



## Presbytery of Lake Michigan

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**March, 14, 2026  
We Gather to Worship**

### **Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 67)**

**Elder Monte Shuck (Mason First)**

May God be gracious to us; May God bless us.

**We gather in worship, knowing God is here.**

May God's face shine upon us.

**May God call us into the joyful work of creating peace**

Let us worship our God in praise.

**\*Hymn #386 (GTG)**

**"Come Worship God"**

**Call to Confession and**

**Rev. Michelle Olson (VM)**

The Grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners.  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy and Merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

*Silence*

**Assurance of God's Love and Sharing in Christ's Peace**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

**We Hear the Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Elder Val Glasscock (Portage Westminster)**

God, speak loudly through your text. May we hear your truth, especially when it challenges us. Be the loud voice of love that we need to hear. Amen

**Scripture Readings**

**Judges 5:2-6, 12-13  
1 Corinthians 9:22**

**Dr. Stephen Keizer, Presbyterian Foundation**

**Message**

**“Patient Leadership”**

**Dr. Stephen Keizer**

**We Respond to the Word**

**\*Hymn #187 (GTG)**

**“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

**Offering**

**Rev. Dr. Jay Ayers (HR)**

*The offering today is designated to support Immigration Ministries in Michigan.*

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**Rev. Dr. Jay Ayers (HR)**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Commissioning of General Assembly Commissioners**

**Elder Linda Hardenbergh**

Ruling Elder Commissioners:  
Elder Heather Myer, East Lansing Eastminster  
Elder Ben Boerkoel, GR Westminster

Teaching Elder Commissioners:  
Rev. Kristin Stroble, East Lansing Eastminster  
Rev. Steven Kaszar, Concord First/Homer First

**Call to Discipleship**

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

**The great ends of the church are  
the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;  
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;  
the maintenance of divine worship;  
the preservation of the truth;  
the promotion of social righteousness;  
and the exhibition of the Kin-dom of Heaven to the world.**

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility. Heather, Ben, Kristin, and Steve, the grace bestowed on you in baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God's grace. By God's grace we are saved, and enabled to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ. God has called you to the particular service of being Commissioners to the 227th General Assembly. Show your purpose by answering these questions.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

**I will, with God's help.**

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

**I do.**

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

**I will, with God's help.**

Do we, the members of the Presbytery of Lake Michigan, accept Heather, Ben, Kristin, and Steve as Commissioners to the 227th PC(USA) General Assembly, chosen by God through the voice of the church, to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Do we promise to support and encourage them as they seek to fulfill their responsibilities in this ministry?

**We do.**

### **Commissioning Payer**

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us; and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading Heather, Ben, Kristin, and Steve to this time and place. Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service, they may grow in faith, hope, and love, and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever.

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Be with members of the General Assembly. Help them to welcome new things you are doing in the world and to respect old things you keep and use.

In their deliberation, bring about what is best for us and for all people. As they meet, let your Holy Spirit guide so that the whole church may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.

### **Charge**

Heather, Ben, Kristin, and Steve, you are commissioned to service as commissioners to the 227th PC(USA) General Assembly. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

### **Blessing**

May the God of peace make you holy in every way, and keep your whole being, spirit, soul, and body, free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Commissioning Hymn # 749 (GTG)      “Come! Live in the Light!” verse 1**

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

**Rev. Ben Rumbaugh**

### **Invitation**

### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you,  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The prayer continues...*

And so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues...*

And we pray now together saying the prayer that Christ taught us to say, praying...

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer After Communion**

**\*Hymn #203 (GTG)**

**“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”**

**\*Charge and Benediction (based on 1 Peter 4:10-11)**

**Dr. Stephen Keizer**

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each has received. To God be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

*Thank you to all those who participated in leading worship today.*

*Accompanist: Jim Hamilton*