

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 4, 2021



Christ in the Synagogue
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Making God's Love Visible

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine,
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

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.

Call to worship:

The worship of God is the central purpose of the church. The primary focus of worship is not to inspire or motivate us (although we may be inspired and motivated) but to love God for God's sake. The call to worship, then, grabs our attention and beckons us to focus on God. It reminds us why God is praiseworthy and deserving of our worship.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Allegro con brio, Sonata IV for Organ

Felix Mendelssohn

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of the salt

All: God of the fire

One: God of anger

All: God of laughter

One: God of parables and riddles

All: God of bread

One: God of cup

All: God of story

One: God of nations

All: God of the world

One: God of comfort

All: God of affliction

One: God of the salt

All: God of the fire

come now

be now

be here now.

* HYMN 340

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

This hymn is found on the preceding page of this bulletin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy One of Nazareth,

We see you calm storms, heal illness, even restore life,

All: Yet we still struggle to trust you.

One: You send us out,

All: But we want to stay home.

One: You provide partners for the journey,

All: But we want to go it alone.

One: You give us authority over evil,

All: But we don't know how to use it.

One: You say we need only the clothes on our back and a staff in our hand,

All: But we pile the car full of food, clothes, tools and toys.

We make sure our phones are charged and our GPS is on.

One: You tell us to accept hospitality,

All: But we don't like to put people out.

One: You say that if people are unkind,

we should simply shake the dust off of our feet,

All: But we would rather get mad and post about it on Facebook.

One: We have much to learn from you, Jesus,

about traveling gracefully through this life.

All: Forgive our failings and grant us a deeper trust...

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me, and to the
World with - out end, with - out end, A - men. World with - out
Son, whose grace has par - doned me, and to the
end, with - out end, A - men. World with - out
Spir - it, whose love has set me free. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
end, with - out end, A - men. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now and ev - er shall be. A - men.
now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

This is Hymn 582, Glory to God (GLORY TO GOD).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Mark 6:1–13

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 12:2–10

The grass withers, the flower fades;

the word of the Lord endures forever.

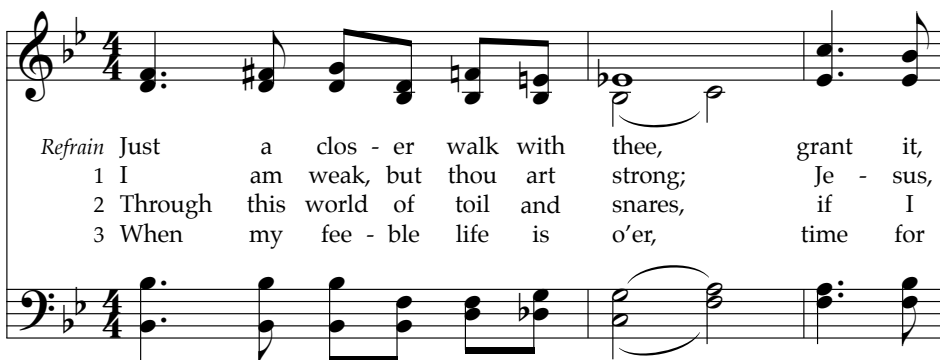
SERMON

RESPONDING AND SEALING

* HYMN 835

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

CLOSER WALK



Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it,
1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus,
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for



Je - sus, is my plea, dai - ly walk - ing close to
keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly



thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Ref.*

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

As you consider making your offering, remember that the church's regular expenses continue in these difficult times. And the community around us needs your financial support: your faithful giving is like the breath of life to mission programs we love, neighbors in need, members who are hurting. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

Ways to give: click [online at our First Pres website](#) ... via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523) ... online at our First Pres website use our Give+ app ... put a check in the mail ... or scan the QR code below.



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.

"As this broken bread scattered on the mountains was gathered and became one, so too, may your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom." – *The Didache*, one of the earliest Christian texts.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory *In Remembrance of Me* from *Celebrate Life*

Buryl Red

In remembrance of me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.
In remembrance of me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door and let your neighbor in, let them in.
Take, eat, and be comforted, drink, and remember, too,
That this is my body and precious blood, shed for you.
In remembrance of me, search for truth.
In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart.
Look in your heart for God.
Do this in remembrance of me.

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.

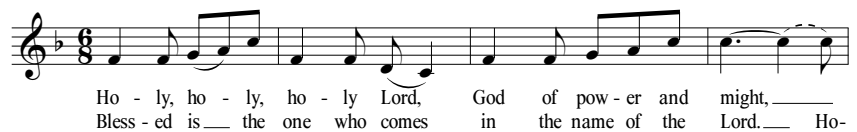
All: And also with you.

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.



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

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

* HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Allegro maestoso e vivace, Sonata IV for Organ

Felix Mendelssohn



Please remain seated until the conclusion of the closing voluntary. The ushers will dismiss the congregation from the back of the Sanctuary forward.

Please sign our virtual Friendship Pad.

If you are worshipping with us via YouTube, Facebook, or radio, either click below to let us know that you joined us for worship today or sign the pad on our website at <https://bit.ly/2Rliq2l>

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

STAYING CONNECTED, our theme for this summer, invites us all to be linked together in a broad community of people, joined by the energy of a holy curiosity and an indefatigable courage. As the coronavirus lessens its grip, and we emerge into a new hybrid existence, it is vital that we re-connect, stay connected, or connect afresh. It takes curiosity and courage to remain connected to each other. Curiosity to see how we can creatively connect to one another, and courage to do it safely amidst a changing viral situation. This summer, we will explore ways we stay connected to the things that matter most. For some, it will be getting out for some fresh air and a brisk walk. For many, it will mean staying in touch virtually via livestream, Zoom, or even phone conversations. For others, it will mean traveling and reconnecting with family and friends whom we haven't seen in the flesh in a long time. All the while, First Pres will be an active community, vibrant and alive, connecting all to the power and grace of the God of all creation.



The Prayer of Confession is adapted from material written by Joanna Harader and posted on *Spacious Faith* (<https://spaciousfaith.com>).

Leaders of Worship: Welcome – Jay Sanderford; Liturgists – Evans McGowan and Andrew Frazier; Scripture Reader – Beth Gerwig; Children's Message – Beca Torres-Davenport; Preacher – Jay Sanderford; Vocalists – Khayla Hill, Mandy Matthews, Heidi Hess-Willis, Tyrese Byrd, David Magumba, Benton DeGroot, and Brent Ivey; Oboist – Yuki Harding; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Video Production – Bill Hall; Sound Production – Rol Kibler; Ushers – Joe Schmidt and Angela Yang

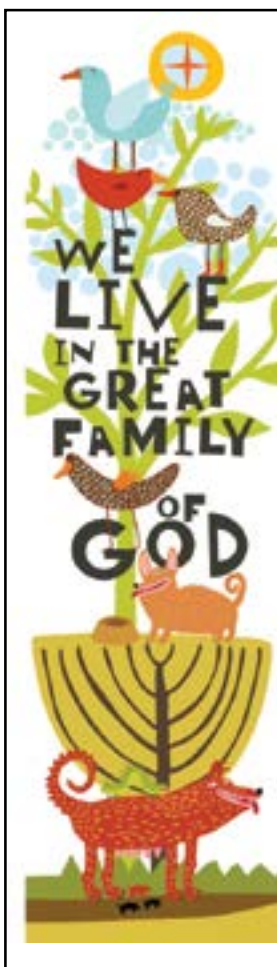
Today is Communion Sunday. As we come to the Lord's Table to be fed and nurtured in our faith, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Financial contributions and food donations throughout the month of July will be directed to Hope Clinic. Mature Ministries will coordinate the food donation distribution.

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of John Smaltz by Nancy Fox and family; and in thanksgiving to God for the ministry of Rev. Andrew Frazier during his time at First Presbyterian Church.

Join Rev. Rogers for a virtual Coffee Hour Sunday immediately following the Closing Voluntary. Enter Coffee Hour by clicking <https://firstpresbyterian.org/event/virtual-coffee-hour>. Coffee Hour today is a celebration of Rev. Andrew Frazier's ministry here at First Pres. Join us to thank him for his faithful contributions to First Pres. Contributions toward a special gift for Andrew may be sent to the attention of Finance Manager Anna Miller or may be dropped off at the church Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Summer Festival of Worship

Stay Connected!



Life is busy in the Great Family of God!

We know that most members of our First Pres family have lots of obligations in the summer. Perhaps you have little time to think about your faith, and how it can grow. We hope you can find an hour or so weekly to join us for an alternative worship offering. Come, strengthen your faith in the company of old friends – and friends you've yet to meet!

Tuesdays @ First Pres **THIS WEEK**

July 6 and August 3 @ 7:00 p.m.

Taizé worship is livestreamed from the Sanctuary on YouTube and Facebook.

Wednesdays @ First Pres

July 21 and August 18 @ 6:00 p.m.

Worship around the fire on the First Pres lawn

Thursdays @ First Pres

July 29 and August 26 @ 6:00 p.m.

Guided outdoor meditation at the Hilligs' labyrinth

Saturdays @ First Pres **THIS WEEK**

July 10 and August 14 @ 5:00 p.m.

Jazz Vesper Service on the First Pres lawn

Meditation and Labyrinth Walking. As a part of our Summer Festival of Worship, on July 29 and August 26, you are invited to the home of Kurt and Kathy Hillig (7654 W Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor) to walk the labyrinth they have made on their property. Come anytime between 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. It takes about 20–30 minutes to go from your car to the labyrinth and back. Signs will guide you from the parking area to the labyrinth. There is a guided meditation podcast available to use while walking, or consider using that another time for a meditative moment. Being outside in silence in nature is very meditative. Note that tick season is in full gear so please wear closed-toe shoes and long pants. Questions? Contact Rev. Rogers, mr Rogers@firstpresbyterian.org. The guided meditation (put together by Rev. Mares) can be found at <https://www.faithbeats.com/>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Please contact Beca Torres-Davenport (btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org), Coordinator of Children's & Family Ministry, for information about opportunities to connect and resources for children and families.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Please contact Rev. Mark Mares (mmares@firstpresbyterian.org), Minister of Youth & Families, for information about the numerous ways youth are connecting at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Support First Pres Youth by helping out with Art Fair Parking, the biggest youth fundraiser of the year! Money raised will be used for future mission and formation opportunities for our youth, with a small portion of the proceeds going to another local organization doing work in our community. Youth participants will decide who the recipient will be. The dates for volunteering run from the afternoon of Thursday, July 15 through the afternoon of Saturday, July 17. Contact Rev. Mark Mares, Minister of Youth & Families (mmares@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information and to volunteer.

Greetings, College Students! We hope you will find a home away from home here at First Pres. We will gather virtually and in person at various times over the summer. Contact Rev. McGowan (campus@firstpresbyterian.org) to grab a cup of coffee or for more information. He would love to meet you, virtually or otherwise!

Women: Stay Connected! PW Moderator Ginny Bell sends out timely information in email blasts. Contact Ginny (virginiabell2013@gmail.com) to be added to the email list.

Mature Singles are enjoying dinners in restaurants on Friday evenings. Please call Marcy (995-2519) for more information. **Mature Singles' annual picnic** is tomorrow, July 5 at Lillie Park South at 1:00 p.m.

The prayer team meets Monday mornings via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86466149357>) from 9:00–9:30 a.m. with Rev. Rogers. Join us to offer prayer for others or bring the needs of you and your loved ones for prayer. Questions? Contact Rev. Rogers.

Your Pastor Nominating Committee is committed to being open and transparent in our search for a Lead Pastor. We meet weekly and can be reached at pnc2021@firstpresbyterian.org. Information about our search is available at: <https://www.firstpresbyterian.org/about/staff-leadership/pastoral-transition-first-presbyterian>

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