

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended to  
heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH (Please sign & pass the registration folder)

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY "Meditation" (Massenet)

\* DOXOLOGY "Doxology" #815

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**As the wheat is gathered into the barns, O God, so the fruits of our labors are brought into your house. Through the purging fire of your judgment, render our gifts acceptable in your sight. Set them aside as worthy, so that Jesus Christ, the bread of life, may nourish others.**

\* CLOSING HYMN "Freely, Freely" #436

\* HALVERSON BENEDICTION

Wherever you go, God is sending you, wherever you are, God has put you there; He has a purpose in your being there. Christ who indwells you has something He wants to do through you where you are. Believe this and go in His grace and love and power."

\* POSTLUDE "Ceremonial March" (Blake)



# JACOB'S DREAM

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# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard — Preaching

Don Myers, CRE - Liturgist

Music - Kay E. Boyne

July 23, 2017 10:00 AM Worship Service

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Christians, We Have Met to Worship" (Hayes)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You discern my thoughts from far away.

**You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

**Search me, O God, and know my heart. See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the way of everlasting.**

Let us worship God!

### PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

\* HYMN "Morning Has Broken" (see insert)

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess, O God, that our lives are a mixture of weeds and good seeds. The weeds choke us and limit our will to respond. We admire the good seeds and want to nourish them. When the harvest comes, we know that the good seed will be kept and all else will be judged unfit for your realm. Christ have mercy upon us as we learn of your will. Give us guidance and determination as we obey your command. Forgive our misplaced allegiance when we settle for weeds. May we broadcast the landscape with the good seed of your Word.**

### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* GLORIA PATRI "Glory Be to the Father" #812

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.**

### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Greet one another in Peace.

ANTHEM "Jubilate, Sing to God!" (Perry)

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

*(children are dismissed to the Classrooms, for Sunday School)*

\* HYMN "Open My Eyes That I May See" #563

## THE WORD OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Gen. 28:10 - 19 (page 23, OT)

Romans 8:12 - 25 (page 138, NT)

Matt. 13:24 - 30, 36 - 43 (pages 12 - 13, NT)

SERMON "Jacob the Dreamer"

\* HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" #401

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by  
the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

## This Week's Calendar July 23, 2017 - July 30, 2017

Sunday, July 23	Monday, July 24
9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR) 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen	7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH) 7:00 PM ACT Study Group (WR)
Tuesday, July 25	Wednesday, July 26
12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)	
Thursday, July 27	Friday, July 28
12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)	<b>Office Closed</b> 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (SH)
Saturday, July 29	Sunday, July 30
9:00 AM NA (WR) 7:00 PM AA (WR)	9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR) 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen

SH = Social Hall

Lib = Library

WR = Westminster Room

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.  
See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Psalm 139:23 - 24 (NSRV)

## About First United Presbyterian Church

### Church Staff

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Mark D. Gabbard pastor@soopresbyterian.org
<b>Commissioned Ruling Elder</b>	Donald H. Myers Brenda Ransom
<b>Clerk of Session</b>	Audrey A. Zane
<b>President of Trustees</b>	Michael J. Lussier
<b>Chairman of Deacons</b>	Jeanne Shibley
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<b>Church Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. (Monday through Friday)</b>	
<b>Church Website: <a href="http://www.soopresbyterian.org">www.soopresbyterian.org</a></b>	

### To Our Visitors

We are happy to have you worshipping with us today. If you would like more information about us or are interested in becoming a member of our church family, please complete one of the Welcome cards found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You may also contact the church office, at 632-7771.

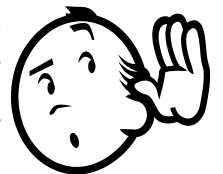
Some notes about our services:

- ✦ We have one Worship service on Sunday  
10:00 AM — Worship Service  
(Children join our worship service for the first 15 minutes, to hear the Children's Sermon)
- ✦ Sunday School  
9:00 AM—Adult Sunday School (Social Hall)  
10:15 AM—K through 12th Grade,  
all meet in lower level classrooms
- ✦ The nursery is available for your use during the worship service, with an attendant.
- ✦ An asterisk (\*) preceding a service element indicates the congregation should stand.
- ✦ **Bold** indicates congregation participation.



### Hearing Assistance

is now available. For those who would like to use a receiver, please ask an Usher for assistance.



***The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:***

***Invite people to know and glorify God***

***Grow together as followers of Christ***

***IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS THIS WEEK***

We encourage you to remember these people in your prayers throughout the coming week:

Family of Linda Boogerd, Jennie McCain, Marsha Cross, Evalyn Jacobson, Andrea Klier, Family of Marie Linhart (mother of Sara Hill), Jean Smith, Gina Gough, Dorothy Smart, Geraldine Carnahan, Pat White, Christine Mickelson, Joyce Cross, Jane Kellan, Lillian Donelson, Shane Miller, Kevin Tastor, Jim Schmidt, William Kellan, Alex McCreedy, Tara Jean Brody, Tom and Ellen Woodgate, Wendy (Menard) James, and all members of missionaries and the U.S. Armed Forces.

**Please keep us up to date on your prayer request.**

**If you would like to add individuals to the prayer list or your prayers have been answered and you would like to be removed from the list, please contact the office.**

***VISITORS, WELCOME TO THE FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH! ...***

We pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you. Jesus welcomed everyone; that is our aim, too. Whether you're here for the first time or the thousandth, we count ourselves blessed by your presence. Persons interested in more information about First United Presbyterian Church, or in joining this congregation, are invited to fill out a 'Welcome' card found in the pews, or call the church office at 632-7771. Rev. Gabbard will be in contact with you. Please be sure to sign our Guest Book, near the entrance to the Sanctuary. Thank you for worshiping with us today.

***PRAYER REQUESTS ...*** We have Prayer Request slips available in the narthex, near the sanctuary doors. If you would like to request prayers today, please fill out a slip and hand it to one of the ushers prior to the service.

***RIDES TO CHURCH ...*** If anyone needs a ride to church, please call the church office (632-7771) before Friday of each week, and the deacons will arrange a pick up time.

***DEACON PRAYER CHAIN ...*** Please continue to remember the Deacon Prayer Chain, if you, or someone you know, are in need of prayers. Contact Ginger Stratton. Thank you.

***LORNE EAGLE IS TURNING 100!!! ...*** Help us celebrate on Saturday, August 12th from noon til ????. Party will be at the home of Karen Baldino at 5434 Scenic Dr. SSM. Please come and help us celebrate! May the God of peace who raised Christ from the dead, strengthen your inner being for every good work. And may the blessing of God the Almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and dwell within you, this day and evermore. Amen.

***MUSIC IN THE PARK ..*** Enjoy a relaxing evening in the Soo Locks Park as they host Music in the Park every Wednesday night at 7 pm. This Wednesday, July 26th performance will be by the Petoskey Steel Drum.

***SOO THEATRE ...*** The Soo Theatre presents Vocal Gala on July 28 at 7 PM and Johann Strauss II "Die Fledermaus" on August 9, 11, & 13. Wednesday and Friday are at 7 PM and Sunday at 3 PM

***HELP WANTED ...*** The St. Mary's Schools are looking for full-time teachers for the upcoming school year. If interested please contact Hedy Yanni at 635-6141 or hyanni@eupschools.org.

***CONNOR GORSUCH KIDS FISHING DAY ...*** Come out to bask in the sunshine and have a competition with the fish! Kids sixteen and under can enjoy a free day of fishing at the kids fishing pond at Rotary Park on July 29th. Registration is 8 am-9 am. Children eight and under will fish from 9 am-10 am. Children nine to sixteen will fish from 10 am-11 am. From 11 am-12 pm, all registered children will be able to fish.

***CHURCH SUPPLIES NEEDED ...*** It is time to ask again for donations of copier paper. We can use copier paper for the church office (20 lb, any brightness). We are also in need of paper towel. Thank you for any donations you can make. Your generosity really helps cut our expenses!

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***PW DISH CLOTH SALE*** The PW famous Dish Cloths are for sale at \$1.00 each. Buy several—the price is right.

***BULLETIN BOARD ...*** Please visit the bulletin board across from the office for information concerning local events, news, and resources available in the community.

**SERVING US THIS WEEK**

**Greeters: Lee Mason and Barb Kenn**

**Ushers: Bob Nicholls, Roland Akre, Barb Kenn, Joanne Lussier, & Rosalee Mullins**

**Soup Kitchen: - Sugar Island Lions**

**SERVING US NEXT WEEK**

**Greeters: Lee Mason and Barb Kenn**

**Ushers: Jeanne Shibley' Sunday School Class**

**Soup Kitchen: - Sault Lions**

**Sunday School Attendance: 4**

**Attendance Last week: 86**

**Last week's offering: \$2,902**

**Year-to-07/16/17 offerings: \$93,423**

**Year-to-07/16/17 expenses: \$93,751**