



**FIRST  
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
YOUTH/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY  
APRIL 30, 2023 | 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP**

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FOURTH SUNDAY *of* EASTER  
YOUTH/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY  
April 30, 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

*Two Viola Concerto in G Major* G. P. Telemann  
*Movements I - Avec Douceur, II - Gay, and III - Largo*  
FPC Orchestra

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME *and* LIFE IN THE CHURCH

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Siblings, fellow-kin in Christ,  
let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.  
**For many signs and wonders are being done among us and within us.**

Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.  
**Let us give what we can to all who have needs,  
no matter who they are, whither they come from,  
or who are different from us,  
so that all people may come to worship God.**

Let the righteous be joyful. Let them rejoice before God.  
**Let us all be jubilant with joy.**

\* HYMN 248 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

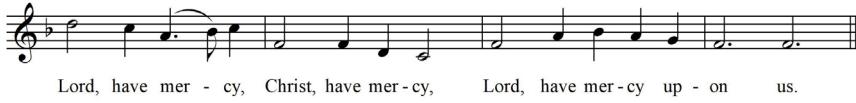
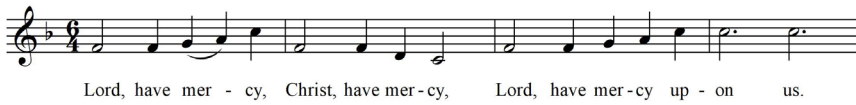
**We confess, God of mercy, that sometimes we are so focused on what we are doing or what we can't do, or what we don't have, that we block your working through us in surprising ways. We withhold ourselves, feeling as though we are not enough. In fear and doubt, we limit what is possible. We shrink our perceptions of reality, and we miss the ways you are working to expand our hearts and imaginations. God, open us to your work within and among us, and strengthen our hope and trust in you so we boldly share your love..**

SILENT PRAYER

The **Opening and Closing Voluntaries** were written by Georg Philipp Telemann, a German Baroque composer and multi-instrumentalist. Almost completely self-taught, he began to write music from childhood, producing an opera by age 12. A prolific writer, he composed more than 1000 cantatas and 600 suites. He also created operas, passions, oratorios, and concertos for a variety of instruments.

## KYRIE

## LAND OF REST



## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Today is a new day.

**New life is rising among us.**

In Christ, we are a forgiven people.

**Today we are challenged to live fully in God's love!**

These waters remind us that God's love is everflowing,  
abundant, and life-giving.

**Thanks be to God!**

As forgiven people, let us greet one another in love and grace.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Today's Call to  
Worship, Prayer  
of Confession,  
and Assurance of  
Forgiveness were  
adapted by the  
FPC Youth.

## \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

## CELTIC ALLELUIA



## PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

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, *Mary Finds Her Friend*, is found on page 282.

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

**Ways to give:  
Cash/Check**

Place in the offering plate or in the mail

**Text-to-Give**

Text the amount you would like to give to 855-904-1523

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:42-47

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

A POEM

*Manifesto:  
The Mad Farmer Liberation Front*

Wendell Berry

INTERLUDE *Prelude No.1 from the Well-Tempered Clavier* J. S. Bach

A REFLECTION

INTERLUDE *Malaguena* arr. Pablo De Sarasate

A POEM *V'ahavta* Aurora Levins Morales

RESPONDING *and* SEALING

\* HYMN 407 *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers* NUN DANKET  
ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism #21

What is true faith?

**True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.**

LAYING ON OF SHAWLS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS & PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *The Lord Is My Shepherd* from *Requiem* John Rutter  
Chancel Choir and Yuki Harding, Oboe

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore, can I lack nothing.  
He shall feed me in a green pasture,  
And lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.  
He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of  
righteousness,  
For his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;  
Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.  
Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me;  
Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

\* 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 765 *May the God of Hope Go With Us* ARGENTINA  
(sing twice)

\* CHARGE AND BLESSING  
Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY  
*Two Viola Concerto in G Major* G. P. Telemann  
*Movement IV - Vivement*



*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Ernestine Taylor by Brad & Simone Taylor;  
Oscar and Viola Pan by Polly Pan.*

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youth FPC member,  
Claire Gehrke and  
highlights both the  
beauty and sorrow  
of the mountains  
and shadows they  
inhabit.

# 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 FAST TRACK event today at 11:00 a.m. For more info, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto: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.

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## YOUTH/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Today is both Confirmation and Youth Sunday, where our youth lead and shape worship, and we celebrate and welcome our confirmation youth. Confirmation is a milestone that allows our youth to lean into their questions and explore their theological curiosity. Our confirmands wrote their own 'Faith Expression' to mark their journey. Let's welcome these committed, compassionate, and open-minded new members of First Pres.

### CONFIRMANDS

Kaitlyn Cheng  
Sebastian Dickinson

Harper Feyen  
Jake Gernant

Lucy Grabowski

The confirmand prayer shawls were created by members of the FPC Knit Night Group: Beth Caldwell, Marilyn Gibson, Elizabeth Heneghan, Sandy Herold, and Chris Larson. We're grateful for the time, energy, and prayers these knitters put into these prayer shawls, and pray that these serve as a reminder, comfort, and promise of the ways our community of faith will surround these new members. To learn more about the knitting group, contact Prue Heikkinen ([prueannarbor@gmail.com](mailto:prueannarbor@gmail.com)).

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## 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.

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Callie Crawford  
Hadley Feyen  
Cael Finanne  
Wren Finanne  
Levi Gehrke  
Martin Gehrke  
Sarah Meyers  
Madeline Montgomery  
Maverick Musser  
Liam Phillips  
Carly Polikoff  
Selena Slosberg  
Owen Smith  
Jensen Wood  
Elder Susan Whitlock

Rev. Megan Berry  
Rev. Mark Mares  
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers  
Rev. David Prentice-Hyers

*Lector*  
Maverick Musser

MUSICIANS  
Chancel Choir  
FPC Orchestra

*Organist*  
David Hufford

*Conductor*  
David VanderMeer

### USHERS

Omer Bellfi  
Cindy Colton  
Linda Lampman  
Keith Molin  
Karla Olson-Bellfi  
Len Rezmierski

### GREETERS

Michele Derr  
Mary Schudel  
Carol Gottliebsen

WELCOME CENTER  
Georgia Goodman

## TODAY AT FIRST PRES

- 8:00 a.m. Worship (Monteith Hall)
  - 8:15 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
  - 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. Fast Track to Membership (Zoom 3, Pastor's Study)
  - 11:00 a.m. Faith Formation: Youth (Lower Level)
  - 11:00 a.m. Exploring the Faith (Monteith Hall)
  - 11:00 a.m. First Friends (Lewis Room)
  - 11:00 a.m. The Bible at 11 o'clock (French Room, Zoom 4)
  - 11:15 a.m. Faith Formation: Children (Levels 1 & 3)
  - 5:00 p.m. Dismantling Racism: What Is God Calling Us to Do? (Social Hall)
  - 7:00 p.m. T2A2 Young Adult Bible Study (Zoom 4)
- Contact: Rev. Hannah Lundberg, [hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org)

## NEWS & EVENTS

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

#### **Enroll Your Child at Triangle Preschool!**

Triangle Cooperative Preschool (located in Rooms 100 and 101 of our church building) is now accepting applications for 3- and 4-year-olds for the 2023-2024 school year. First Presbyterian members receive priority enrollment status for applications submitted prior to June 1, 2023. There will be an Open House on Tuesday, May 2, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, for prospective families to tour the school, meet the teachers and Triangle families, and have questions answered. For an application, visit [www.trianglecoop.org](http://www.trianglecoop.org) or email [info@trianglecoop.org](mailto:info@trianglecoop.org).

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

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

We invite 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 is only \$25 per camper. Register online at [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

#### **Caring with Cards**

Cards of support, prayers, grief support, welcome, and celebrations are sent by a group of our church members to those identified by our pastoral staff. If you would like to join this group in sending cards via the postal service, contact Rev. Rogers at [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

### FAITH FORMATION

#### **Men's Study Group**

1st and 3rd Friday | 8:30 a.m. | Curtis Room & ZOOM

The Men's Study Group are studying *Elusive Grace: Loving Your Enemies While Striving for God's Justice*, by the Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston. All men are invited to join us for coffee, study, and conversation. Books are available for purchase (\$20) in the church office. For more information contact Jay Sanderford at [jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org).

## **Presbyterian Women**

May 14 | 10:30 a.m. | Social Hall

Come to Coffee Hour on May 14 and celebrate Mother's Day with Presbyterian Women! Enjoy cake, cookies and coffee and while you're munching, visit the information table and learn how much PW has to offer. Questions? Contact Meg Brown at [lmegbrown@gmail.com](mailto:lmegbrown@gmail.com).

## **Honoring Graduates**

Graduation time is here! If you or your family member will be graduating this spring, please let us know so that we may honor our grads in the June 11 bulletin and on our social media pages. Complete the online form, [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

## MUSIC & FINE ARTS

### **Art Exhibit: The Cartography of Loss**

An exhibit by local artist Leslie Sobel is now on view in the Social Hall. Leslie's art addresses water and climate change, including pollution, flooding, and environmental damage to our continental watersheds and the increase in harmful algae blooms in Lake Erie and other bodies of water.

## MISSION

### **Habitat for Humanity Build**

Saturday, May 13 | 9:00 a.m. | Ypsilanti

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 May 13 and June 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up online at [firstpresbyterian.org/events](http://firstpresbyterian.org/events).

## **Meal Volunteers**

Tuesdays | St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Circles Program seeks volunteers for Tuesday night meals at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Groups of 5-6 volunteers are needed to provide and serve dinner for 40 people. Contact Martha Kershaw at [mdkershaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mdkershaw@sbcglobal.net) to get involved. Sponsored by Friends In Deed, the program helps families rise out of poverty through education, skills building, and relationships.

## **Communion Sunday Food Drive**

Sunday, May 7

Hunger issues continue to grow in Washtenaw County. Next Sunday bring non-perishable food items for our Communion Sunday Food Drive, which benefits The Food Gatherers. Food donated to Food Gathers goes directly to feed hungry people and supply smaller food pantries in our communities.

## **Ann Arbor Climate Teach-in**

Sunday, May 7 | 1:30 p.m. | Genesis Ann Arbor

On May 7, faith communities from around Ann Arbor will come together for a climate teach-in from 1:30-5 p.m. at Genesis Ann Arbor (2309 Packard St.). Come learn about how you can make a difference in issues of environmental justice along with other people of faith. Learn more and register at [a2climateteachin.com](http://a2climateteachin.com). Contact Hannah Lundberg with questions or to join the FPC climate justice workgroup.

## WORSHIP

### **Taize Wholeness & Healing Service**

Tuesday, May 2 | 7:00 p.m. | Monteith Hall

This month's Taizé service will be centered around wholeness and healing and is comprised of silence and song, candlelight and stillness, prayer and contemplation.