

Come, Let Us Worship**Prelude****Welcome***** Call to Worship***** Songs of Praise**

“Build My Life”

“Here I Am to Worship”

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Most gracious and merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another that
we have entered your presence with countless prayers
but with hearts that have been closed to your grace.
We have lifted our hands to you in praise,
but our feet have walked in ways contrary to your Word.
We have rehearsed your commandments
but have refused to see you in the needs of our neighbor.
Forgive our lack of faith to trust you
and forgive our acts that betray that faith.
Grant us the healing that comes from your presence
and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Assurance of Pardon*** Gloria Patri***** God's Greeting and Greeting One Another****Prayers of the People** (followed by **The Lord's Prayer** in unison)**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, Who is in heaven

Holy is Your name.

Your kingdom come,

Your 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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

For Yours is the kingdom, and the power,

And the glory forever. Amen.

Children's Message

(children may go to Sunday School following the story)

God's Word*** Song of Preparation #262**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Message: *Barnabas: CEO of the New Testament*

Prayer**Our Response***** Song of Response #390**

“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

Offering with Offertory*** Doxology***** Offering Prayer****Announcements***** God's Blessing***** Postlude**

** Those who are able, please stand*

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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the
dead.

He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come
to judge the living and
the dead.

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

Welcome! We are glad you came to worship the Lord in this place. Please stay and enjoy a cup of coffee, a treat and conversation following the service so that we may get better acquainted. You are invited to participate in the life and ministry of Ferry Memorial.

Children's Bulletins are available on the table in the narthex. Please help yourself.

This morning: We welcome Pastor Bill Crawford who will be serving as our interim pastor. He & his wife, Kathy, reside in Comstock Park. Pastor Bill may be reached through email: bill@ferrychurch.org or by phone at 231.894.9415.

Prayers

As your heart leads...

* Prayers for those facing or recovering from surgeries, good healing.

* Prayers for connections to grow between youth groups here and in Japan.

* Kevin & Linda, Ross & Debbie, Ben & Ann, and others navigating significant health challenges.

Prayers for strength, steadfastness and encouragement.

In Need of Prayer? Please call or email Pastor Bill, Pastor Beth or an elder: Jeff Auch, Chris DeRose, Rachelle Johnson, Tom Oakes.

Youth

Sunday School: There will be Sunday School after the children's message in the main service. This month the kids are learning about patience! Today's volunteers are Brooke Cudney and Rachael Fredenburg.

Youth Group (middle & high school): Today there is no youth group since we are having a potluck for Raully and Kari.

BUT, Next Sunday (5/5), we are having Grandparent Game Night at the church from 5pm-7pm! Middle and High schoolers– Bring a grandparent or family member (optional) and join us for a fun night of games and food!

Weekly Opportunities for Study and Fellowship

Tuesdays at 8:00 am: The Breakfast Club. All men are welcome to join us for coffee and five-dollar breakfast specials at Gary's Restaurant in Whitehall.

Tuesdays at 10:00 am: Bible Study. Come explore the Gospel of John in the church's Fellowship Hall. Contact Tom Lohman with any questions.

DivorceCare - Wednesdays, 7 pm. in Friendship House. This divorce support group is led by Pastor Raully & Kari Donahue, and is free to anyone in the community that has gone through or is currently going through divorce or separation; it is intended to help navigate emotions, support decision making, manage stress, and know that you are not alone. DivorceCare allows a safe space to speak freely without judgment. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call/text Kari Donahue at (231) 944-9526.

Opportunities to Give and Serve

April's Mission of the Month is The HOPE Project.

Meal Train: If a meal would be beneficial in times of stress, please contact Carmen Huttenga (231) 884-3678 or Kari Donahue (231) 944-9526.

Thank You, Volunteers!

Greeters at the door: Gary & Sharon Ransom.

Coffee Fellowship Time volunteers: Dawn Auch. Linda Schutter.

Nursery is available for children under 4 yrs. Attendants this week: Shirley Dahl, Joyce Brownell. Next week: Brooke and Anna Cudney, Mary Dykstra. Volunteers: There is an updated calendar in your mailbox.

Sound: Jeff Steensma. Next week: Jeff Auch.

Broadcast: Stephy Grotenhuis. Next week: Greta Auch.

Presentation: Elizabeth Grotenhuis. Next week: Ann Jeffries.

Accompanist: Carmen Huttenga. Praise Team.

Also . . .

Farewell Potluck - today at 5 pm: Join us for a Farewell Potluck for the Donahues. Please bring a dish to pass.

Update on the Donahues: Pastor Raully has accepted a position at Whitefish Presbyterian Church in Montana. God has opened the doors to housing, school, etc. Prayers for God's blessings on the family as they make this move and also for Kari as she seeks employment. Their new address will be: 332 Columbia Ave. Whitefish MT 59937

Coming Up: Sunday, May 5, we will hold our Annual Spring Congregational meeting following the service.

Directory: Thinking ahead...we are planning to update the directory. Please look at your family's current page. If you would like to change your photo or information, or if you would like to be included in the directory, please let Gloria know: office@ferrychurch.org

The week of	April 21	Budget
General Fund	\$ 2,756.00	\$ 7,396.52
Missions	\$ 265.00	\$ 291.83

2024 Missions of the Month

April - Hope Project

May - Pine Rest Patient Assistance Fund

June - Adult & Teen Challenge

July - Crossroads Prison Ministries

August - Food & More Program

September - M.A.D. House

October - Kids' Closet

November - Muskegon Pregnancy Services

December - Ferry Memorial's Christian Relief Fund