin: Grace Kim

*When I am gone, don't you cry for me, don't you pity my sorry soul.
What pain there might have been will now be past
and my spirit will be whole.*

*(Refrain) I'll be on my way, I'll be on my way.
I'll have left my feet of clay upon the ground,
I will be glory bound, I'll be on my way.*

*When I am gone, please forgive the wrongs
that I might have done to you;
There'll be no room for regrets up there,
high above, way beyond the blue. (Refrain)*

*When I am gone, don't you look for me
in the places I have been.
I'll be alive, but somewhere else,
I'll be on my way again! (Refrain)*

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

The Parkmeisters
Divine Encounter: The Offering
Craig Courtney

*With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before the Lord on high?*

*Shall I come before him with burnt offering,
with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with then thousand rivers of oil?*

*Shall I offer my first-born for my transgressions?
Shall I offer the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?*

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To do justice, love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.*

~ Micah 6:6-8

+ Doxology - No. 609

Praise God, From Who All Blessings Flow

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

+ Prayer of Dedication

Reading in Unison

Every vibrating body, whether bells, voices, strings, drumhead or organ pipe, lifts our praise to you, O God. So may it be in our lives: that our rising, our sleeping, our struggles, our joys – everything! – show the grace of God in our lives. And so may it be with our joyful and sacrificial giving: that our stewardship provides food for the hungry, language skills for the immigrant, life-changing worship in our community, shelter for the homeless, and love to the loveless. Amen.

The Blessing

The Parkmeisters
Divine Encounter: The Blessing
Craig Courtney

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His face unto you and give you peace. Amen.*

~ Numbers 6:24-26

+ Hymn - No. 641

When in Our Music God is Glorified

Tune: ENGLEBERG

Arr. Richard Frey

+ Our Common Commission

Reading in Unison

**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
Brass Quintet-in-residence
Grand Processional
Martin Shaw

Instrumentalists

Steven B. Smith, organ
Phyllis Ann Miner, piano and organ

Grace Kim, violin
Christopher Martin, violin
Olga Ziabrikova, viola
Alicia Eppinga, cello

Alex Wilson, trumpet
Gregory Alley, trumpet
Erich Peterson, horn
Daniel Mattson, trombone
Robert Ward, bass trombone

Jack Latta, timpani and percussion

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.

Join us for a cookie reception in honor of Gloria Eckert's upcoming retirement in Merriam Hall following the service. We will all have a chance to share our appreciation for her faithful service to the young people of the church over these past many years.

Stop by the P.O.P Table in Allinder Commons after worship to find out more about what it takes to volunteer for the Park Church Grounds Crew. You can also pick up your tickets for the June 20 Whitecaps game. If you signed up for tickets, you can pay for them (\$15.00) and pick them up. A few tickets are still available if you need more.

The Smith-Dively Ringers are joined this morning by guest ringers *Amy Bakker, Paul Bakker, Dick Duyser, Julia Hoekstra, Della Landheer, Martha Persak, Marilou Reiffer, Melissa Reiffer, Adrienne Rynders, Judi Stroh, Debbie Wysocki*. Additional handbells are provided by LaGrave Ave. CRC. Thank you all for ringing with us today!

The Children's Worship Center and youth group are holding their last classes of the program year today. There is no programming scheduled for May 28. *Sunday Funday* will commence on June 4. Childcare for children 5 and under is available all summer beginning on May 28.

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 afterwords for coffee, cake and ice cream. (cake by Alicia Johnson.)

The Youth Choir musical, *Good Kings Come in Small Packages* was postponed last week due to illness. We are pleased to announce that the program will be presented during the worship service on Sunday, June 11.

Office Hours:

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

Summer office hours will begin on May 30. **Monday - Thursday from 9:00-3:00**

The office will be closed on June 19 in recognition of Juneteeth.

Joys and Concerns

Please pray for those navigating illness/treatment including: **Bruce Dybas, Bob Rieger, 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 Ross Dannison.
Given by his family.

The flowers at the Pulpit are in
honor of all of our children.
Given by Doug and Carolyn Rubingh.

The flowers on the Children's Altar are in honor of
Connor's 2nd birthday.
Given by Grandpa and Grandma Pettee.

Low-Key, Low-Commitment Summer Book Club: Come Join Us!

Tuesdays June 27, July 25, August 29 at 6:30-8:30

Locations to be announced

The IDEA committee is hosting a summer book club to get folks talking and connecting around interesting and meaningful topics. We'll read three different books, one for each summer month, and gather in a friendly home to discuss each one. Read them all or just pick one - we'd love to have you when it works for you!

The June selection is *The Story of More* by Hope Jahren which is available at the P.O.P. table for 10.00. If you commit to attending the June 27 meeting, the book is free.

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.**

Youth Group Outing

Saturday, June 23 in Spring Lake

We are planning this summer to have a youth group fun day! Get ready to paddle your way into an awesome adventure on June 23rd! We'll be heading to Lakeshore Kayak Rental in Spring Lake for some fun in the sun. We've got 8 tandem kayaks, which means 16 of us can hit the water and make some waves! The journey will take us about an hour from the church parking lot, but trust us, it's worth it!

We need some drivers, so make sure you rally up your friends to join in on the fun. Even those who will be in 6th grade next year - we've got room for everyone!. Don't forget to RSVP directly with us and bring some snacks. And of course, we'll need plenty of sun-screen! After we're done kayaking, we'll head to Grand Haven for some lunch together.

***Have any questions?* Email Jonathan Jon.h.shotwell@gmail.com.**

Notes on *When in Our Music God is Glorified*

This arrangement of the hymn tune ENGELBERG was commissioned to honor and commemorate the life of Helen Stroh (1931-2013). Helen was Smith-Dively Ringers director Kurt Stroh's mother who served as Director of Music from 1980-2001 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The five sections of this arrangement for handbells and organ musically correspond with images from the 1971 hymn text *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* by Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000). Following a fanfare-like introduction, the handbells and organ play in full harmony followed by a contrasting flowing eighth-note texture for handbells alone. The third section is marked by an unexpected dissonance in the organ evolving into the ethereal fourth section which introduces the familiar *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*; one of Helen's favorite hymns. The joyous final section represents the rejoicing of "all who have a voice to raise!" May this music inspire hearts to join Helen in offering the everlasting song of "Alleluia!" Soli Deo gloria!

From The Church Historian

Many of you pass by the Sweet House on Fulton and may know it as the former home of the Women's City Club. What you may not know is its significant connection to the history of Park Church. Carol Dodge, former member of Park, has researched the connection to Martin Sweet, a pioneering, although not a founding, member of Park. Her research about both Martin, its next owner Ottokar Malek, and the house itself is contained in the newly released book, *The Mayor, the Maestro, and the Mansion*.

Historian Fritz Crabb represented Park at the release party where a copy was gifted to the church. We are looking for opportunities in the Fall to have Carol present her program at Park and Fritz is investigating how interested Park members may purchase a copy of the book. Stay tuned.

Friendly Tech Support Sundays

Are you having trouble finding service videos or receiving the Congregationalist? We'd like to help keep you connected. Bring your phone, laptop or ipad to church on June 11, July 9, or August 13. Some friendly faces will be on hand after worship to help you out.

One-Liners

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

Graduation Sunday is June 4. If you are graduating from a course of study in 2023, please let the office know! office@parkchurchgr.org

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 talk with Marcia Streeter about signing up! mabiti1@gmail.com

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

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)

For all you baby-minders, did you know there are changing tables in both the men's and womens' restrooms?

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

There are two spots left on the summer Grounds Crew schedule. Kelly Jasperse will be at the P.O.P. Table after worship to answer any questions.

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

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

Wed. May 24 - Mobile Food Pantry is cancelled

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

P.O.P table: Whitecaps ticket sales and summer book club book pickup.

Mon. May 29 - Office Closed for Memorial Day

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

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

Graduation Sunday, Communion Sunday

P.O.P table: Camp Talahi information and summer book club book pickup.

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

Sun. June 11 Sanctuary Worship - Rev. Dr. Roger LaWarre

Youth Choir Musical "*Good Kings Come in Small Packages*"

P.O.P table: Friendly Tech Support Sunday

Tues. June 13 at 7:00pm - Board of Trustees meeting

Fri. June 16 at 9:00am - Cooking at Park for Degage

Sun. June 18 Sanctuary Worship - Rev. Darryl Kistler, senior minister

Sundae Sunday - hosted by Ofield Ten after worship.

Mon. June 19 - Office Closed for Juneteenth

Mon. June 19 at 9:00am - Cooking at Park for Degage

Tues. June 20 at 6:00pm - Whitecaps game at LCMU Park (tickets at P.O.P Table)

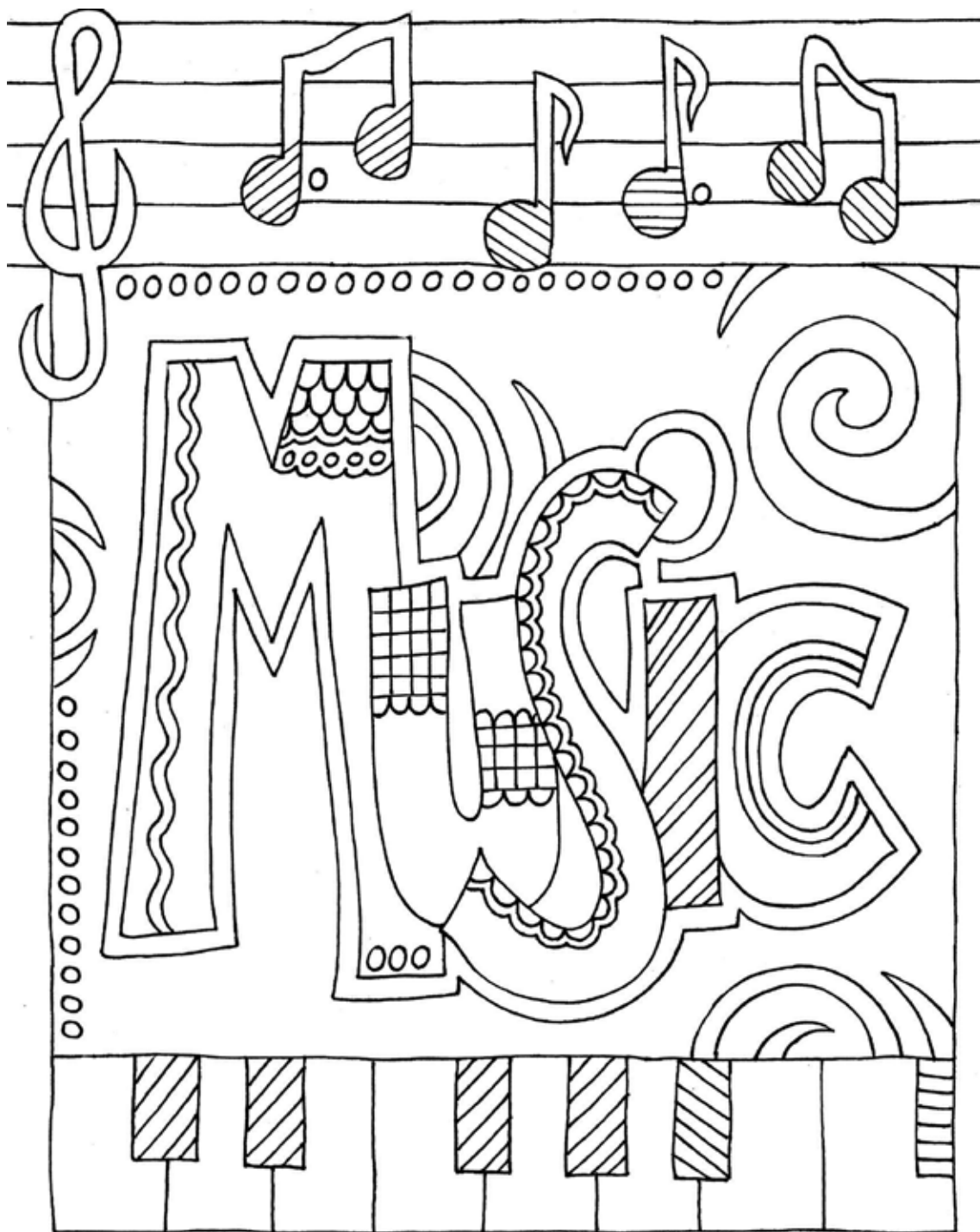
Fri. June 23 all day - Youth Group kayaking day in Spring Lake

* 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 in **June, July, and August**. Click on the QR code to sign up.



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We are an Open and Affirming Congregation

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.

Serving With You Today

Ushers: Kathy Miller, John Miller, Cindy Dexter, Susan Sochanek, Harlan Wilson, Chuck Dietiker

Parking Lot Greeter: Ben Lundquist

Greeters: Pat Schaub, Ruth McCarty

Sound: Sam Johnson

Video: Kevin Arnett

Name Tag Organizer: Teddy Cottrell-Gammage

Flower Care: Kathy Miller

Nursery: Jerika Kihn, Alexia Dominguez, Gyl Hondorp

Little Lambs: Brianna Kim, Katy Urquart

Grades Pre-K & K: Lori Riegling, Mary Hoksbergen

Grades 1, 2 & 3: Donna Boersma, Amy Rains

Carol Choir: Cheryl Wells

Cantando and Chapel Choirs: Heidi Hertel, Vonda Karnazes

Youth Group: Kristin Bofysil, Gregg Hampshire, Joseph Workman

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