

whose presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life. Unto you be all honor and all glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem **“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”** **William Rowan**
Mary Boudreau, vocalist

Time of Connecting *Take this opportunity to consider your prayer requests, contact information, desire for information, and areas of ministry in which you are interested. Also, those who would contribute to this ministry may use the offering plates you will find at the exits. Online contributions are made accessible at the website lansingcentralumc.net.*

Prayer Time

Prayer Duet

“The Swan”
Kelly / Welter

C. Saint-Saens

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Hopkins

*** Scripture**

Genesis 14: 13-21

¹³ A man who had escaped came and reported this to Abram the Hebrew. Now Abram was living near the great trees of Mamre the Amorite, a brother^{in-law} of Eshkol and Aner, all of whom were allied with Abram. ¹⁴ When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵ During the night Abram divided his men to attack them and he routed them, pursuing them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus. ¹⁶ He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the other people.

¹⁷ After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King’s Valley).

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¹⁸ Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, ¹⁹ and he blessed Abram, saying,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Creator of heaven and earth.

²⁰ And praise be to God Most High,
who delivered your enemies into your hand.”
Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

²¹ The king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself.”

The Word of God for the people of God; **thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“God Wrestlers”

Pastor Naylo Hopkins

Hymn

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again” red book, # 672

1. God be with you till we meet again;
By his counsels guide, uphold you;
With his sheep securely fold you.
God be with you till we meet again.

[Chorus]

Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus’ feet,
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again;
When life’s perils thick confound you,
Put his arms unfailing round you.
God be with you till we meet again.

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3. God be with you till we meet again;
Keep love's banner floating o'er you;
Smite death's threat'ning wave before you.
God be with you till we meet again.

Pastor Naylo

Benediction

Postlude

**“Elegiac Dance”
*Oboe and Piano***

Michael Head

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: Reverend Naylo Hopkins

Liturgist: Matt Randall

Organist/ Pianist: Caryn Welter

Guest Instrumentalist: Lani Kelly

Soloist/ Song Leader: Mary Boudreau

**Audio/ Visual Team: Bill Tennant, Sound; Dave Stinson,
video**

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(August 3 was Dorothy's birthday.)**

SOME Things we're doing to protect ourselves and each other:

- 1) Staying home / reporting it if we have any Covid symptoms.
- 2) Wearing masks and using sanitizer as we enter the church.
- 3) Keeping our masks on and turning our heads downward to sing softly.
- 4) Maintaining six feet distance between others and us, especially as we enter and exit the sanctuary.

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