



**FIRST
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 16, 2023 | 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP**

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"Into the Wound" by Jan Richardson

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an usher if you
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**large-print
bulletin** to follow
the service.

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April 16, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.

As we enter a holy space and time this morning,
please silence all electronic devices.

* Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Come, Christians, Join to Sing arr. Kevin McChesney
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise arr. Douglas Wagner
Joyful Ringers

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME *and* LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

When love was prized above all else, evil's power was threatened.
The body of God was battered and bruised.
Great violence was done with hopes of scattering the faithful.
We remember. And we bear witness to the wounds of God.

In the wake of the empire's attack,
when hearts were shattered and all hope seemed lost,
still, an ember of life remained, waiting to be kindled.
There would be a rising again.
We remember. And we bear witness to the power of resurrection.

Time and time again,
the faithful have endured the strikes of evil's hand.
But their labors of love persisted.
The hope of God has remained alive through the community of saints.
We remember. And we bear witness with gratitude.

Blessed are those who believe. God is still with us.
Thanks be to God. May our lives be a witness!

* HYMN 257

The Risen Christ

WOODLANDS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One, when uncertainty and disruption appear, sometimes
our tendency is to lock the doors and hide from the things we
fear. We confess that all too often, we turn inward instead of
turning to love. Draw us away from our tendency to become
insular to ideas, people, and possibilities that challenge us.
Remind us of your holy presence, and grant us the courage to
engage different viewpoints with love and compassion. Break
through our locked doors and draw us toward your love...**

The **Call to
Worship** is from
enfleshed

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

LAND OF REST



ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The hope of Easter is not merely for one moment,
The resurrected Christ breaks past our locked doors
and meets us with hope.

Friends, believe and proclaim the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, loved, and embraced in new life.

Thanks be to God.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

CELTIC ALLELUIA



PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing the refrain of Hymn 20, All Things Bright and Beautiful, as the children come forward.

**All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.**

This week's children's Growing in God's Love Bible story, *Thomas Wants to See*, is found on page 278.

Worship LAB is a place where children explore the flow of worship through multi-sensory experiences. Children age 5 through 5th grade are invited to join in Worship Lab each week.

**Ways to give:
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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

The grass withers, the flower fades;
The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

RESPONDING

* HYMN 256 *These Things Did Thomas Count as Real* KEDRON

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Day of Arising* arr. David Cherwien
Chancel Choir and Brandon LePage, Flute

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day,
And bread is broken, Christ is made known.

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,
Blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
Yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting our invitation:
Stay, do not part.

Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign;
When the church gathers, when bread is broken,
There Christ is with us in bread and wine.

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
Bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning
That all creation with you rise.

* Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

* Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *and*
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy 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;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SENDING

* HYMN 817 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* DUNLAP'S CREEK

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Toccata* Georgi Mushel



*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Kelly A. Binkley and Kevin C. Binkley by Jill Binkley;
in loving memory of Bob Hockett by his family;
in loving memory of Graydon Krapohl by his wife Greta
and daughter Grace.*

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WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

WELCOME TO FIRST PRES

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship. If you are looking for a church to grow in your faith, you are welcome here at First Pres! We invite you to join us at our TELL ME MORE event today at 11:00 a.m. There will be an opportunity to fast-track to membership at the conclusion of the meeting. For more info, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org. We look forward to personally meeting you. **PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE** by signing the Friendship Pad in the pew, then passing it down to others.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to Worship LAB — a multi-sensory worship experience just for them held during 9:30 a.m. worship. Children are dismissed after the Conversation with Young Disciples and return to the Sanctuary before the worship service concludes.

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level from 9 a.m. to noon. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship. We encourage you to pick up a children's bulletin and a worship activity bag, try sitting near the front, and sing along with the music.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

Rev. Mark Mares

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers

Rev. Jay Sanderford

Lector

Susan Whitlock

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir

Joyful Ringers

Organist

David Hufford

Conductor

David VanderMeer

USHERS

Cyndy Colton

Clem Gill

Linda Lampman

Keith Molin

Karla Olson-Bellfi

Dick Stuber

Elsa Stuber

Len Rezmierski

TODAY AT FIRST PRES

9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Social Hall)

10:45 a.m. Children's Choir (Lemon Chapel)

11:00 a.m. Exploring the Faith (Monteith Hall)

11:00 a.m. Faith Formation: Youth (Lower Level)

11:00 a.m. First Friends (Lewis Room)

11:00 a.m. Kerygma Bible Study (Founders Room)

11:00 a.m. Tell Me More About This Church (Vance Room)

11:00 a.m. The Bible at 11 o'clock (French Room)

11:15 a.m. Faith Formation: Children (Levels 1 & 3)

12:15 p.m. Social Justice Action Group (Social Hall)

6:00 p.m. Youth Group (Youth Room)

7:00 p.m. T2A2 Young Adult Bible Study

Contact: Rev. Hannah Lundberg, hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org

NEWS & EVENTS

TODAY! God's Heart for Justice

Sunday, April 16 | 12:15 p.m. | Social Hall

Join our Social Justice Action group and get involved in community events and advocacy. Don't miss out on inspiring talks by our Lead Pastor, Rev. David Prentice-Hyers, on "Starting a Vision" and Rev. Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor for Mission, on "God's Heart for Justice." Plus, enjoy a delicious light lunch for just \$7 per person.

Psychosocial Issues of Head and Neck Cancer

Monday, April 17 | 7:00 p.m. | Monteith Hall

Join us for the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education Presentation with Nithin Peddireddy, MD. Dr. Peddireddy, a chief resident at the University of Michigan, will discuss the impact of head and neck cancer on communication and mental health. He will also provide insights on how to support those in our community who have been recently diagnosed with cancer or have been battling it for a long time. The event will be available in person and live-streamed on our First Presbyterian Church YouTube channel.

Habitat for Humanity Build

Beginning April 21 | 9:00 a.m. | Ypsilanti

Build a home, build a future! Join us in building a Habitat for Humanity house in Ypsilanti this spring! First Presbyterian and the House of Faith partner churches are looking for volunteers on April 21, April 29, May 13, and June 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Let's work together to make a difference in our community. Sign up to volunteer online at firstpresbyterian.org/events.

Open Doors Creative Arts Series: Erin Pitts in Concert

Sunday, April 23 | 4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Violist Erin C. Pitts, a native of Atlanta and a graduate of The Juilliard School, will be performing a concert as part of our Open Doors Creative Arts Series on Sunday, April 23, at 4 pm. The event is free and open to the public.

Dismantling Racism: What Is God Calling Us to Do?

Sunday, April 30 | 5:00 p.m. | Social Hall

Join us for an eye-opening Dismantling Racism Workshop, where we will be privileged to have Rev. Lindsey Anderson as our guest speaker. This workshop will delve into the ways in which race and other identity markers are being used in our society to create division and disempower people in marginalized communities. The aim of this workshop is to help us gain a deeper understanding of our own roles and resources, and how we can use them to answer God's call to promote justice in our society. Join us for a light supper and eye-opening conversation on Sunday, April 30, in the Social Hall.

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July 31 - August 4

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

- ❑ Sing the frolicking, fun-filled musical based on the Bible story of Jonah
- ❑ Learn to play the handbells
- ❑ Create crafts, props, and set decorations
- ❑ Play games and have lots of fun

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RISING 2ND - 9TH GRADERS