



# EMERGE

SUMMER 2022

**emerge:**

Out of the burning bush, God staggers Moses with cagey answers to terrifying questions. "I am who I am" is the famous reply. Other translations include "I will be who I will be" or the even more cryptic "I am becoming who I am becoming." The eternity of God does not preclude the dynamic unfolding of God. Entering this new season of life at FPCA2, what will the unfolding spirit of God reveal to you? Who will we become? How are we embraced by the constant unfolding grace within and around us? How are we being addressed by that call to a deeper discipleship to Christ and one another? What new flames will emerge as we exit this dry and bitter season?

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# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 10, 2022 • 8:00 a.m.



*Good Samaritan*  
Gerard Bruning

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

### WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Today's call to worship is a poem by Rumi called, 'The Guest House.' Receive these words as an invitation to welcome God and each other in this space.

The Guest House

This being human is a guest house.  
Every morning a new arrival.

A joy, a depression, a meanness,  
some momentary awareness comes  
As an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all!  
Even if they're a crowd of sorrows,  
who violently sweep your house  
empty of its furniture,  
still treat each guest honorably.

He may be clearing you out  
for some new delight.

The dark thought, the shame, the malice,  
meet them at the door laughing,  
and invite them in.

Be grateful for whoever comes,  
because each has been sent  
as a guide from beyond.

\* HYMN 63

*The Lord Is God*

AZMON

**When a friend, loved one, or colleague passes away, we remember them in unique ways — it's how we process our grief.** This summer, our First Pres staff will wear sneakers in honor of Rev. Matthew J. Warfield. Pastor Matthew J. was an avid sneakerhead who wore sparkly shoes during his ordination service. His shoes not only brought him joy, but were another way for him to express his personality. Join us and wear your favorite sneakers to worship this summer!

**The adult faith formation work group is looking for your input to inform our planning for the fall and beyond.** Whether you have been involved in the past or not, we'd love to hear your opinions! Fill out the survey on our website.

**Our July donations and financial contributions support Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti.** Non-perishable food may be placed in the baskets provided in the Welcome Center 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

**Fast-Track this Summer!** Fast-Track to Membership by joining with a pastor and two elders in the office of Rev. David Prentice-Hyers at 11 a.m. on select Sundays. The next opportunity to join is **TODAY**, July 10, at 11 a.m. The process takes about half an hour as we get to know you, and you get to know us! Following the joining, there will be a new member class for you to attend to complete the process (date to be determined). You don't need to register ahead of time. We'll be there and ready to receive you if the Holy Spirit leads you to join on one of those Sundays! There are more fast-track opportunities on July 24, and August 7 and 21.

**The Annual Giving Workgroup has been working for the last several months on the 2023 Annual Giving Campaign to be kicked off in September.** This Campaign will provide the critical support needed to continue and enhance the many and varied opportunities at FPC - among the long list are a vibrant and dedicated staff, a great music program, rich mission and outreach opportunities, transformative Christian education, and maintenance of our beautiful building and physical spaces.

In an effort to keep the pledging process as simple as possible and to keep mailing costs at a minimum, we will be offering each member the opportunity to receive their 2023 pledge packet by email. You may elect email delivery by (1) mailing the postcard included with your July quarterly statement or dropping the card into the Sunday offering plate or (2) emailing Anna Miller indicating your preference to receive the pledge packet electronically.

Thank you for all that you do to support FPC. Your contributions of your finances, time, and talents are crucial to the ongoing life and ministry of our beloved community of faith! If you have any questions, please contact Anna Miller by email or at (734) 662-4466.

**\* 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!**

*Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

**We are glad you are here! Please sign our Friendship Pad.** If you are a guest with us today, we encourage you to wear a rose window button that you can find just outside Monteith Hall in a basket. Wearing this helps us know that you are new among us so that we can reach out to you with a fuller welcome.

**Worship Leaders:** Liturgists – Hannah Lundberg; Scripture Reader – Cheryl Gulbranson; Preacher – Mark Mares; Communion Server – Felicity Williams; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Pianist – Josh Marzan; and Soloists – Benton DeGroot and Dave VanderMeer

**Use the 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, and members who are hurting. Thank you for your faithful generosity! Ways to give include online on our First Pres website, via “Text-to-Give” (855-904-1523), using our Vanco Mobile app, putting a check in the mail, or scanning the QR code.



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**Refugee Resettlement Update.** In mid-June the First Pres refugee resettlement team welcomed a family of four from Afghanistan, who will move into their permanent residence in the area this week. Join us in prayer and warm-hearted welcome for this family. First Pres will be in relationship with them for one year through the co-sponsorship program coordinated by Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County. For more information, or to support the effort further, contact Rev. Lundberg.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**KYRIE**

This is Hymn 576 *Lord, Have Mercy* (SINGAPURA).

**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**

*Glory to God*  
Brent Ivey, Cantor

MACHU-PICHU

1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!  
2 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to Christ Je - sus!  
3 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Spir - it!  
1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria en los cie - los!  
2 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Je - su - cris - to!  
3 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria al Es - pí - ri - tu!

To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!  
¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem - pre! ¡A - le - lu - ya, A - mén!

Al-le-lu-ia, A - men! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!  
¡A - le - lu - ya, A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya, A - mén!

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 82

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

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:25–37

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

### SERMON

## RESPONDING AND SEALING

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

#### Offertory

*The Good Samaritan*

John Horman

Duet: Benton Degroot and Dave VanderMeer; Brent Ivey, Narrator

There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jerico.

Robbers attacked him, stripped him and beat him, leaving him half dead.

It happened that a priest was going down that very same road.

When he saw the man lying there in need, he walked on by, leaving the man half dead.

And in the same way a Levite came by that very same day,

And he looked at the man lying there in need and walked away, leaving the man half dead.

A Samaritan who was walking came upon the man.

And he stopped to offer aid and his heart was filled with pity and he cared,

For his soul was filled with love. And he cared, for his soul was filled with love.

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Please refer to the Communion Card.*

### COMMUNION MUSIC

## SENDING

\* HYMN

*When Asked, Who Is My Neighbor*

LLANGLOFFAN

1. When asked, who is my neigh - bor? We hear the Sav - ior say:  
2. Some live this day with an - ger at wick - ed - ness dis - played.  
3. Some rue the day that brought them to live with deep re - gret,  
4. Cor - rup - tion in high plac - es, those choos - ing not to see  
5. Re - mem - ber now your prom - ise to come a - gain in might

the one in need of mer - cy, both near and far a - way.  
Some live this day with griev - ing that jus - tice is de - layed.  
some can - not shake their sor - row, some strug - gle to re - pent.  
the vi - o - lence of pow - er, ef - fects of pov - er - ty.  
to take a - way all sor - row, to set all things a - right.

O Christ, still come in mer - cy to ev - ery - one in need,  
O God of ev - ery neigh - bor, on both sides of the walls  
O God of love and mer - cy, we long for your em - brace.  
O God, see our fru - stra - tion; rise up and stop the wrongs  
O God, show us your glo - ry; turn e - vil in - to good

your Spir - it work - ing through us, your love in word and deed.  
that shield us from each oth - er, bring jus - tice to their cause.  
You of - fer us for - give - ness; help us re - ceive your grace.  
of neigh - bor a - gainst neigh - bor to whom our love be - longs.  
un - til your love and jus - tice reach ev - ery neigh - bor - hood.