

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2022 • 9:30 a.m.



*And Open Our Eyes to Behold Love's Face*  
Jan Richardson

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

*Grand Triumphal Chorus in A Major*

Alexandre Guilmant

## WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Name before all names  
Way beyond all wandering,  
Life within all living:  
**We praise you.**

Ground of all being,  
redeemer of all creation,  
conscience of the universe,  
**We praise you.**

Maker, Redeemer,  
confessor, companion,  
God above all names,  
**We praise you.**

### \* HYMN 726

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

KELVINGROVE

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us open our lives to God's forgiveness and grace. On those times when we have kept your resurrection as a past event rather than a present encounter:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

On those times when we have been blind to your presence:  
**Christ, have mercy.**

On those times when we have failed to live as those who have risen with Christ:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

To all our brokenness, Christ says 'You are forgiven.' To all our fear, Christ calls, 'Come and follow me.'  
**Thanks be to God...**

## SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**The Prayer of Confession** is adapted from David Hamflet, Wild Goose Resource Group.

**\* 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**



This is Hymn 587, *Alleluia* (CELTIC ALLELUIA).

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Colossians 3:12–14

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** John 21:12–19

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

**SERMON** *A Conspiracy of Love*

**This week's Growing in God's Love Bible story, *Jesus Gives Peter a Job*, is found on page 284.**

# RESPONDING AND SEALING

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Use these offertory moments to savor your gratitude for the abundance of God's love — and to consider your own response in loving service.

### Ways to give:

click here:  
<https://secure.myvanco.com/YM88/home>  
or give via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523) ... use the Vanco Mobile app ... put a check in the mail ... or scan the QR code below.



### Offertory

*Look at the World*

John Rutter

Chancel Choir and Children's Choir

Look at the world, everything all around us,  
Look at the world, and marvel every day.  
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,  
So many miracles along our way.

*(Refrain)*

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,  
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see,  
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,  
All things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower,  
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;  
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,  
Valley and flowing river, field and plain. *(Refrain)*

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer  
Bringing the harvest before winter's cold.  
Everything grows, everything has a season,  
Till it is gathered to the Father's fold. *(Refrain)*

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish,  
Comes from the Lord in token of his love;  
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty;  
His is the earth, and his the heavens above. *(Refrain)*

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



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

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 257

*The Risen Christ*

WOODLANDS

*Following this Hymn, please be seated for the Special Congregational Meeting. Guests and members are welcome; please note that only members of First Presbyterian Church are entitled to vote in the Congregational Meeting.*

### A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

In the name of Jesus —

Let us Love...**with Open Hearts!**

Let us Learn...**with Open Minds!**

Let us Serve...**with Open Arms!**

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**The Session has called a Special Meeting of the First Presbyterian Congregation for today, May 1,** at the conclusion of the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. The purpose of this Special Congregational Meeting is to present a call from the Pastor Nominating Committee for the sole candidate, the Reverend David Prentice-Hyers to become the Lead Pastor for First Presbyterian Church. Those not present this morning in person may join us by Zoom at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84262596705>. Following the Congregational Meeting, there will be a reception to welcome Rev. Prentice-Hyers.

**During his ministry, Jesus shared meals as a sign of community and acceptance.** As we gather for communion, know that you are welcome in this community and accepted at Christ's table.

**Please come forward to receive the elements and return to your seat before partaking.** The wafers are gluten-free. Those who prefer not to come forward will be served in place.

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## Introducing the Rev. David Prentice-Hyers

The Pastor Nominating Committee enthusiastically presents Rev. David Prentice-Hyers as our candidate for the position of Lead Pastor at First Presbyterian Church Ann Arbor. Dave was born in North Carolina and grew up in east Tennessee. He received his BA from Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, in 1994, and his M. Div. from Columbia Theological Seminary in 2001. Dave was ordained in 2003 and also holds a certification in Clinical Pastoral Education.

Rev. Prentice-Hyers served as a probationary minister at the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, North Carolina, in 1997; as a probationary minister at Troon Old Parish in Troon, Scotland, 1999–2000; as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Waco, Texas, from 2003–2011; and as Director of Campus Ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, 2011–2013. Most recently he served as Senior Pastor at Troon Old Parish where he has been since 2013.

Dave was the Campus Minister here when his wife, Mary Elizabeth (Mel), was in the Resident Ministry program in the same cohort as Evans McGowan and Brennan Pearson Blue. Dave and Mel have two sons, eight-year old Finlay, and five-year old Angus. As much as they enjoyed the challenge of ministry in Scotland, they are excited to return and continue their journey in ministry in the USA.

Their return to First Pres feels like a real homecoming to many, as it does to Dave and Mary Elizabeth. The PNC is grateful for the opportunity to welcome Rev. Prentice-Hyers back "home." Please help us to make his journey to our church the best it can be, fulfilling our mission here and in the wider community, making God's love visible.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

**We are glad you are here!** Please sign our Friendship Pad. If you are worshipping with us via YouTube, Facebook, or radio, please sign the pad on our website to let us know you are here or you may click here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2OFFlvBmiZ1jQUGxeXcsAIDITp2WEYepSmnjyQYMxBHHndA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>.

**The 9:30 worship service is broadcast on WAAM 1600 radio at 11:00 a.m.**

**Worship Leaders:** Welcome – Evans McGowan and Beca Torres-Davenport; Liturgists – Hannah Lundberg and Mark Mares; Scripture Reader – Megan Berry; Children's Message – Dave Prentice-Hyers, Melissa Anne Rogers, and Jay Sanderford; Preacher – Dave Prentice-Hyers; Musicians – Chancel Choir; Children's Choir, Shayla Powell, Director; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Ushers – Keith and Sheila Bilby, Jim Cameron, Carol Carter, Spaulding Clark, Joe Schmidt, and Connie and Martin Swindle (captain)

**Chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Jim Wheaton by his wife Julie.

**The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. Prayer team volunteer is Diane Knibbs. "True prayer is the voice of faith!" – Morris Cerrulo

**Join us for Coffee Hour** today on the Front Lawn immediately following the Closing Voluntary.

**First Sunday Faith Formation Hour** begins at 11:00 a.m. All are invited to participate during and following Coffee Hour to help make no-sew blankets in the Social Hall that will go to palliative care patients at the UM Cardiovascular Center. On First Sundays, regular Faith Formation classes for children and youth do not meet so that all may participate in these special activities.

**Exploring the Faith and First Friends** will participate in the First Sunday blanket making activity in the Social Hall.

**The Bible @ 11:00** does not meet today.

**For information about children's ministry**, contact Beca Torres-Davenport, Coordinator of Children's and Family Ministries at [btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org).

**For information about youth ministry**, contact Rev. Mark Mares, Minister of Youth and Family Ministries, at [mmares@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mmares@firstpresbyterian.org).

**Refugee Resettlement Update:**

Donations of household goods to furnish an apartment for the refugee family First Pres will be co-sponsoring with Jewish Family Services in the coming months are now being accepted. View the list of needed items and sign up to donate here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4dadad29ab9-furniture>. Monetary donations are also welcome. Contact Rev. Lundberg ([hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org)) if you have questions or would like to be involved further.

**The Men's Study Group** meets on the first and third Friday mornings, 8:30–9:30 a.m., in the Curtis Room for coffee, study, and conversation. All meetings are hybrid with both in-person gatherings as well as via Zoom. All men are welcome! Questions? Contact Rev. Jay Sanderford, [jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org).

**Journeys Bible Study** is a women's group that meets via Zoom on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A Resident Minister facilitates the discussion on a rotating basis. Contact Coordinator, Beth Gerwig, at [bgerwig@comcast.net](mailto:bgerwig@comcast.net) for more information.

**Fast Track to membership next Sunday, May 8, at 11:00 a.m.** Interested in joining? We make it easy! Join us in the Lead Pastor's office for about 20 minutes to meet with a pastor and two Elders. A new member class follows, offered multiple times per year, for those who feel moved to join. For more information, contact Rev. Rogers ([mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) or 662-4466, ext. 390).

**Ukrainian Appeal:** Our Presbyterian response to the situation in Ukraine will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead. The needs for the response are great. God's people are called on to stand in the "GAP" – Give | Act | Pray: **Give:** Gifts may be made to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance through First Pres. Checks marked "Ukraine" may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or mailed to First Pres. Give online here: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YM88/campaign/C-115MR>. **Act:** Send gifts. **Pray** for peace.

**Our May donations and financial contributions support Food Gatherers.** Non-perishable food may be placed in the bin provided in the Social Hall on Sundays, Mondays–Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Financial gifts may be made by check or online. Donations will be coordinated by the Local Missions Team.

**Help us continue to support dear friends abroad.** We are collecting fabric again for our friends in the Philippines – men and women in the Dumaguete Habitat villages who are learning to sew. Light weight fabrics of cotton and linen are preferred, a minimum of one yard in length. Collection boxes are in the Welcome Center until May 15. Send love by donating any unused fabric that you have stored or any new fabric that you might choose to purchase to donate. Questions? Call Harriet Brouwer: (734) 426-6908.

**All are invited to attend a Stephen Ministry presentation on Monday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall.** Robin Hamilton-Morris, Caregiver Resource Specialist with the Area Agency on Aging 1B, will speak on "Supporting Caregivers in Washtenaw County."

**Please contact the Church Office to:**

- order a First Pres name tag. Cost is \$9 for either clip or magnet style.
- request a baptism.
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information.
- let us know if you are hospitalized.
- purchase a bag of Fair Trade coffee (\$12) for use at home to support the PC(USA) Coffee Project.
- sign up to sponsor Chancel Flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. Cost is \$75.
- apply for a security device (fob). Cost is \$10.

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