

10:00AM

HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude - "Minuetto" *C. Hurlbusch*

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #390 in The Hymnal

Greeting

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

Gloria #S-280 in The Hymnal

Collect of the Day *printed on insert*

First Lesson - Exodus 12:1-4 *printed on insert*

Psalms 149 *(to be read in unison)* *printed on insert*

Second Lesson – Romans 13:8-14 *printed on insert*

Please stand for the Gospel Procession

Gospel Procession - "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"
(verse 1 before, 2 after) #410 in The Hymnal

Gospel Reading - Matthew 18:15-20 *printed on insert*

Sermon *The Rev. Kenneth R. Hitch*

Choir Anthem "Sun of my soul" *Arr. Dan Forrest*

Please stand to say

Nicene Creed p. 358 in The BCP

Prayers of the People

Leader We are gathered in your name;
People *Accept our prayers.*

The Confession p. 360 in The BCP

The Peace

Thanksgivings, Blessings and Prayer Requests

We ask what you share to be prayerful, worshipful and brief.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory - "Lord, make us servants of your peace" #593 in The Hymnal

Doxology

Together **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.**

Holy Communion - Eucharistic Prayer A p. 361 in The BCP

All are welcome to receive communion. Please follow the directions of our ushers. Gluten-free wafers are available; request from the Celebrant at the time the elements are being distributed.

Sanctus #S-130 in The Hymnal

Communion Hymn - "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless"
#343 in The Hymnal

Post-Communion Prayer p. 365 in The BCP

Blessing

Hymn - "Go forward, Christian soldier" #563 in The Hymnal

Dismissal

The dismissal will be offered by one of our clergy, with the following response:
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude - "Toccatina in C" *J. S. Bach*

Next Sunday's Readings - September 17, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31 Romans 14:1-12
Psalm 114 Matthew 18:21-35

Spend a bit of time this week looking at next Sunday's readings. It's a great way to prepare for worship and build a personal spiritual discipline of regular bible reading.

"Preparing for Sunday" on our website: www.sjec-midland.org/devotional-resources provides scripture passages, reflection and prayer resources for each week.

CROP WALK NEWS: Due to health issues, Teresa Oliver is not able to be the St. John's contact for the Crop Walk this year. If you are interested in honoring Teresa by assuming this role, please contact the church office, 989-631-2260 or office@sjec-midland.org.

An Invitation

Tomorrow, Monday, September 11, a group of St. John's men will meet at 8:00am at Big Boy for breakfast and conversation. Join us!

Youth Ministry Organizational Meeting

All youth (grades 6-12) and interested adults are invited to attend a meeting on **Sunday, September 17** from 11:00 until noon, in the library. We will brainstorm, then decide upon how our Middle and High School Ministry will take shape. Please contact Ms. Di Piazza with any questions. Thank you!

Registration for Children and Youth Formation

We look forward to seeing **children and youth resume classes on Sunday, 9/24**, our tentative start date. There are registration forms in the narthex and on our website at www.sjec-midland.org/youth. Please return completed forms to Suzanne Di Piazza's mailbox, near Williams Hall. More information to follow in mid-September.

Nursery News: Taylor Chipman, one of our nursery staff, is returning to work in Saginaw where she lives. We thank her for the care she has given to our children since January. We're looking to hire another nursery caregiver. If you know of anyone who loves infants and toddlers and is available to work Sunday mornings please have them connect with me. Thank you! *Suzanne Di Piazza*

Tridge Peace Gathering - TODAY at 3:00 PM

People of all ages are invited to share in the Grandmothers Gathering For Peace event—a 30-minute silent presence of hope for peace from the personal to the global level. TODAY at the Tridge near the Farmers Market from 3:00-3:30pm. Bring your chairs. Jeanne Schaller: 832-7876.

Sunday, September 24 - Minding Gun Violence

Episcopal Peace Fellowship, as part of its project against gun violence, encourages congregations to host or tie into the national Sept. 24 Concert Against Gun Violence. In addition to hymns of peace in worship, SJEC hosts a 3:00 PM Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense meeting that day (in Activity Rm). The meeting, facilitated by conflict resolution experts, aims to equip folks to have gun conversations when views differ.

Conflict Resolution Training, Fri-Sat Sept 29-30

The Midland Chapter of Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) is teaming up with Midland Noon Rotary's Peace Committee to provide a 2-day Conflict Resolution training, Fri - Sat, Sept 29-30 at Midland's First United Methodist Church, 9am - 5pm each day. With thanks for St. John's support, Midland's NP is offering up to five (5) attendees from St. John's to attend this training at no cost. To attend or learn more, please call or email Kathy McCreedy as soon as possible: kmmccreedy@chartermi.net or **989-859-7157**.

ACT UGANDA – A CLEARANCE SALE ... at our store, Uniquely Uganda, in Midland! **On Friday, September 22 and Saturday, September 23 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** we're having a clearance sale to make room for new inventory! Beautifully handcrafted baskets, jewelry, sewn items, and carved items made by talented women and men of Muko Sub-County, Uganda ... and amazing volunteers in Michigan ... at bargain prices. This church is an important supporter of ACT and 100% of the proceeds from your purchase goes back into the many programs of ACT Uganda (www.actuganda.org). **Come check us out: UNIQUELY UGANDA, 503 S. SAGINAW ROAD IN MIDLAND**



Those Who Sing Pray Twice

With choir getting ready to begin a new season, we invite everyone with a love of singing to participate. **Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7 PM & Sunday mornings shortly before 10 AM worship.** Lift your voice & spirit with us! See Director of Music, Dennis Van Kouvering or Organist Mair Alsgaard, or just show up to rehearsal!

150th Celebration Weekend

- ◇ **Saturday evening, October 14: The Big 150th Dinner Celebration**—a plated, catered meal in Williams Hall for members, past clergy
- ◇ **Sunday, October 15: We will have only one service at 9:00 AM** on Sesquicentennial Sunday, with Holy Family joining in worship.

Sesquicentennial History & Trivia...

Q: Where did the Holy Family congregation hold services prior to construction of the new church building?

see below for answer



The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John and Iren Siersma by their daughter, Faye Ebach.

SERVING AT 8 AM

Lector Alicia Watt
Eucharistic Minister Alicia Watt

SERVING AT 10 AM

Announcer.....Bill Kent
Greeters.....Bob and Jenny Estabrook
Ushers.....Jacques Randolet, Bob Stoney
.....Bob and Jenny Estabrook
Acolytes.....Karen Newhouse, Josh Thompson
Lector.....Rachel Blackhurst, Carol Schelb
Intercessor.....Deb Blackhurst
Element Bearers.....Betty Schartow, Carol Schelb
Eucharistic Ministers.....Charles and Marnie Bash
.....Karen Newhouse

OUR VESTRY - OUR ELECTED LEADERS

Class of 2018

Faye Ebach.....835-7518 Bob Dennett.....486-9255
Carole Adams.....631-0662

Class of 2019

Deb Blackhurst, Co-Warden.....859-3214 Ellen McVey, Clerk.....631-4169
Pat Roush, Co-Warden631-4149

Class of 2020

Pat Wilson.....837-4066 Sara Philo.....859-5394
Susan Rye.....642-3407

**HEAD OF THE CHURCH - JESUS CHRIST
MINISTERS - ALL OUR MEMBERS**

Clergy

The Rev. Kenneth R. Hitch
Rector

Staff

Suzanne Di Piazza <i>Director of Children and Youth Ministries</i>	Denise Isenbarger <i>Bookkeeper</i>	Charlotte Jacqmain <i>Parish Secretary</i>
Carol Sullivan <i>Ministry Coordinator</i>	Gloria Stark <i>Janitor</i>	Tim Stark <i>Sexton</i>
Mair Alsgaard <i>Organist</i>	Betsy Greenwood <i>Director of Handbells</i>	Dennis Van Koevering <i>Director of Music</i>

Our vision

*WE JOYFULLY GATHER TO PRAY, WORSHIP, LEARN AND SERVE
AS WE SEEK TO FOLLOW JESUS, AND INVITE ALL TO JOIN US
ON A SACRED JOURNEY OF HOPE AND TRANSFORMATION*

Our mission

LINKING LIVES IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 10, 2017



WELCOME!

It is our pleasure to have you join us for worship today. If this is your first visit, or even if you've been attending for a little while, and you'd like to learn more about us, please take a 'Welcome' card from our pews, complete & place the 'Connect' side in the offering plate or hand it to one of our greeters or clergy so that we can be in touch with you. Or, feel welcome to contact us using the information inside this bulletin.

For 10:00AM liturgy, please see inside.



8:00AM

HOLY EUCHARIST

Following the pattern of the **BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER - RITE II**

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Gloria p. 356

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The Nicene Creed p. 358

The Prayers of the People Form IV p. 388

The Confession p. 360

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Offering
Together **All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A p. 361

The Lord's Prayer p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread p. 364

Holy Communion

Post-communion Prayer p. 365

Blessing and Dismissal

The Coming Week

<p>Sunday, 9/10 9:00am - Bible Study 11:00am - Volunteer Teacher Training</p> <p>Monday, 9/11 12:00pm - AA 4:00pm - Endowment</p> <p>Tuesday, 9/12 10:00am - Samaritan Fund 1:00pm - Knitpickers 7:00pm - Vestry</p> <p>Wednesday, 9/13 9:00am - Men's Bible Study 10:30am - Women's Bible Study 12:00pm - Holy Eucharist 2:15pm - Prayer Centering 7:00pm - Finance Committee</p>	<p>Thursday, 9/14 10:00am - Love Knots 1:00pm - Women Journeying Together 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Friday, 9/15 12:00pm - AA</p> <p>Saturday, 9/16 8:30am - Safeguarding God's Children 9:00am - Clergy Day</p> <p>Sunday, 9/17 8:00am and 10:00am services Guest preacher, Scott Bader Saye 10:00am - Commissioning of Church School Volunteers</p>
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Our Daily Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers..... Harold Leigeb, Kevin Di Piazza, James Robinson, Sheila Nye, Teresa Oliver, Kay Trautman, Lynn Purves, Ian Alsgaard, Phil Robinson, Rev. William Elliott, Rev. Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week ... September 11-Henry Rogers 12-Mona Cline, Bonnie Bash,13-Carol Daniels, Joan Ryan, Deanna Bryant, 14-Michelle Moeggenberg.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week ... September 13-Jeff and Sheila Messler

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and for the people of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan.

In our international Anglican prayer cycle, The Most Rev. James Richard Wong Yin Song Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean and Bishop of the Seychelles.

Contact Us

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