



EMERGE

SUMMER 2022

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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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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 24, 2022 • 8:00 a.m.



Power of The Lord's Prayer
Roman Sabatini

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

God of compassion and kindness,
your hands are open wide to all who ask.
God of majesty, mystery, and mercy,
your way can be found by all who seek.
God of welcome and hospitality,
your door is always open to those who knock.
Giver of all good gifts,
may your Spirit move among us as we worship.

* HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
we come before you with thanks in our hearts
for your grace and love.
We come as broken, doubtful,
and searching disciples.
We come not as fully formed
or perfect people;
instead, we come as we are,
full of wonder, fear, doubt and hope.
We give thanks you reach out to us,
in times of unknowing, you offer presence,
in times of fear, you offer light.
Ever loving God, we acknowledge our failings,
our inability to live as you have called us.

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.

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 TODAY, 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.

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. By the end of the first week in August, items not claimed that have been with us for at least three months will be discarded appropriately.

Labyrinth Walk Invitation. As a meditative worship experience this summer, you are invited on 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.

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.

The Faith Formation and Local Mission Committees invite you to provide school supplies to our mission partners, Ozone House and Peace Neighborhood Center.

These supplies will be shared with students all over Washtenaw County who need help with filling their required school supplies list. Some of these items will be packed in backpacks for Ozone House at our First Sunday Mission/Formation event after worship on August 7. See the requested supply list online. Peace Neighborhood Center is asking that donors buy directly from their Amazon wishlist before August 19. After you add item(s) you wish to donate to your cart, ship them directly to Peace Neighborhood Center by changing the shipping address to “Bonnie Billups” which will appear under the heading “Other Addresses.” Please contact Beca Torres-Davenport, Mark Mares, or Megan Berry if you have questions.

**We ask for guidance and support in the sure hope of your grace.
We give thanks for the surety, that your love is eternal and unconditional,
and that we will remain under your care, this day and every day**

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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**

- 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 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!

This is Hymn 582: *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* (GLORY TO GOD).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 138

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 11:1–13

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

SERMON

RESPONDING AND SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

The Lord's Prayer

Flor Peeters

Lorna Hildebrandt, soloist

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please refer to the Communion Card.

Communion Music

SENDING

* HYMN 728

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'

* 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, 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 – Melissa Anne Rogers; Scripture Reader – Diane Knibbs; Preacher – Dave Prentice-Hyers; Communion Servers – Diane Knibbs and Brian Schneidewind; Pianist – Josh Marzan; and Soloist – Lorna Hildebrandt; Usher – Brian Rubel

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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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.