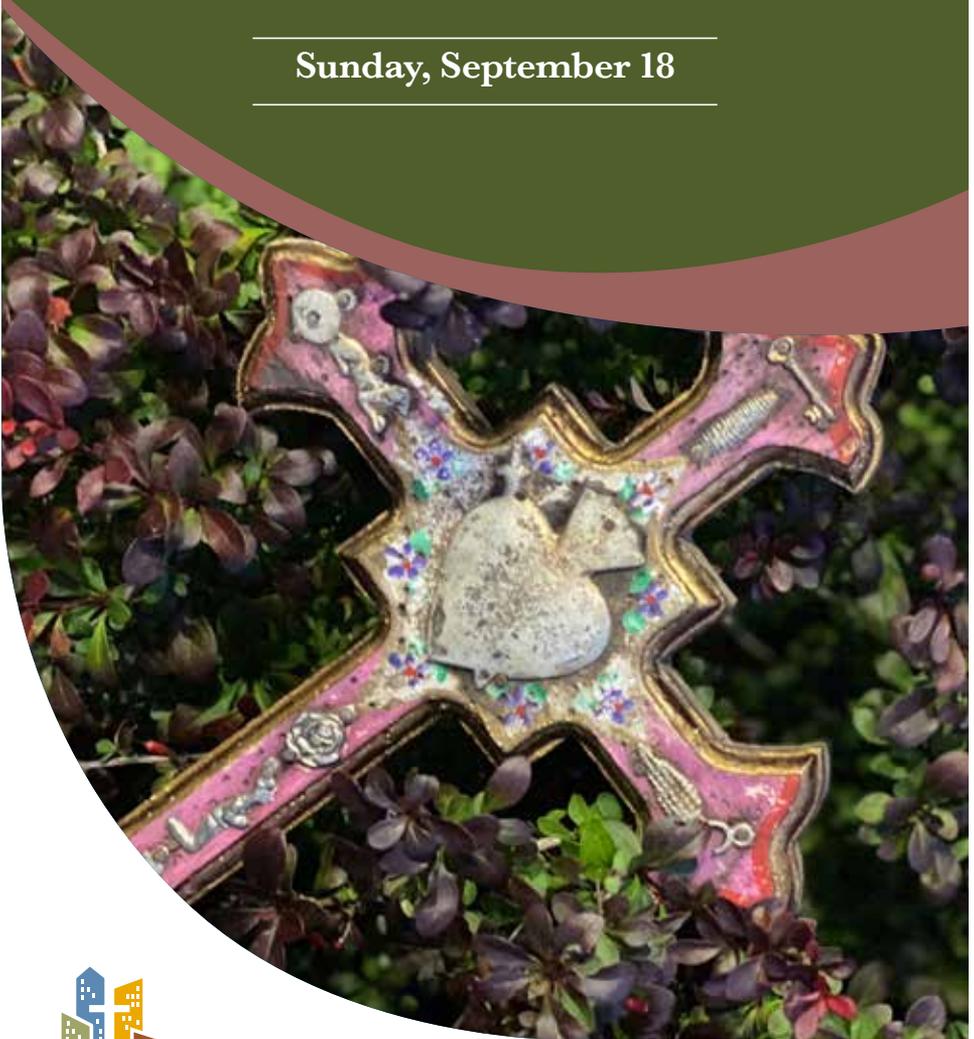


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Sunday, September 18

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# Order of Worship for September 18, 2022

*Gathering and Centering - 10:15am*

*Announcements - 10:25am*

*Sanctuary Worship - 10:30am*

Gathering Music Patrick Coyle, piano

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Darryl Kistler

Processional Mark Mullinax, organ

*Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten BWV 690*

(If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

+ Call to Worship Reading Responsively  
Rev. Dr. Patrick Coyle

**One:** Praise the Lord, all you people!

**All:** Praise, followers of Christ;

**One:** Praise the name of the Lord.

**All:** Blessed be the name of our God.

**One:** From this time on and forevermore,

**All:** From the rising of the sun to its setting.

**One:** The name of our God is to be praised.

**All:** The Lord is high above all nations,  
And God's glory above the heavens.

*(Psalm 113:1-4)*

+ Hymn of Praise - No. 269 *Lead On, O King Eternal*  
Tune: LANCASHIRE

+ Opening Prayer Rev. Darryl Kistler

+ The Chimes

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.**

Choral Response

The Chancel Choir  
*Spirit, Open My Heart*  
Arr. Eric Nelson

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.  
Spirit, open my heart.*

Scripture Lesson

John 16:25-33  
Katie Bradley, liturgist

**One:** The Word of God for the People of God...

**All:** Thanks be to God.

+ Congregational Response

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father (Creator),  
and to the Son (Christ) and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen, amen.**

The Sermon

Rev. Darryl Kistler

Meditation

Patrick Coyle, piano  
*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
John Carter

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

The Chancel Choir  
Robert Edwards, piano  
*Be Strong in the Lord*  
Arr. Patrick Coyle

*Be strong in the Lord and be of good courage;  
Your mighty Defender is always the same.  
Mount up with wings, as the eagle ascending;  
Victory is sure when you call on His name.*

Refrain:

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;  
And be of good courage, for He is your guide.  
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;  
And rejoice for the victory is yours.*

*So put on the armor the Lord has provided,  
And place your defense in his un failing care.  
Trust Him for He will be with you in battle,  
Lighting your path to avoid every snare.*

(Refrain)

*Be strong in the Lord and be of good courage  
In all of your struggle, whatever your foe.  
Fear not the battle, for the Lord walks beside you,  
Guiding your journey wherever you go.*

(Refrain)

+ 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 in Unison  
Rev. Dr. Patrick Coyle

**Generous God, we acknowledge You as the Giver of all good things. You are our great Provider. As You have loved us, help us through these gifts to love others. Help us through this offering to see the needs of others. Make our hearts soft to those in need of a hand. Grant us good courage to truly listen and place ourselves in others' shoes.**

**Great Spirit of Love, help us be vulnerable to the needs of others. As we soften our hearts, use this gift of our treasure so that others see You in us. May we understand that poverty and vulnerability extend beyond the physical. Give us the courage to stand up and speak up for those who are unable or unwilling. Amen.**

+ Hymn - No. 451

*Open My Eyes That I May See*  
Tune: OPEN MY EYES

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*The service of worship concludes with Our Common Commission.  
If you are leaving the Sanctuary during the Postlude,  
please be respectful of the musician and those who are listening.*

Recessional

Mark Mullinax, organ  
*Fugue in f minor (from the 8th Harpsichord Suite)*  
G. F. Handel (arr. by Lionel Lethbridge)



*Thank you to our guest musicians:*

We are especially grateful to Mark Mullinax at the organ today and Robert Edwards at the piano. They are filling in for Phyllis Miner, who has a broken finger. Thank you, Mark and Robert, and get well soon, Phyllis!

***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 card in your bulletin and place it in the plate during the offering.*

We have been welcoming many visitors lately and it can be challenging for everyone to keep names and faces connected. **Please wear your church name tag!** If you need one, write your name on the list in the cloak room or let the office know.

**Our virtual services** are all available to watch on our website: [www.parkchurchgr.org](http://www.parkchurchgr.org). **Church news is delivered weekly** in our emailed newsletter, *The Congregationalist*. Let the office know if you would like to be added to the list.

**If you have a pastoral care concern**, please contact Pastor Darryl: cell (616)485-1959; email: [dkistler@parkchurchgr.org](mailto:dkistler@parkchurchgr.org)

### ***The Sanctuary Flowers***

**The flowers on the Altar** are given by the Park Church Women.

**The flowers on the Children's Altar** are in honor of Caden Turner Gess's 10th Birthday.  
Given by his grandparents, Gene and Carol Gess.

*If you would like to mark an occasion by dedicating Altar flowers, please contact Marcia Streeter ([mabitil@gmail.com](mailto:mabitil@gmail.com)).*

## ***Joys and Concerns***

**Please keep Scott Hutchings, his wife Lori Henry-Hutchings and their families in your prayers.** Scott continues to fight serious infection in the Meijer Heart Center ICU. We pray that Lori and her brother Lee are sustained in spirit during this difficult time. Encouragement can be sent to Scott and Lori at 1417 Pine NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504 and to Lee at 447 Newberg NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

**Please pray for those managing illness and treatment including Margaret Bilsky, Dave Haebich, Tom Hollen, Evelyn Huyser, Ellie Mott, Sydney Mott, Bill Smith, and Emma Youngquist.**

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

## ***Sanctuary Flowers Update***

In an effort to control costs, we have hired a new florist for our Sanctuary flowers. But, as in all things, that savings is not quite enough to cover the general price increases in the floral industry. To bridge this gap, we have settled on a modest price increase for dedicatory flowers. Flowers for the Altar, Pulpit and Lectern will be \$40 each; the Children's Altar will be \$20.

Additionally, we would like to recruit some more people to assist with flower care. One month a year you would be responsible for removing the flowers after the worship service and delivering them to those who purchased them. More information is in the *Congregationalist*. Let Marcia Streeter know if you are interested.

## ***Lunch and Learn***

**Sunday, September 25 after worship**

Jonathan Shotwell, Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator at Samaritas will join us to talk about refugees in our community. Learn about the different groups of refugees entering Grand Rapids right now and the challenges they face.

Hear about an innovative new program that seeks to surround new Americans with the support they need to become self-sufficient and independent in their new country. Discuss the ways our congregation can fulfill Jesus' call to welcome the stranger by supporting and welcoming refugees to Grand Rapids. We will meet in Spindelr Dining Room. A light lunch will be available.

## ***Park Church Women Thank Offering***

**Through October**

It's time for the Thank Offering and all the women of Park Church are invited to participate! Your donations (of whatever amount you see fit) can be delivered by hand or post to your Ten leader or to the church office. Please make your check out to Park Church Women and mark your envelope to the attention of Marcia Hammontree. The money is gifted at the direction of the PCW board to various organizations supported by the Park Church Women. The collection wraps up at the end of October.

## ***Music at Midday***

**Tuesdays at 12:15**

**October 14 - December 6**

Music at Midday is a free lunchtime concert series produced by Park Church for the Grand Rapids community. The 30-minute concerts start at 12:15. Lunch is available in Merriam Hall for 7.00 both before and after the concerts. The full schedule can be found on our website.

## ***Serving With You Today***

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

Greeters: Laura and Mark Barnum

Sound: Sam Johnson

Video: Andrew DeBoer

Flower Care: Marcia Bishop

Grounds Crew: Marlene Fosner

Nursery: Liz Ferrier, Gyl Hondorp

Little Lambs: Alexia Dominguez, Caitlin Watson

Pre-k & K: Lori Riegling, Mary Hoksbergen

Grades 1, 2 & 3: Laura Barnum, Amy Rains

Grades 4 & 5: Megan Cottrell, Jason King

Carol Choir: Cheryl Wells

Middle School: Kristin Bofysil, Heidi Hertel

High School: Gregg Hampshire

## ***Would you like to help?***

Look for our P. O. P. (Part of Park) tables in Allinder Commons after each service to find out how you can get involved in the life of Park Church. This week, you can learn about Palmer School and the Blood Drive. Bring your calendar and check it out!

## ***ArtPrize at Park Church***

ArtPrize is in full swing and runs through October 2. We need several people each day to host 44 artists and welcome hundreds of guests. The volunteer sign up form link is on the calendar page and included in the weekly *Congregationalist*...or simply call the office and we will help you sign up. (616)459-3203.

## **Park Church Calendar**

**Sun. Sept. 18** - Sanctuary Worship Rev. Darryl Kistler, Senior Minister  
New member orientation following worship

**Wed. Sept 21 at 1:00pm** - Martenson Ten meeting

**Thurs. Sept. 22 at 6:00pm** - free chair yoga in Spindler Dining Room

**Sun. Sept. 25** - Sanctuary Worship: Rev. Darryl Kistler, Senior Minister  
Lunch and Learn with Samaritas following the service.

**Tues. Sept. 27 at 9:30am** - Material Aid meeting

**Thurs. Sept. 29 at 6:00pm** - free chair yoga in Spindler Dining Room

**Sun. Oct. 2** - Sanctuary Worship - World Communion Sunday  
Rev. Darryl Kistler, Senior Minister  
Ofield Ten Bread Sale after worship  
Youth Group meets after worship

**Tues. Oct 4 at 6:30pm** - Board of Deacons and committee meetings

**Thurs. Oct. 6 at 6:00pm** - free chair yoga in Spindler Dining Room

**Sun. Oct.9** - Sanctuary Worship: Rev. Darryl Kistler, Senior Minister  
Blood Drive: before, during, and after worship!  
Confirmation Class after worship

**Tues. Oct. 11 at 12:15** - Music at Midday: *Two Pianos, Eight Hands*

**Tues. Oct. 11 at 7:00** - Board of Trustees Meeting

**Thurs. Oct. 13 at 6:00pm** - free chair yoga in Spindler Dining Room

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**Thurs. Sept. 15 - Sunday October 2** - ArtPrize is open to visitors

Mondays - Thursdays from 1:00pm - 7:00pm

Fridays and Saturdays from 12:00pm - 8:00pm

Sundays from 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Sign up to volunteer: <https://tinyurl.com/ycxt3usa>



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## *An Open and Affirming Congregation*

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

## *Statement of Welcome and Inclusion*

As Jesus demonstrated by his life and teachings,  
we fully value and welcome all people into the life of  
Park Church, regardless of beliefs or doubts, age, race,  
ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical,  
mental, or emotional ability, or economic status. In fact, we  
value and celebrate the rich diversity of all God's creation.

## *Our Vision*

To build a community of relentless compassion  
and courageous hope where all are seen and known,  
and the God of extravagant love is revealed.

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## OFFICE HOURS

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

The wifi password is parkchurchguest.