

# TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 1, 2021



*Let Us Break Bread Together*  
Timothy R. Botts



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**Making God's Love Visible**

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.

**Gifts of Finest Wheat:**

During the five weeks from July 25 through August 22, our gospel readings are from the sixth chapter of the gospel of John, and all are directly related to bread. Beginning with the feeding of the 5000, we hear Jesus remind us of the manna, the bread from heaven that fed the ancient Hebrew people in the desert, and distinguish it from the bread of life, the spiritual bread that was Jesus. "I am the Bread of Life," "I am the Living Bread," "If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever." "For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world." Like the bread in our scripture, the breads in our world can take many forms, just a few of which you will see on our communion table over the coming weeks.

# GATHERING

## WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*All Glory Be to God on High*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us worship our God,

**All: for there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,**

One: one God and Parent of all,

**All: who is above all and through all and in all.**

One: We come with humility, gentleness, and patience,

**All: bearing with one another in love.**

### \* HYMN 170

*You Walk Along the Shoreline*

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you have called us to live lives  
worthy of the calling**

**to which we have been called.**

**But we confess to you and each other**

**that we have not always spoken the truth in love;**

**we have not always made every effort**

**to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

**Forgive us and, but your grace,**

**help us to grow in every way**

**into him who is our head, Jesus the Christ...**

### SILENT PRAYER

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



*This is Hymn 587, Alleluia! (CELTIC ALLELUIA).*

**We welcome as guest preacher the Rev. Chris Dorsey, President of Higher Education and Leadership Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).**

Chris, a Disciples minister, has served as local church pastor, university chaplain, and Vice President of Development and Marketing at Chicago Theological Seminary. He previously served as Assistant Professor of Theology and Preaching at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan where Rev. Mark Mares was a student and colleague.

**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) ... use our Give+ app ... put a check in the mail ... or scan the QR code below.



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Ephesians 4:1–16

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** John 6:24–35

The grass withers, the flower fades;

**the word of the Lord endures forever.**

### SERMON

## RESPONDING AND SEALING

\* **HYMN 317**

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

MC KEE

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

#### Prayer of Dedication

**Offertory** *Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees* arr. Moses Hogan

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.

*Refrain:*

When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. (*Refrain*)

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees. (*Refrain*)

### 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.**

**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.

**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/2RIig2l>

**The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession** are from Kimberly Bracken Long in *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, \_\_\_\_\_  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**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 536 *Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen* SURGE ECCLESIA

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** *Processional* Edwin T. Childs

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



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Please contact Beca Torres-Davenport ([btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto: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](mailto:mmares@firstpresbyterian.org)), Minister of Youth & Families, for information about the numerous ways youth are connecting at this time.

**Tubing down the River!** Join Rev. Mark & Rev. Evans for some fun tubing down the river as we enjoy the last days of summer on the afternoon of August 15. Keep an eye out for a sign-up sheet to join us for a fun day on pizza tubes!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our 195<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Starts Early — on August 14!** Sign up now for the 195<sup>th</sup> BBQ dinner following Jazz Vespers on August 14. Bring your own chair or picnic blanket. Signup and payment are due by August 9. Sign up online at <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/w1iut2fh1loxpvs/>

**We invite your participation in ministry at Alpha House, a shelter for children and their families experiencing homelessness, during the week of August 30 – September 5.** Sign up online or during Coffee Hour. Questions may be directed to Ruth Jensen ([ruthannjensen@gmail.com](mailto:ruthannjensen@gmail.com)) Gail Einhaus ([gail.einhaus@gmail.com](mailto:gail.einhaus@gmail.com)), Paula Doering ([paulahdoering@gmail.com](mailto:paulahdoering@gmail.com)), or Anne Gere ([argere@umich.edu](mailto:argere@umich.edu)).

**Savoring the Snickerdoodles!** We are bringing back home-baked cookies to Coffee Hour in August! If you can help by baking 4 dozen cookies of any kind, and dropping them off on Sunday morning as you go to worship, it will be so appreciated. Please mark them if they have nuts, or are gluten-free. Our hospitality has missed homemade deliciousness and the inclusive joy of sharing some treats together after worship. Sign up here if you want to help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45a4ac283-cookie2>.

**Fast Track to Membership on August 15!** Join us at 11:00 a.m., in the Curtis Room, to join First Pres! You can join as a full member or an affiliate member (a category of membership for those whose primary membership remains with another church but who want to express commitment to First Pres). If you prefer, you can join online by Zoom, using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84143125355>.

**New Member Class coming soon!** A New Member Class is on August 22, at 11:00 a.m. Join us if you have fast-tracked, to learn more, or if you are considering joining in September or October. Contact Rev. Rogers for more information ([mr Rogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mr Rogers@firstpresbyterian.org)).

**Our annual Ice-Cream Social** will be Sunday, September 5, on the Circle Terrace, at 10:30 a.m. Join us!

**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](mailto: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](mailto:virginiabell2013@gmail.com)) to be added to the email list.

**The Prayer Team** meets every Monday morning, 9:00–9:30 a.m., online. We have over 20 people who come together online to start the week and pray for the needs shared in worship, on the virtual friendship pad, and using the prayer request form. Would you like prayer for yourself or others? Use this form by Sunday evening: <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/prayer-request/>. If you would like, you can come to our meeting and pray for others or share your request directly. Email Rev. Rogers for information and the link. ([mr Rogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mr Rogers@firstpresbyterian.org)).

**Circles helps end poverty. Join us to find out how!** Circles, a relationship-based program designed to break the cycle of poverty permanently, is looking for volunteers. This program, a ministry of Friends in Deed, matches low-income people with two middle-income partners. These new friends (Allies) help broaden their social network, giving access to people and resources they might never have if they only relate to their neighbors in poverty. Learn more and find out how YOU can best use your time and talents in the Circles program by attending a virtual New Volunteer Orientation on Wednesday, August 11, 5:30–6:30 p.m. For more information and for the Zoom link for the meeting, contact Suzanne ([suzanne@friendsindeedmi.org](mailto:suzanne@friendsindeedmi.org); 734-340-9042).

**T2A2 Small Group** meets off-site on Sundays, at 7:00 p.m. Whether you are a believer or a seeker, a working professional or a grad student, we invite everyone in their twenties and thirties to come and build community with us as we share meaningful conversations and reflect on the Word together. For more information, please email [t2a2@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:t2a2@firstpresbyterian.org).

**Mature Singles** are enjoying dinners in restaurants on Friday evenings. Please call Marcy (995-2519) for more information.

**Rev. Rogers will host a Virtual Coffee Hour the final Sunday of the month, beginning after the life-stream worship service on YouTube.** Join Rev. Rogers from wherever you are for virtual fellowship with lively conversation!

**We're at it again—sorting and packing school supplies and books for the Philippines.** The need persists and the Filipino children and teachers wait eagerly for the boxes to arrive. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us in this mini-mission for part or all of Friday, August 20 and Saturday, August 21, 9:00 – 5:00 at 3102 Fairhaven Ct., Ann Arbor. There are jobs for all. *Salamat.*

**Habitat for Humanity** needs four to six volunteers daily on August 7 and 13, and September 11, 17, and 25. The house is located at 1217 Davis Street, Ypsilanti. Contact Don Redding (734-276-8426; [dredding58@yahoo.com](mailto:dredding58@yahoo.com)) with questions and to volunteer. Volunteer registration will close the Tuesday evening before each of our build days so Habitat can prepare the work tasks.

**The Pilgrimage on the Northumberland Way in England for May 17–27, 2022, has one opening for a female participant to share a double room.** If you are interested, contact Rev. Rogers. Alongside sandy beaches, over rocky headlands, past dramatic castles and through attractive coastal villages, the Northumberland Coast Path offers a constantly changing landscape which is a pleasure to explore for our next spiritual pilgrimage.

**Pastoral note:** A memorial service will be held on August 7, at 10:00 a.m., for Jack Caldwell, who died May 24, 2020. All are welcome. A reception will follow. For more information, contact Rev. Rogers or Beth Caldwell.

**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](mailto:pnc2021@firstpresbyterian.org). Information about our search is available at: <https://www.firstpresbyterian.org/about/staff-leadership/pastoral-transition-first-presbyterian>

# 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. 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.

**Leaders of Worship:** Welcome – Melissa Anne Rogers; Liturgists – Evans McGowan and Mark Mares; Scripture Reader – Jean White; Children's Message – Melissa Anne Rogers; Preacher – Chris Dorsey; Vocalist – Heidi Hess-Willis; Guest Organist – Brent Ivey; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Ushers – Marolin Bellefleur, Carol Carter, 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 August will be directed to the Hunger Ministries Program of the Presbytery of Detroit. Presbyterian Women will coordinate the food donation distribution.

**Chancel flowers** are given lovingly by the Cisterns in honor of the Pastoral, Program, and Administrative Staff in thanks for keeping the church going during the pandemic and beyond.

**A red rosebud** celebrates the birth of Jonah Ecklund Upton on July 13, 2021. Jonah is the son of Charles Upton and Elana Boehm and the grandson of Bill and Dusty Upton.

**Join us for Coffee Hour** on the Front Lawn immediately following the Closing Voluntary.

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