

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 19, 2021 • 8:00 a.m.

Presbyterians Respond to Twin Disasters. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is delivering aid to those impacted by Hurricane Ida in locations as diverse as Louisiana and New Jersey. PDA response to the continuing disaster facing Haiti after the August earthquake continues. **Please give.** Gifts can be made through First Pres, with checks or contributions marked "Hurricane Ida Relief," or "Haiti Earthquake Relief." Gifts may also be made online pma.pcusa.org/donate.

Please pray. As disasters continue to cause destruction and loss of life, please pray with us that the communities affected by this event and those offering assistance will be strengthened, have their needs met and be reminded of the hope found in God.

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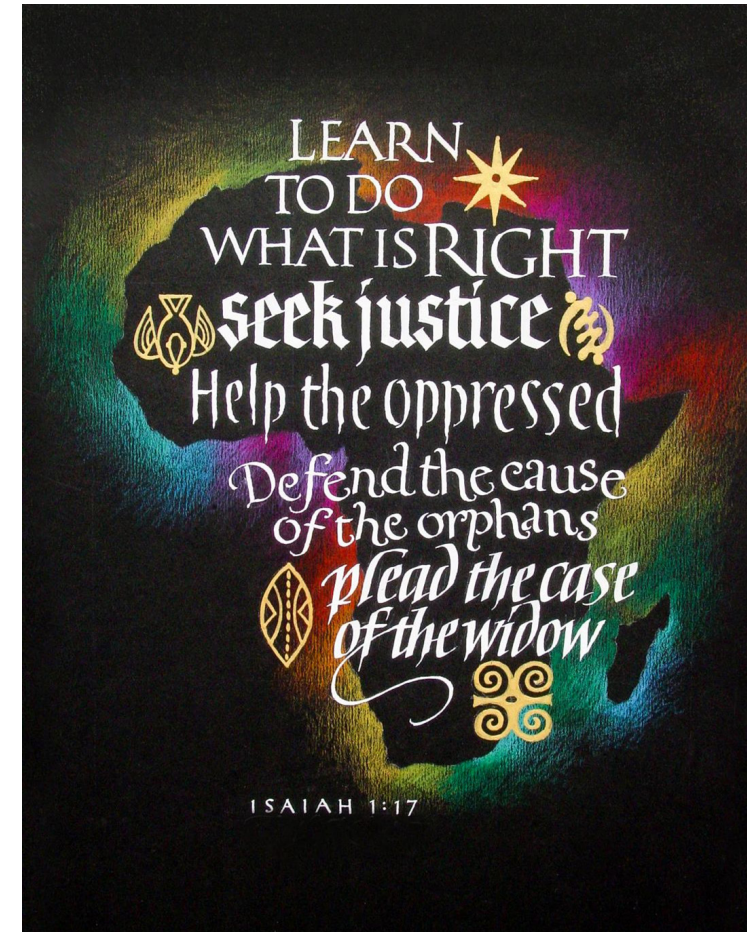


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ISAIAH 1:17

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Making God's Love Visible

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Christ Alone

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I tell you the truth:

It is a wonderful thing when members of the family live together in love and peace.

All: They shall be like trees planted beside flowing rivers.

One: May the church be one, just as Christ, the Holy Spirit and the Father are one,
that Christ may be glorified through us.

All: They shall yield good fruit in its season, and their leaf shall never wither.

* HYMN 373

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, grace, reconciliation and goodness:

We are sorry for so much—

for words we cannot bear to say

for memories we cannot bear to relive

for thoughts we cannot bear to admit.

But you know our hearts.

Relieve us of our burdens,

Bind our hearts not to the unbearable but rather, to you

so that, in all ways, we may live in the joy of your salvation

and the delight of your loving embrace. And give us faith to

follow you...

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION TODAY @ 11:00

Bible Study at 11:00 (Curtis Room)

Exploring the Faith (Chancel area of Sanctuary)

First Friends (Lewis Room)

T2A2 Small Group meets after the service in the Founders Room. Everyone in their twenties and thirties is welcome to come and build community with us as we share meaningful conversations and reflect on the Word together. We'll begin a study of the book of Romans around 11:00 a.m. A light lunch (eaten outside) will be provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Justice Kickoff Meeting next Sunday, September 26, at 12:15 p.m. Are you interested in what our Social Justice Action Group has been up to lately? Do you have a special interest in any of the priority areas our congregation has identified? If yes – or if you just want to hear what's going on – we hope you'll come to the Social Justice Kick-off Meeting next Sunday, September 26, at 12:15 p.m., under the canopy on the Hill Street Lawn. Contact Diane Hockett (hockett@umich.edu) for more information or to register for the luncheon.

Our September Communion Food Collection supports Food Gatherers, the main supplier of food to local food banks in Washtenaw County. Non-perishable food and personal care items may be placed in the bin provided in the Social Hall on Sundays, Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and Fridays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Financial gifts may be made by check or online.

Making God's Love Visible, Peace by Piece. Have you received your 2022 Annual Giving packet in the mail? It's coming with a big surprise!! We have created a one-of-a-kind calendar celebrating the many ways we are making God's Love Visible here at First Pres. As you use the calendar, view the peace crane as a symbol of hope, faith and renewal for the next leg of our journey with Jesus Christ – and a symbol of how important your pledge is to the Church. Your pledges are the foundation that makes all this possible. Please fill out and return the pledge and opportunity to serve forms by mail or online. Thank you.

The Prayer Team meets every Monday morning, 9:00–9:30 a.m., online. If you would like to join this group, email Rev. Rogers (mr Rogers@firstpresbyterian.org) for information and the link. Prayer requests may be shared today with the pastors or prayer team by using a pew card or the friendship pad, or by speaking to a pastor after the service.

Habitat for Humanity needs four to six volunteers on September 25. Contact Don Redding (734-276-8426; dredding58@yahoo.com) for more information and to volunteer.

RESPONDING AND SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

The Lamb

John Tavener

Chancel Choir Section Leaders

Little lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed
by the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
making all the vales rejoice?

Little lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Little lamb, I'll tell thee,
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a lamb.
He is meek, and he is mild,
He became a little child.
I, a child, and thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.
Little lamb, God bless thee.

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.



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.
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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

Communion Music

He Is Lord

arr. Fred Bock

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

* HYMN 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

* 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!**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude I

Arletta O'Hearn

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Worship Leaders: Liturgist – Megan Berry; Scripture Reader – Michele Derr; Preacher – Matthew J. Warfield; Musicians – Chancel Choir Section Leaders; Pianist – Eric Banitt; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Ushers – Nancy Fox and Cheryl and Ron Gulbranson

We welcome our new music staff member, Eric Banitt, pianist for our 8:00 a.m. worship service.

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, 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 Give+app, putting a check in the mail, or scanning the QR code on the right.



Join us for Coffee Hour today on the Monteith Terrace immediately following the Closing Voluntary.

A meeting of the congregation has been called by Session for today, Sunday, September 19, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service, for the purpose of electing church officers – elders and deacons – for the Class of 2024. This meeting of the First Pres Congregation will be held simultaneously in the Sanctuary and online, with members able to join online via Zoom and participate.

Our Nominating Committee has prepared and sent to the congregation short biographies and photos of nominees for elders and deacons to prepare for this meeting. For members worshipping in person in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 19, please remain seated after the final hymn. For those members worshipping online, please go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87203457435> to join the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Voting in the Sanctuary for members will be a voice vote with raised hands; voting online will be held by a Zoom poll function. We are grateful to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Detroit, Rev. Marianne Grano, in assisting us in developing this meeting format that follows best practices in this era of Covid-19 governance.

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* 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

Glo - ry to God, _____ whose good - ness shines on me, and to the
World with - out end, _____ with - out end, A - men. World with - out

Son, _____ whose grace has par - doned me, and to the
end, _____ with - out end, A - men. World with - out

Spir - it, _____ whose love has set me free. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
end, _____ with - out end, A - men. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now and ev - er shall be. A - men.
now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

This is Hymn 582, Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:30–37

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 1

The grass withers, the flower fades;

the word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

Like Trees Planted by Streams of Water