

SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER

April 7, 2024 • 9:30 AM

all the  
believers  
were of  
one heart  
and mind  
and they  
shared  
everything  
they had

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

## GATHERING

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing* Melchior Vulpius  
*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Robert Williams and  
David Evans  
*Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* A. Seymour Sullivan  
Recorder Ensemble

Members of  
the Recorder  
Ensemble:  
Ann Flowers,  
Meelei Chen,  
Diane Knibbs,  
Ann Ringia, and  
Franklin Chen,  
Linda Speck,  
Director

### POURING of the WATER

### WELCOME and LIFE IN THE CHURCH

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

In the shadow of empire, we make shelter together.

**We hold each other in grief.**

We make space for righteous anger and humble contrition.

**We bring our fears with honesty.**

Like the disciples huddled together,

**We turn toward community.**

We find our courage together,

**And God meets us here.**

Beloveds, may it be so as we worship together.

### \* HYMN 246

*Christ Is Alive!*

TRURO

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Enduring Presence, from this sanctuary, we confront the  
multitude of powers leaving so many with reasons to be afraid.**

**We long to create shelter for one another, strangers and kin, near  
and far. We wonder what makes a heart, a community, a church  
a trustworthy place of refuge. Especially, and intentionally and  
adamantly for those facing violence. Teach us. Undo us. Build us  
up. That we may be a place to turn, a people who protect, and a  
community of faithful resistance to the power of Death....**

The Prayer of  
Confession is  
adapted from  
*Enfleshed*

### SILENT PRAYER

### KYRIE

LAND OF REST



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



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## 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

NETTLETON

**O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.**

## PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 1:1-4

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Please join in singing as the children come forward.*

**We are marching in the light of God;  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God;  
we are marching in the light of God.**

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:32-35

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

### SERMON

## RESPONDING and SEALING

### \* HYMN 755

*Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*

WEISSE FLAGGEN

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

#### OFFERTORY

*Walk in the Light*  
Chancel Choir

arr. André Thomas

(Refrain)

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Christ has brought us life again,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.  
Glory to the risen Christ.  
Jesus, the Light of the world. (Refrain)

Christ has triumphed over death.  
Jesus, the Light of the world.  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Jesus, the Light of the world. (Refrain)

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\* 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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth\_ are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in\_ the high - est.  
Bless - ed\_ is he who comes\_ in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in\_ the high - est, ho - san - na in\_ the high - est.

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

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

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY      T. Oesten  
*Dolly's Dreaming and Awakening*  
Martin Gehrke, Piano



*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of Dr. Oscar and Viola M. Pan by their daughter Polly Pan:  
in loving memory of Hal Rex by his wife Linda;  
in thanksgiving for the life of Ruth Sutton by her grateful family.*

On the first Sunday of each month we collect non-perishable food items for one of our food ministry partners. During the closing hymn, please pass to the center aisle any canned food items that will be donated to this month's partner, Hope Clinic.

Martin Gehrke is an eighth grader at Forsythe MS and is one of our confirmands. He has been taking piano lessons for five and a half years (two of those years were virtual).

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# WELCOME

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Welcome to First. We Are Glad You Are Here!

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for worship. We would love to get to know you and help you get to know us. **Please sign the Friendship Pad.** The pads are located at the end of each pew. Sign it then pass it down to others.

## Prayer

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by Hillegonds Chapel after the service. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are always there to assist those seeking prayer. Today's prayer partners are Brian Schneidewind and Nancy Fox.

## Children in Worship

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Faith Formation classes will not meet this morning. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

## Parking

Additional parking is located at the Forest Avenue parking structure located on South Forest Avenue between South University and Willard.

# TODAY IN WORSHIP

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## LEADING IN WORSHIP

David Prentice-Hyers, *Lead Pastor*

Tommy Langejans, *Resident Minister*

Hannah Lundberg, *Transitional Pastor for Resident Ministry*

Melissa Anne Rogers, *Associate Pastor*

Ellery Hendrix, *Lay Reader*

## MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir

Recorder Ensemble

Martin Gehrke, *Piano*

David Hufford, *Organist*

David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

## USHERS

The Crawford Family

Beth Gerwig

Dave Keil

The Majorprice Family

Mel, Angus, and Finlay Prentice-Hyers

Mary Schudel

Paul Smith

Carol Smith

Pat Tamblyn

Angel Yang

Nancy Oliver, *Greeter*

Heidi Dodson, *Greeter*

Jennie Stahl, *Welcome Center*

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# TODAY AT FIRST

## SUNDAY OFFERINGS

8:30 AM

**Contemplative Communion Service**  
Monteith Hall

9:30 AM

**Worship**  
Sanctuary & Livestream

10:30 AM

**Social Hour**  
Social Hall

10:45 AM

**Lemon Chapel Singers (K-8 gr.)**  
Lemon Chapel

11:00 AM

**Adult Faith Formation**  
Classrooms

11:15 AM

**Worship**  
Monteith Hall

11:15 AM

**Communion Milestone Class**  
Sanctuary

6:00 PM

**Youth Group**  
Youth Room

7:00 PM

**Small Group Bible Study**  
offsite

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Exploring the Faith class will not meet this Sunday.

BIBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK

**New Testament: Epistles of Peter**

11:00 AM | French Room & Zoom

Host: Ed Koster

FIRST FRIENDS

**Wrestling With Doubt: Is There a God?**

11:00 AM | Curtis Room & Zoom

Host: Carole Pawloski

Everyone has doubts. Where is God when bad things happen? Does God hear our prayers? Is there a heaven? How can we know? Often, we treat such questions as the enemy of faith. But uncertainty doesn't mean our belief is lacking. Doubt can be a path to a deeper, richer encounter with God.

**Communion Milestone Class**

11:15 AM | Sanctuary

In this one-time class, first graders and their grown ups will learn what the elements of Communion mean, why Communion is so important to us, and how and why we celebrate it together.

**Small Group Bible Study**

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Open to all. Come join us as we ask the big questions about religion, how the Bible stories impact life now, and if Moses should have been locked up for a murder cover up. Contact Chris Wahl, [cwahl@umich.edu](mailto:cwahl@umich.edu).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHURCHWIDE

#### **Lessons from the Holocaust: An Evening with Irene Butter**

Sunday, April 28, 2024

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Born in Berlin, Germany, Irene Butter grew up as a Jewish child in Nazi-occupied Europe. A survivor of two concentration camps she came to the U.S. in 1945.

Since the late 80's Butter has been teaching students about the Holocaust and the lessons she learned during those traumatic years.

She is a co-founder of the Raoul Wallenberg Medal & Lecture series at the University of Michigan, and one of the founders of Zeitouna, an Arab/Jewish Women's Dialogue

group in Ann Arbor.

Join us for a special presentation and dinner. Childcare is available. Register online at [firstpresbyterian.org](https://firstpresbyterian.org).

#### **Farewell Reception for Rev. Hannah Lundberg**

Sunday, April 28

10:30 AM | Social Hall

Rev. Hannah Lundberg's tenure as our Transitional Pastor for Resident Ministry is coming to an end. Join us on Sunday, April 28, during Social Hour to celebrate Hannah's ministry among us. In addition, submit your well wishes to the Kudos board at <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/ECscEFYn#view>

## CARE & COMPASSION

### **Complementary and Alternative Medicine Unwrapped**

Monday, April 8

7:00 PM | Monteith Hall

Speaker: Rob Meyer-Kukan

What are wholistic medicine and alternative medicine, how are they different, and what are other treatments? Rob Meyer-Kukan is a licensed massage and sound therapist. He is a trained Reiki practitioner, a reflexologist, and an aspiring naturopath. He is currently enrolled in a Doctor of Naturopathy program.

### **Prayer Group**

Tuesdays

9:00 AM | Zoom

Our Prayer Group meets Tuesday mornings from 9 - 9:30 a.m. on Zoom and all are welcome to come and pray, listen in, or bring your requests for us to pray for you and those you love. The link is on the church calendar. It's a meditative time led by Rev. Rogers.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### **Summer Camp**

July 29 - August 2

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Hey, kids! Join us for a week of non-stop fun this summer. The cost is \$75 per camper. Register online at [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

### **Yoga for All Ages**

Saturdays in April

11:00 AM | Lewis Room

A gentle Hatha yoga class will assist in bringing awareness to the physical and mental bodies, and is suitable for all experience levels, especially those who are new to yoga or have been away from the practice for awhile. Register online at [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

## MATURE MINISTRIES

### **Lunch and Learn: Detroit's Failed Bids for the Olympics**

Thursday, April 11

12:00 PM | Social Hall

Speaker: Dr. Stefan Szymanski

Between 1940 and 1972, Detroit tried and failed nine times to get the Summer Games. Come hear the story of the corruption of

the Olympic ideal. Dr. Stefan Szymanski is the Stephen J. Galetti Professor of Sport Management at the University of Michigan.

## **University of Michigan Collections**

Thursday, April 18, 2024

9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Get a behind-the-scenes tour of the Bentley Historical Library and the Museum of Archaeological Anthropology. Lunch will be at the Gandy Dancer. For more information, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org). To register online, visit [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org)

## MISSION

### **Food Collection in April**

Throughout the month of April we are collecting food pantry items for Hope Clinic. Financial gifts may be made by check or online.

### **Habitat for Humanity Build**

April 13, & 27

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Join us in renovating a Habitat for Humanity house in Ypsilanti on the following Saturdays: April 13, and 27 from 9 AM to 3 PM. There are also opportunities to provide lunch. Sign up online, [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

## MUSIC & FINE ARTS

### **Open Doors: Hai Xin Wu and ZhiHua Tang in Concert**

Sunday, April 14, 2024

4:00 PM | Sanctuary

Hai Xin Wu and ZhiHua Tang —two extraordinary musicians, who are also husband and wife, are delighted to share this all-too-rare opportunity to collaborate in a program of music for piano and violin. For more information, visit [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org)

## YOUNG ADULTS

### **Pub Theology**

2nd Tuesday of the month starting on Tuesday, April 9

5:30 PM | Carlyle Grill (3660 Jackson Rd)

Young adults are invited to share thoughts on life and faith, over a pint. For more information, contact Tommy Langejans, [tlangejans@fpca2.org](mailto:tlangejans@fpca2.org)