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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 13, 2023
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP



"I love ... wildflowers!"
Chalk drawing by Carly Polikoff

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The photo on the front was taken of a chalk piece created during Worship Lab by Carly Polikoff.

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

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Brent Ivey, guest organist

Paul Manz

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME *and* LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Surely God is in this place!

This is the house of God.

Let us worship God with our whole being!

* HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, God of love, in humility of heart we come before you to acknowledge the ways we've sinned, against you and one another. We forget to love and serve you, and wander from your ways. We are careless of your world and put its life in danger. We get caught up in the noise and chaos, and fail to hear your voice among and within us. Forgive us. Reform us inside and out, so that we may reflect your love before a wounded and watching world.

Silent Prayer

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Please speak with an usher if you would like to use a **large-print bulletin** to follow the service.

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 85:8-13

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

RESPONDING *and* SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

It Is Enough from *Elijah*
Benton DeGroot, Baritone

Felix Mendelssohn

It is enough, O Lord, now take away my life,
For I am not better than my fathers.

I desire to live no longer; now let me die,
For my days are but vanity, now let me die,
For my days are but vanity!

I have been very jealous for the Lord,

For the Lord God of Hosts,

For the children of Israel have broken thy covenant,
And thrown down thine altars, and slain all thy prophets,
Slain them with the sword.

I have been very jealous for the Lord,
For the Lord God of Hosts, and I, even I only am left;
And they seek my life to take it away.

* DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Online

<https://bit.ly/FPCvanco>

Vanco Mobile App



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

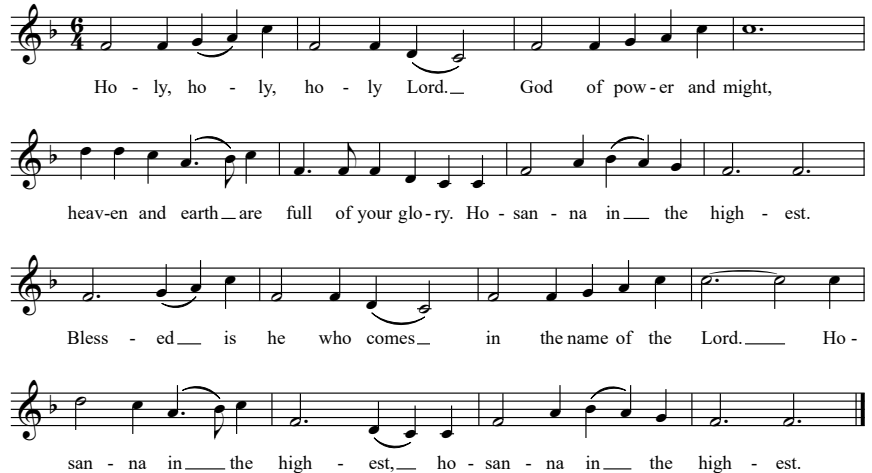
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and so we rejoice with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
singing the song of your unending 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.

...as we remember Christ life and his rest in you,
as we celebrate the good news of lightened burdens,
we speak of that mystery we call faith:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

... fill our hearts with longing for your heavenly banquet,
where you will be all in all, one God, Creator, Christ, and
Spirit, for evermore. Amen.

AMEN



A - men, A - men, A - - - - men.

...and now let us pray the words our Lord taught us praying,
**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.**

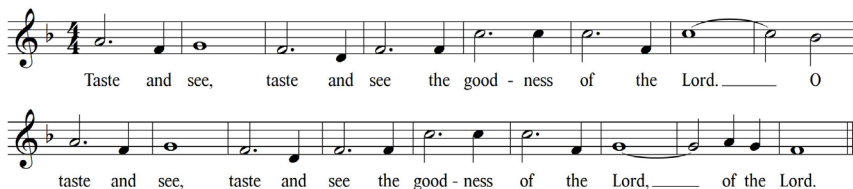
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

Taste and See TASTE AND SEE
Benton DeGroot, Soloist

Refrain (All):



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. O
taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Soloist:

I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord,
for God has been so good to me. **(Refrain)**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles, I was set free. **(Refrain)**

Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust. **(Refrain)**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

* HYMN 509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* HOLY MANNA

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fanfares* Edwin T. Childs



The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for the spectacular "Oh, Jonah! The Musical" that brought so much joy and fellowship to everyone involved.

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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 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.

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 is Jeanette Kibler.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level.

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. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Mark Mares

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers

Rev. Jay Sanderford

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

Faith in Action

Anne Gere

Lector

Kim Byers-Granito

Musicians

Benton DeGroot, Baritone

Guest Organist

Brent Ivey

Minister of Music & Fine Arts

David VanderMeer

Ushers

Joe Schmidt, Captain

Downs Herold

Sandy Herold

Angela Yang

Greta Krapohl

Greeters

Lois Bryant

Barb Dobson

Gail Grady

NEWS & EVENTS

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Children & Family BBQ

Saturday, August 19

4:00 - 7:00 pm

You're invited to our Summer Family BBQ at the home of Rob and Susan Zink (1505 Arlington Blvd). It's a potluck-style event, with the main course provided and each family contributing a side dish to share. All are welcome! Sign up online and let us know you are coming. firstpresbyterian.org/events

Huron River Tubing

Sunday, August 20

2:00 pm

High school youth are invited to join us for an epic adventure on the Huron River with tubing on Saturday, August 20, at 2 pm. And guess what? It's absolutely FREE!

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 27

9:30 a.m. Worship

August is here! For many that means school is just around the corner! Here at First Pres, on Sunday, August 27, we want to celebrate and bless the beginning of another school year. Students are encouraged to bring their school backpacks to church to receive the blessing during the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Tailgate @ First

Friday, September 8

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Get ready to kick off the ultimate pre-game party at First Presbyterian on Friday, September 8! Join us for an electrifying tailgate extravaganza from 5 to 7 pm.

Faith Formation

We are looking forward to our 2023-24 Children and Youth Faith Formation classes and Youth Group program year beginning on Sunday, September 10. If you are interested in serving as a Faith Formation teacher for our children this year, reach out to Rev. Mark Mares, mmares@firstpresbyterian.org.

Join Our Team

We are seeking a part-time (20 hrs/week) Coordinator of Children and Family Ministries. The Coordinator provides faith formation leadership, training, coordination, and support for children (birth through fifth grade), families, and volunteers. If you or someone you know is interested, apply online at firstpresbyterian.org.

MISSION

Food Rescue Program

Our food rescue program from U of M football games begins September 2. Five or six volunteers are needed for each home game to help pick up the food and place it in a freezer at the stadium. It takes about two hours to collect, sort, and place the food in the walk-in freezer. The food collected at each game is donated to one of our local food ministry partners. Sign up online at firstpresbyterian.org. If you have questions, contact Don Redding at dredding58@yahoo.com



Alpha House Week of Service


August 28 - September 3

Our ministry with local mission partner Alpha House is an opportunity to support children and their parents who are experiencing homelessness. If you are interested in taking part during our next week of service, Monday, August 28 - Sunday, September 3, you may sign up either online or during Social Hour to help provide a meal or assist with child care.



Caring for Our Detroit Neighbors

Non-perishable food will be collected this morning for our monthly Communion Food Offering benefitting the Hunger Ministries Program of the Presbytery of Detroit, or you may drop off donations throughout the month in the Welcome Center. You may also give by check or online via the First Pres Monthly Food Offering.



Join us for the beginning of a
new program year

FALL KICKOFF 2023

September 10, 2023

8:30 a.m. Contemplative Communion Service

A short communion service with simple morning prayer liturgy and no music.

9:30 a.m. Worship

Worship in the Sanctuary that includes scripture, sermon, prayer, and choral and instrumental music. This service is live-streamed.

9:30 a.m. Children and Youth Faith Formation

Children move to classrooms with their teachers after the Conversation with Young Disciples during worship. Youth classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Engagement Fair

Find ways to use your gifts and talents to volunteer. Representatives from each ministry area will be present in the Social Hall to answer questions.

10:45 a.m. Children's Choir

Children's Choir is open to students ages 5 through 5th grade and meets in Lemon Chapel from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Adult Faith Formation

Adult formation classes meet from 11 to noon. Children and youth classes meet at 9:30 a.m.

11:15 a.m. Worship

Distinctly different from the 9:30 service, this 12-week season of worship will be experimental, creative, and participatory.

Childcare is available from 9:20 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.