Presbytery of Lake Michigan
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Presbytery Meeting Worship
November 17, 2026
We Gather to Worship

Prelude

***Call to Worship** **Rev. Annamarie Groenenboom**

Cry out with joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship God with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

For the Lord is a gracious God,
Whose mercy is everlasting;

whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

Let us praise the Lord.

Let us exalt God's name together!

***Hymn # 267** **"All Things Bright and Beautiful"**

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession[1] **Rev. Dr. Cal Bremer**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Silence

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

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

We Hear the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Hymn #322** **"Spirit of the Living God"**

Scripture Reading **Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka**

Acts 20:7-12

Message **Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka**

"A Lesson from Eutychus"

[1]Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Theology and Worship Ministry Unit. *Book of Common Worship*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1993.

We Respond to the Word

***Hymn #361 "How Firm a Foundation" vs. 1, 2**

Prayer of the People and Celebration of the Saints **Rev. Dr. Fran Lane-Lawrence**
Rev. Kristin Stroble

Installation of the Presbytery Moderator and Vice Moderator
Elder Benjamin Boerkoel (GR Westminster)
Elder Laurie Tupper (Kalamazoo First)
Rev. Michael Horlocker (Cadillac First)

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

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 Kingdom 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. Today it is our joy to share the call of God to Elder Laurie Tupper as moderator and Rev. Michael Horlocker as vice moderator of the Presbytery of Lake Michigan.

Laurie and Michael, 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 which serve Christ. God has called you to particular service. 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 you, members of the Presbytery of Lake Michigan, confirm the call of God
to our siblings Laurie Tupper as moderator and Michael Horlocker as vice moderator in the service of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Will you support and encourage them in this ministry?

We will.

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 Ben and Linda 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. Let your Spirit rule your church, so that we 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.

Laurie, you are installed to service as moderator and Michael, you are installed to service as vice-moderator in the Presbytery of Lake Michigan. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

Receiving A Candidate Under Care **Candidate Steve Zeoli (Ionia First)**

On behalf of the Commission on Preparation for Ministry, I introduce and receive Steve Zeoli as a candidate under care of the Presbytery of Lake Michigan.

Do you believe yourself to be called by God to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament?

I do.

Do you promise in reliance upon the grace of God to maintain a Christian character and conduct, and to be diligent and faithful in making full preparation for this ministry?

I do.

Do you accept the proper supervision of the presbytery in matters that concern your preparation for this ministry?

I do.

Do you desire now to be received by this presbytery as a candidate for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?

I do.

CHARGE

Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.[2]

PRAYER

Let us pray: God of prophets and apostles, you have chosen leaders to train your people
in the way of Jesus Christ. We thank you that in our day you are still claiming your people
for special work within the church. As Steve has dedicated their self to you,
let us pledge ourselves to them so that, surrounded by affection and hope, they may grow in wisdom,
mature in love, and become a faithful worker, approved by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Thanksgiving #582 GTG Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Offering **Elder Kirk Truesdell**

Today's offering is designated to support the Presbytery of Lake Michigan's Inquirers and Candidates.

[2] 1 Tim. 4:7b–12

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** **Elder Kirk Truesdell**

Gracious God, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. Give us such an awareness of your mercies that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days. Amen.[3]

Celebration of the Lord's Supper **Rev. Nick Marlatt (Hastings First)**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give our thanks and praise.

Thanks and praise to you, O God, creator and lover of the universe…. Remembering that we are not alone at this table, we join our voices with all the saints whom you have called, from all times and all places, who forever sing to the glory of your name, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our host and our guest at this table….Through his resurrection, you brought new creation,
embodying the promise of life everlasting.

The Words of Institution

On the night that He was arrested…And so, according to Christ's commandment:

We remember His death, we proclaim His resurrection, we await His coming in glory.

The prayer continues…

The Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn - #526 - For All the Saints**

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[3]Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Theology and Worship Ministry Unit. *Book of Common Worship*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1993.

***Charge and Benediction** **Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka**

Postlude

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

Accompanist: Patti LaJoye, Music Leader