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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

# SECOND SUNDAY *of* EASTER

April 16, 2023 • 8:00 a.m.

Please join in reading and singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

\* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

## GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*La fille aux cheveux de lin*

Claude Debussy

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...

## SILENT PRAYER

### KYRIE

DAY OF REST



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \* 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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 16

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

The grass withers, the flower fades;

**The word of the Lord endures forever.**

### SERMON

## RESPONDING *and* SEALING

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

*Bruyeres*

Claude Debussy

\* 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

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Please refer to the Communion Card.*

### 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

*Minstrels*

Claude Debussy



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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@first-presbyterian.org. We look forward to personally meeting you. **PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE** by signing the Friendship Pad, then passing it down to others.

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## PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, pastors will be available at the Communion Table after the service.

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher Rev. Hannah Lundberg  
Liturgist Jay Sanderford  
Lector Cheryl Gulbranson

Pianist Josh Marzan  
Communion Kathy Hillig

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## WAYS TO GIVE

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## 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](mailto: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 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](http://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.

## **Music and Fine Arts Summer Camp**

July 31 - August 4 | 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

We're inviting all rising 2nd through rising 9th graders to join us for a week of non-stop fun and learning. Our campers will have the opportunity to learn the upbeat and lively children's musical, "Oh, Jonah!" Along with that, we have a lot of other activities planned, such as handbells, crafts, games, Bible stories, and much more. The cost of this amazing experience is only \$25 per camper, and the camp will run from July 31 through August 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Don't wait any longer and register now at [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org)!