



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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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 17, 2022 • 8:00 a.m.



Martha and Mary
JESUS MAFA

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 *Von fremden Ländern und Menschen* Robert Schumann

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leave duty behind, come and sit,
be still and listen for the word of God.
Leave busyness, anxiety and worry at the door,
enter this peaceful place,
allow yourself to relax and prepare for worship.
Let go and come to the quiet center,
here is a place and time to focus on God
and to allow ourselves to hear God's voice
and ponder God's word.

Come and worship, brothers, sisters, siblings all.

* **HYMN 12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God, you welcome us, whoever we are, whatever we bring. We who are weary, we who are joyful, we who are enthusiastic, we who are resentful, we who are bold, we who are timid, we who are all of these things in different times and seasons, you, God, welcome us all.

All: Forgive us when the welcome we have given others has been less than warm, when it's been half-hearted or downright off-putting. May the measure we receive from you be the measure we pour out on others, an overflowing of love and acceptance, rooted in divine love. As we give of ourselves, may we know you replenishing our love, blessing us to be a blessing to others, today and every day...

SILENT PRAYER

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. 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](mailto:anna.miller@firstpresbyterian.org) by email or at (734) 662-4466.

Refugee Resettlement Update. In mid-June the First Pres refugee resettlement team welcomed a family of four from Afghanistan. Join us in prayer and warm-hearted welcome for this family. First Pres will be in relationship with them for one year. Financial gifts to support this effort may be made by check or online. For more information, or to support the effort further, contact Rev. Lundberg.

College Students! Are you a student (or do you know a student) who will be studying at a local college or university this fall? Rev. Lundberg would love to meet you! We're planning more activities for UKirk@UMich, the First Pres college group, for the upcoming year and want to know what interests you! Contact Hannah at campus@firstpresbyterian.org to learn more.

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!

Fast-Track this Summer! Fast-Track to Membership by joining with a pastor and two elders in the office of Rev. David Prentice-Hyers on select Sundays. The next opportunity to join is July 24, 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 other fast-track opportunities on August 7 and 21.

The Ann Arbor Art Fair is this week, Thursday, July 21 through Saturday, July 23. Please support our youth ministries by parking at First Pres and encouraging your friends to also park here! Money raised will be used for mission and formation opportunities for our youth. Volunteers are needed to assist with parking. Contact Rev. Mares (mmares@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information and to volunteer.

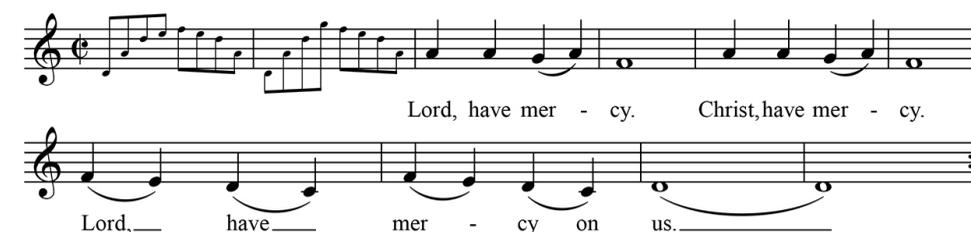
Did you know we have a Lost and Found at First Pres? If you think you might have lost an item at church, please stop by the Welcome Center during the month of July. The first week in August, items not claimed that have been with us for at least three months will be discarded appropriately.

Tell Me More about This Church at Wolverine Brewing on Stadium Blvd., **TODAY**, July 17, 4 p.m. Sit outside with us and learn more about First Pres! Come for a laid-back time to meet with staff and other who are interested in learning more and possibly joining – and enjoy a cool beverage on us while we chat. The location is family-friendly and dog-friendly! Questions? Contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

Labyrinth Walk Invitation. As a meditative worship experience this summer, you are invited on Saturday morning, July 23, and Thursday morning, August 11, 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 from 10 a.m. to noon. It takes about 30 minutes to go from your car to the labyrinth and back. Anytime in that two-hour block works! Signs will guide you from the parking area to the labyrinth. Note that tick season is in full gear so please wear closed-toe shoes and long pants. Bug spray is recommended, as well. Questions? Contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

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 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Financial gifts may be made by check or online. Donations will be coordinated by Mature Ministries.

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

Let us love our God supremely;

let us love each other, too.

Let us love and pray for sinners

till our God makes all things new.

Christ will call us home to heaven;

at his table we'll sit down.

Christ will gird himself and serve us

with sweet manna all around.

This is Stanza 4 of Hymn 396, *Brethern, We Have Met to Worship* (HOLY MANNA).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 15

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:38–42

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

SERMON

RESPONDING AND SEALING

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Mikaela Trowbridge comes for the Sacrament of Baptism.

* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water and Baptism

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Bob Chilcott

Abby Peterson Kasenow, soloist

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please refer to the Communion Card.

Communion Music

Der Dichter spricht

Robert Schumann

SENDING

* HYMN 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

Glückes genug

Robert Schumann

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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

Worship Leaders: Liturgist – Megan Berry; Scripture Reader – Kathy Hillig; Preacher – Dave Prentice-Hyers; Communion Server – Felicity Williams; Pianist – Josh Marzan; and Soloist – Abby Peterson Kasenow

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