



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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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 31, 2022 • 8:00 a.m.



Motherhood

Nelly Romeo Alves
Photograph by Eurico Zimbres



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 *Arabesque, L66, No. 1* Claude Debussy

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Psalm 107:1–3)

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

All: For God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Let the redeemed of the Lord celebrate God's goodness,

All: Those God redeemed from trouble, and gathered in from the lands,

One: From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

All: From every place, both near and far, let us worship God.

* **HYMN 154** *Jesus Entered Egypt* KING'S WESTON

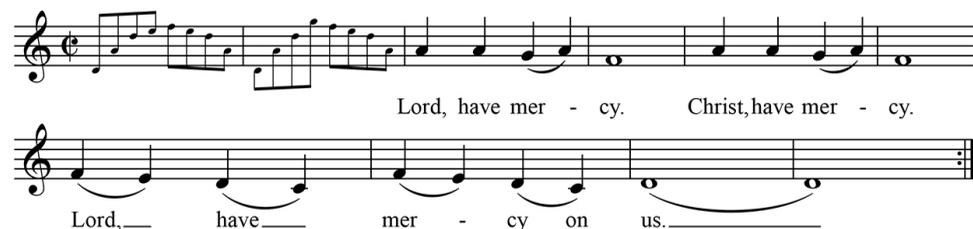
CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steadfast God, we confess that often when we are fearful, we try to build bigger barns, turning away from you to put our trust in the security and familiarity of human systems. Help us to cherish the goodness of those comforts, while trusting more fully in your grace. Guide us beyond our sinfulness with bands of love, and lead us to consider new perspectives with humility...

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE SINGAPURA



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

A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary on Friday, August 5, at 2 p.m., for Carter Hodgson. Carter was an Elder on Session, and the Chair of the Personnel Committee, when he died on January 9. Our prayers are with his family, and our Session, as we gather to grieve and celebrate together.

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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.

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. There are fast-track opportunities on August 7 and 21, 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!

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 TODAY. 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 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.

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**

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.**

**There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.**

**There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.**

*This is Stanza 1 of Hymn 435, *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (IN BABILONE).*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:13–21

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Hosea 11:1–11

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

Led by Cords of Kindness

RESPONDING AND SEALING

SENDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Only What You Do for Christ Will Last* LASTING TREASURES
Phillip Morgan, Soloist and Pianist

You may build great cathedrals large or small,
You can build skyscrapers grand and tall,
You may conquer all the failures of the past,
But only what you do for Christ will last.

(Refrain)

Remember only what you do for Christ will last.
Only what you do for Christ will be counted at the end;
Only what you do for Christ will last!

You may seek earthly power and fame,
The world might be impressed by your great name,
Soon the glories of this life will all be past,
But only what you do for Christ will last. *(Refrain)*

Though your armies may control each hemisphere,
And your orbits out in space cause us to cheer,
Your scientific knowledge may be vast,
But only what you do for Christ will last. *(Refrain)*

Though your songs and prayers are heard and praised by all,
They've no meaning unless you've been born again,
Sinner, heed these words, don't let this harvest pass,
For only what you do for Christ will last. *(Refrain)*

* **Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please refer to the Communion Card.

Communion Music *Reverie* Claude Debussy

* **HYMN 716** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

* **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 *Arabesque, L66, No. 2* Claude Debussy

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 – Jay Sanderford; Scripture Reader – Cheryl Gulbranson; Preacher – Hannah Lundberg; Communion Servers – Cheryl and Ron Gulbranson; Pianist – Josh Marzan; and Soloist/Pianist – Phillip Morgan; Usher – Nancy Fox

We welcome Phillip Morgan, Director of Music from Central Presbyterian Church in Louisville, KY, who offers the music at the Offertory today.

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.

