



## 9 AM Contemporary Service • Sunday, June 21, 2026

### Order of Worship

#### THE GATHERING:

Countdown

Opening Song – ***“Battle Belongs”***

Welcome

Kyle Ripley

Invitation to Worship

Fynn Peck

Leader: The Holy Spirit has gathered us here in this place and gifted each of us for the work of ministry. As we worship today, may God renew our hearts and equip us to serve Christ in the world.

**All: Come, let us worship the living God! Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Kyle Ripley

Praise Song – ***“Good Good Father”***

Children’s Message

Shannah Vergote

*(Children are invited to come forward at this time for the children’s message.)*

Greet your neighbor!

*(Before you sit down, please turn and greet your neighbor. Also, please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad located at the end of each pew and pass it along to the person next to you. Thanks!)*

#### THE WORD:

Scripture Reading – Ephesians 4:1-16

Message – ***“Gifted and Called to Serve”***

Rev. Jim Porter

#### RESPONSE & SENDING:

Time for Reflection and Song of Response – ***“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”***

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s 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.**

Giving Back to God

- Our Offering- Your gifts honor God and help provide financial support of the ministries and mission of this church.
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- Our Prayers- How can we help you in prayer today? Fill out a prayer card and let us know. *Please place your financial gift, Connection Card, or Prayer Card in the Offering Box in the narthex.*

Announcements

Rev. Jim Porter

- Special Announcement for our Youth & Family Ministries
- VBS and Youth Mission Week begin tomorrow!

## Closing Song – *“This Is My Father’s World”*

### Mission Statement

Leader: In the coming week what does God call us to do?

**People: We are called to: Introduce Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him;  
deepen the faith and commitment of those who already know Him;  
and demonstrate Christ’s way of love in service to the world.**

### Benediction

Leader: Go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Walk worthy of the calling you have received.

Use the gifts God has given you with humility, courage, and love.

Build up the body of Christ.

Serve your neighbors.

Work for the good of all people.

And share the hope of God with all the world.

**All: Amen!**

### Postlude

## Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

Thank you. Special thanks to our ushers: Gary & Jan Burns, our snack volunteer: Christine Dewey, and our coffee volunteer: Shelia Conrad.



**10:30 AM Traditional Service • Sunday, June 21, 2026**

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### Countdown to Worship

Prelude – *“Make Us One With You”* by McDonald

### Welcome and Announcements

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### Invitation and Centering Words

Leader: The Holy Spirit has gathered us here in this place and gifted each of us for the work of ministry. As we worship today, may God renew our hearts and equip us to serve Christ in the world.

### Ringling of the Historic Church Bell

### Call to Worship

Ginny Dorner

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit,

**People: One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, and Father of us all.**

Leader: God has given each of us gifts for the common good.

**People: The Holy Spirit equips us for lives of service and love.**

Leader: Christ calls us to grow together in faith and maturity.

**People: We come to worship, to learn, to serve, and to follow Christ.**

**All: Come, let us worship the living God!**

## Opening Prayer

Ginny Dorner

**All: Gracious and loving God, you have called us into the body of Christ and blessed each of us with gifts to share. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us this day. Open our ears to hear your Word, our hearts to receive your grace, and our hands to serve your purposes. Unite us in faith, strengthen us in love, and equip us to be faithful disciples in the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

## Opening Hymn 4 – *“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”*

### Prayer of Confession

Ginny Dorner

**All: Holy God, you have called us to walk in humility, gentleness, patience, and love, yet we confess that we often choose our own way. We fail to recognize the gifts you have given us. We neglect opportunities to serve. We compare ourselves to others rather than celebrating the gifts of all your people. We allow divisions to grow where you call us to unity. We hold back our time, talents, and compassion when you call us to share them freely. Forgive us, O God. Renew us by your Spirit. Help us to discover the gifts you have entrusted to us and to use them faithfully for the building up of your church and the healing of your world. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

*(Please pause for prayers of silent meditation)*

### Assurance of Pardon

Ginny Dorner

**Leader:** Hear the good news! Christ came not to condemn the world but to save it. Through his life, death, and resurrection, we are forgiven, restored, and made new. The Holy Spirit continues to work within us, equipping us with gifts for faithful service and empowering us to live as Christ's disciples. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### Passing of the Peace

Ginny Dorner

**Leader:** Christ has broken down every dividing wall and made us one body through his love. May the peace of Christ unite us in faith and strengthen us for ministry. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you!**

**Leader:** Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

(Share signs of Christ's peace with one another. Also, please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad at the end of the pew and pass it along to those sitting beside you.)

## Anthem – *“Down to the River to Pray”* by McDonald

## Scripture Reading – Ephesians 4:1-16

## Sermon

*“Gifted and Called to Serve”*

Rev. Jim Porter

## Responsive Hymn 19 – *“God of Great and God of Small”*

### Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

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## Doxology – *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

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.

## Offering Prayer

**All: Generous God, every good gift comes from you. You have blessed each of us with abilities, resources, and opportunities to serve. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and devotion. Use them to strengthen your church, bless our neighbors, and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, and help us to offer not only our gifts, but our very lives in service to your kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Closing Hymn 47 – *“Bless All Who Trust in God”*

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**All: Amen!**

## Benediction Response – *“Let There Be Peace On Earth”*

## Postlude

### **Worship Concludes – Service Begins!**

Thank you. Special thanks to our ushers: Karen Blanchard & Scott Martin, our snack volunteer, and our coffee volunteer: Shelia Conrad.

**Thank you for your generous support!** Your gifts help sustain the ministries and mission of our church. You can give by mail (404 Spruce St., Elk Rapids, MI 49629), online at [www.erfpc.org](http://www.erfpc.org) (click “Giving”), or by contacting Treasurer Mike Husby at [finmanager@erfpc.org](mailto:finmanager@erfpc.org). Thank you!

**Nursery** – Qualified caregivers welcome infants and children during the service.



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[volunteeraccelerator.ministryarchitects.com/ERFPC/survey.html](http://volunteeraccelerator.ministryarchitects.com/ERFPC/survey.html)

Thanks for your willingness to help out!

## **VBS Volunteer Meeting – Today After the 9AM Service**

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help make Vacation Bible School a wonderful week for our children! All VBS volunteers are asked to attend an important volunteer meeting this Sunday, June 21, in Fellowship Hall immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

We will review the schedule, go over volunteer roles, answer questions, and make sure everyone is prepared for a fun and meaningful week of sharing God’s love with our children. Your attendance is important as we make our final preparations for VBS.

We are grateful for your willingness to serve and help make this ministry possible!



## **Vacation Bible School – Register Your Children Today!**

Mark your calendar for VBS week, June 22-26 from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon and register your children today on the VBS banner on the homepage of our website ([www.erfpc.org](http://www.erfpc.org)) or by scanning the QR code here. Bring your children, grandchildren and friends to this exciting program!

## **Youth Mission Week – June 22-26**

Our youth will be participating in a week of faith, service, and fellowship June 22–26. Students in grades 6–12 will assist with Vacation Bible School each morning, participate in local service projects in the afternoons, enjoy fun evening activities, and spend time together in daily devotion and prayer.

Youth who have signed up to participate should meet at the Lighthouse at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, June 22, to begin the week.

Please keep our youth and leaders in your prayers as they serve our church and community. If you have any questions about Youth Mission Week, please contact Erin Conrad at [econrad0505@gmail.com](mailto:econrad0505@gmail.com).

## **Youth Mission Project – Purchase a Personalized Brick Paver**

Support the Youth Mission Project by purchasing a personalized brick paver for \$50! These engraved pavers will line the new gravel patio behind the Lighthouse and serve as a lasting reminder of your support. The Youth Mission Project takes place June 22–26. Order forms may be picked up at the Activity Center or completed online. We've extended the due date, so all orders are now due by June 28.

## **Join Us for ONE 10:30AM Service on VBS Sunday – June 28**

Come celebrate a wonderful week of faith, fun, and service at our One 10:30 a.m. special VBS Sunday worship service on Sunday, June 28. We will gather as one church family for a single combined service featuring our children and youth as they share songs, stories, and highlights from Vacation Bible School and Youth Mission Week. Join us as we give thanks for the ways God has been at work in the lives of our young people and celebrate the joy, energy, and faith they bring to our church. We hope to see you there!

### **The Nominating Team needs YOU!**

Dear FPC Members:

The 2026 Nominating Team needs YOU! Each year we need disciples of the Lord to serve as church officers—deacons, elders, and trustees—here at FPC. Deacons provide crucial ministries of care and compassion at FPC (e.g., homebound visits, funeral luncheons, Communion, etc.). Elders help guide and govern FPC via critical ministry teams (Finance, Outreach, Worship, Youth, etc.). Trustees manage the church's physical property, finances, legal matters, etc.).

We need 2 Deacons to serve in the Class of 2029 and 1 Deacon to serve in the Class of 2028. We need 1 possibly 2 Elders to serve in the Class of 2029 and we need 2 or possibly 3 Trustees to serve in the Class of 2029.

Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to fill one of these vital positions in our church. You must be a member of FPC to be able to serve.

You may contact any member of the Nominating Team if you are interested or need more information.

Judy Husby (Co-Chair), Joanne Teague, Lynda Nichols, Betty Tezak (Co-Chair), Tom Klingler, Chad Vergote

## **Listening for God – New Contemplative Prayer Group**

Our new Contemplative Prayer Group, *Listening for God*, has begun and invites all who are seeking a deeper awareness of God's presence through silence, prayer, and reflection. The next gathering will be held on Tuesday, June 30 at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary.

Contemplative prayer is a form of Christian prayer that emphasizes quietly resting in God's presence rather than speaking words, making requests, or actively meditating on ideas. It offers a peaceful space to listen for God's guidance and deepen your relationship with Christ.

The group typically meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Due to Vacation Bible School, the June schedule has been adjusted, and our second June gathering will take place on Tuesday, June 30 (the fifth Tuesday).

All are welcome to join us as we seek to listen for God's presence and guidance together.

### **Picture Sundays – Sundays, June 7 & 21**

As we begin the summer season, it is a great time to update your family or individual picture on the church directory. On Sunday, June 7 and June 21, we will have a spot in the Narthex to help you update your pictures with a quick photo. Remember that this is only one of the ways that you can get you or your family's updated pictures in the directory – you can also upload your own snapshot directly or send one to [info@erfpc.org](mailto:info@erfpc.org) and Ellen will upload it for you.

If you haven't yet been added to the directory, now is a great time to join in the fun. It's an easy way to have access to your church family through your smart phone, IPAD or computer.

This will also be an opportunity to ask questions about the directory app and provide us with an email if you don't have one on file as this is the **ONLY WAY TO GET ACCESS** to the online directory. This directory is only for our church family and requires an email and password to access online.

**Resources for Grief Care** – Stephen Ministry offers one-on-one support and grief resources, including pamphlets and a display in the narthex. Information on local counseling options is also available. To meet with a Stephen Minister, please contact the office or a Stephen Minister directly.

**Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregiver Support Group – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of Each Month at 2PM** For those caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia. Share support, encouragement, and guidance in a welcoming environment. The group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Please contact facilitator Kathy Dork at 248-568-4651 if you'd like to attend or if you have questions.

**Community Cupboard** –Thank you for supporting the Elk Rapids Community Cupboard! The Cupboard is open twice every other week: Saturday from 9:00–11:00 a.m. and Tuesday from 4:00–6:30 p.m. Visit [elkrapidscommunitycupboard.com](http://elkrapidscommunitycupboard.com) or call Pam Coleman at 847-445-8239 for more information.

#### **This Week's Activities**

##### **Sun. 6/21**

9:00 a Contemporary Service  
10:00 a VBS Volunteer Mtg. - FH  
10:30 a Traditional Service

##### **Mon. 6/22**

9:00 a VBS & Youth Mission Wk.

##### **Tues. 6/23**

9:00 a VBS & Youth Mission Wk.  
3:00 p Harbor Voice Prac. – FH

##### **Wed. 6/24**

9:00 a VBS & Youth Mission Wk.  
6:30 p Praise Team Prac.  
7:00 p Session at Schuler's

##### **Thurs. 6/25**

9:00 a VBS & Youth Mission Wk.

##### **Fri. 6/26**

9:00 a VBS & Youth Mission Wk.  
5:00 p Planning Retreat – LH

##### **Sat. 6/27**

9:00 a Planning Retreat – LH