

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 3, 2021 • 9:30 a.m.



*Communion*  
Joel Schoon-Tanis



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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.

### **World Communion**

**Sunday** (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) originated in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1936. It is now celebrated in many denominations throughout the world on the first Sunday in October. Gathered around the table in cities and towns, in countries near and far, we affirm our oneness in Christ, with each other, and with the church in every time and place. Although this unity is integral to each celebration of the Lord's Supper, today we place special emphasis on it through our use of global music, fabrics from around the world, and communion bread.

Thanks to the many FPC members who provided fabrics for the communion table, pulpit, and lectern.

The **Call to Worship** and **Prayer of Confession** are adapted from PCUSA Special Offerings, Peace & Global Witness & World Communion Sunday publications.

# GATHERING

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*"La Paix" (Largo alla siciliana) from Music for the Royal Fireworks, HWV 351*  
G. F. Handel

## WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

**FAITH IN ACTION**                      Annual Giving                      Bruce Clyde

### \* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather from the west to the east,  
from the south to the north,

**All: to celebrate the God of peace  
who accompanies us in our acts of peace.**

One: This God of peace accompanies us  
in each and every circumstance around us.

**All: We praise God's name! Amen!**

\* **HYMN 317**                      *In Christ There Is No East or West*                      MC KEE

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment through our behavior. In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and honor the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will. In your mercy, forgive us...**

## SILENT PRAYER

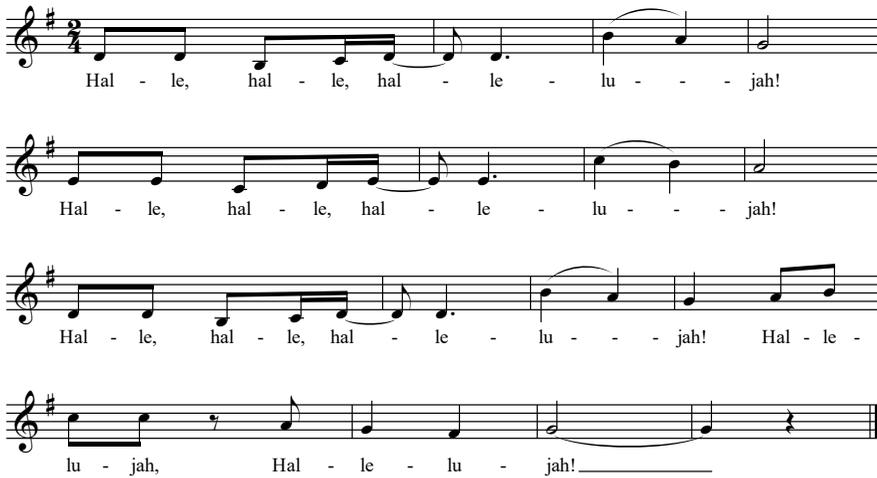
## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \* **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."*

*Sharing in other languages in honor of World Communion Sunday are Anne Andrus (Italian); Anna Gehrke (American Sign Language); Olivier Jolliet (French); Laura Stahl (German); and Lenore Webb (Spanish).*

## \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!  
Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!  
Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -  
lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah!

*This is Hymn 591: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (HALLE, HALLE)*

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 11:28–36

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14:13–21

The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

### SERMON

*Two Different Dinner Parties*

## RESPONDING AND SEALING

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

#### Offertory

*I Come with Joy*

Kenneth Dake

Chancel Choir

I come with joy!

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

And thus we meet and better know the Presence, ever near,  
And join our hearts and sing with joy that Christ is risen here.

Together met, together bound, in friendship we will stay,  
And go with joy to love the world and live the way we pray.  
I come with joy!

**This week's Growing in God's Love Bible story is *Feeding 5000*.** It can be found on page 264 of the *Children's Story Bible* found in your pew.

**Worship LAB**, a hands-on experience for our youngest disciples, is a place where children can ask questions and dig deeper into the various parts of Presbyterian Worship. Children will learn what they have to offer to worship as they discover and understand their place in the Body of Christ on Sunday mornings. "It's like someone hits the pause button on worship so they can ask all the questions and touch all the things, then press play again! This LAB is Living and Breathing!"

**Embodying Scripture:** Middle Schoolers, grades 6–8, are invited to join Rev. Mark Mares, for "Embodying Scripture" in the Lewis Room after the Conversation with Young Disciples.

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

**Ways to give:** click [online at our First Pres website](#) ... via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523) ... use the Vanco Mobile app ... put a check in the mail ... or scan the QR code below.



**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.

**We are glad you are here! 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/2Rliq2l>

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**Cover art:**

The art on the bulletin cover is by artist Joel Schoon-Tanis. An Artist Reception with Joel will take place on Friday, October 8, 6:30–8:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. Refreshments will be served on Monteith Terrace. Joel's books will be for sale at that time. Joel will also illustrate during worship on Sunday, October 10. All are welcome to attend. You may visit his Art Exhibit currently in the Social Hall below the Sanctuary.

## 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** *God's Got the Whole World*  
Chancel Choir Section Leaders

Mark A. Miller

God's got the whole world in God's hands.

God has you and me in those hands.

God's got the whole world in God's hands.

### Prayer after Communion

## SENDING

\* **HYMN**

*Peace by Piece*

CWM RHONNDA

*Please sing Stanzas 1 and 5. The hymn is on your bulletin insert.*

\* **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

*"Hornpipe" from Water Music Suite No. 2 in D, HWV 349*

G. F. Handel

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

**Why origami cranes?** Early in 1955, a twelve-year-old girl named Sadako Sasaki developed leukemia as a result of exposure to radiation from the nuclear bomb dropped on her hometown, Hiroshima, at the end of World War II. Visiting her in the hospital, Sadako's best friend reminded her of the Japanese legend that, if she could fold one thousand cranes, her wish to be made well might be granted. Stories differ as to whether Sadako was able to finish one thousand cranes before her death in October 1955, or whether her friends completed the task in her memory. Regardless, a statue of Sadako holding a golden crane now stands in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial and, every day, cranes arrive from people all over the world who hope and pray and work for peace. Like Sadako's cranes, the exact number of First Pres' cranes is unknown. We estimate it to be more than 3500. Thanks to all who prayed these three-dimensional prayers and helped create our art installation that can now inspire us all to serve the Prince of Peace.

**The PCUSA Peace and Global Witness offering**, received today and throughout October, is intended to help people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for everyone, everywhere—regardless of boundaries or the walls that separate us. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to address systems of conflict and injustice across the world. First Pres will forward 25% of this offering to A Brighter Way (ABW). In our community, ABW is dedicated to reducing recidivism rates in Washtenaw County by providing programs, resources, and advocacy for friends and family returning home from incarceration, and by providing education and a restorative space for the community. **Give:** gifts may be made through First Pres with checks marked "Peace and Global Witness" and may also be made by clicking here: [online at our First Pres website](#).

**Worship Leaders:** Welcome – Matthew Warfield; Faith in Action – Bruce Clyde; Liturgists – Hannah Lundberg, Mark Mares, and Melissa Anne Rogers; Scripture Readers – Cece and Pippa Musser; Children's Message – Evans McGowan; Worship Lab Leader – Evans McGowan; Preacher – Lal Rodawla; Musicians – Chancel Choir; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Acolytes – Aidan Majorprice and Chloe Majorprice; Greeters – Marlene and Vic Stoeffler, and Carol Fletcher; Ushers – Keith Bilby, Sheila Bilby, Jim Cameron, Carol Carter, Spaulding Clark, Connie Swindle, Martin Swindle, and Joe Schmidt

**Rev. Lal Rodawla** is currently serving Providence Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC, a 254-year-old congregation with over 750 members, as the Associate Pastor for Congregational Life. Lal spent two fruitful years from 2013–2015 as a Resident Minister in Ann Arbor alongside Kristin Riegel and Lindsay Conrad Jacaruso. He is pursuing a Doctor of Ministry Program at Duke Divinity School where one focus of his study is the causes of isolation among people of different generations. Lal says that "my residency at First Pres not only gave me experiences in different areas of ministry but it also helped me thrive in the learning environment with my two peers, Kristin and Lindsay. Mentors like Jay and Melissa Anne gave me confidence in connecting with people of different generations and working in both small and large congregations. The highlights during my time at First Pres include my interactions with church members at Glacier Hills, participating in Men's Bible Study groups and mission trips to Russia and Nicaragua." Welcome back, Lal!

**Chancel flowers** are given in honor and appreciation of Brad Taylor and his efforts to create imaginative and enriching experiences for Mature Ministries. Thank you, Brad!

**The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. Prayer team volunteers are Jeanette Swartz and Felicity Williams. Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Prayer moves the hand that moves the world." – John Aikman Wallace

**First Sunday: Celebrate World Communion!** Immediately following the Closing Voluntary, please join us for an extended Coffee Hour where we will celebrate with different types of bread from around the world! **Cookie bakers** are Anne Andrus, Ginny Horan, Nancy Oliver, and Nancy Tena. **Fair Trade Coffee** is for sale during Coffee Hour. Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes First Pres' commitment to serving Fair Trade Coffee at all church events. Faith Formation classes for Children and Youth do not meet today so that all might attend this special celebration of World Communion. Children's Choir, however, will rehearse at 10:30.

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES TODAY @ 11:00

## ***The Bible at 11 o'clock*** (Curtis Room)

This year the class, facilitated by Ed Koster, is studying Isaiah. Isaiah has 66 chapters that cover nearly 300 years of history under three empires, not in historical order. Each class must be read in a different way with a different set of goals than previous years.

## ***Exploring the Faith*** (Sanctuary)

Join us for conversation with Rev. Lal Rodawla, Associate Pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC, and former Resident Minister at First Pres.

## ***First Friends*** (Sanctuary)

First Friends will join Exploring the Faith today.

# FAITH FORMATION LATER TODAY

**Youth Group** meets 6:00–7:30 p.m. on the Front Lawn or, in case of rain, under the Canopy on the Hill Street Lawn. All Middle School and High School students are invited to attend.

**T2A2 Small Group** meets off-site 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).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A New Member Class is held today via Zoom, at 11:00 a.m.** Folks who have fast-tracked in September or plan to fast-track in the next few weeks, or guests considering membership, are welcome. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87356165116>.

**Calling all singers for Children's Choir (K–5)!** It's not too late to join the Children's Choir with Shayla Powell. All children are welcome at 10:30 a.m. in Monteith Hall. Meet Ms. Shayla at the pulpit door at 10:30 a.m. for choir and treats!

**A Stephen Ministry-sponsored continuing education lecture** entitled "Overcoming Clinical Depressions: The Future Is Now, Your Help Is Needed," presented by Dr. John Greden, is tomorrow, Monday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. All are invited to attend. This presentation will be live-streamed on the First Pres Youtube page and available to watch later.

**Our monthly Taizé Prayer Service** is this Tuesday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. All are invited.

**Meals for the homeless are needed at Mercy House**, located at 805 W. Huron Street. Mercy House is an oasis of hope providing meals, showers, clothing, and personal care items. Volunteers who could prepare and drop off a meal for 20 people on Mondays or Wednesdays, at 5:45 p.m., are needed. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E44AF4E22A2F49-mercy>.

**Our October Communion Food Collection supports the Hunger Ministries Program of the Presbytery of Detroit.** Non-perishable food 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.** Henri Nouwen writes about stewardship in the Church, "We have a vision that is amazing and exciting. We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you: your energy, your prayers and your money, in this work which God has called us." Please support the almost two centuries of "Making God's Love Visible" at First Pres by filling out your pledge and opportunity to serve forms. Forms may be returned by mail or online at <https://www.firstpresbyterian.org/contribute/donate/stewardship-2022>. Thank you.

**Greetings, College Students!** We hope you will find a home away from home here at First Pres. 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!

**Fast Track to First Pres Membership!** Become a member in as little as twenty minutes on Sunday, October 10 or 17. Meet with Rev. Rogers and two Elders at 11:00 a.m., in the Lead Pastor's Office across from the Vance Room. We look forward to you joining as a full or affiliate member. Contact Rev. Rogers ([mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org)) if you have questions, or see any pastor after a worship service.

**Mature Ministries presents Lunch and Learn with Ken Fischer, on October 14.** We will begin at noon with a box lunch eaten outside (either on the Terrace or under the Canopy on the Hill Street Lawn). At 1:00 p.m., all are then invited into the Sanctuary, where Ken will be interviewed by First Pres member and longtime member of the UMS Choral Union Marilyn Meeker. This will be followed by a Q&A session, and a book-signing. RSVP to the Church Office to order your lunch.

**Christian Meditation** meets in-person on Saturday, October 16, at 8:30 a.m., in Monteith Hall. The purpose of the meditation is to quiet our hearts and minds in God's presence in a time of silence and to listen as God speaks to us through a text read from the Scriptures. We meet on the first and third Saturdays each month in Monteith. There is no preparation necessary other than bringing a notebook or a journal to write in. All are invited. Christian Meditation will be offered the first and third Saturdays of the month.

**"How the World Has Changed: Cannabis," a bonus Mature Ministries online meeting, is October 21, at Noon.** Mark Osbeck, who teaches in the UM Law School's Legal Practice Program and is a leading authority on marijuana law, is our speaker. Contact Rev. Rogers for the Zoom link.

**Tell Me More About This Church!** Are you a prospective member, regular attender, frequent guest, or someone new who really wants to know more? Join us Sunday, October 24, at 4:30 p.m., at the Session Room (3685 Jackson Road) for a cool beverage, snacks, and good conversation on the patio. We'll answer any questions you have and surely hear a few we didn't expect! It's a lively hour together for all ages. Contact Rev. Rogers so we know to look for you! ([mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org); 734-355-2351)

**All-Church Bonfire is October 24!** Families, members, couples, students, youth, kiddos — ALL are welcome for S'mores! Meet at White Oaks Farm, 6641 Zeeb Road, Dexter, 6:00–7:00 p.m. Everything will be provided. Come enjoy a nice fall evening with fire, marshmallows, chocolate, and more. There is ample parking. RSVP to the Church Office or to Rev. Rogers so we know to plan for you!

**Yale Whiffenpoofs Concert** is Wednesday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at <https://www.whiffenpoofs.com/ann-arbor> or at the door.

**Mature Ministries October 28 Trip — A Few Spots Remain!** We'll travel by bus to the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Museum in Saginaw. Lunch will follow the museum visit at Zehnder's in Frankenmuth. Depart at 8:00 a.m. from the church and return by 4:30 p.m. The price is \$50 and includes lunch and bus travel. Museum admission is free; on site donations are welcome.

**Chancel Choir** invites all high school and college students as well as adults to sing. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. For more information, contact Dave VanderMeer, Minister of Music & Fine Arts at [dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org).

**The Men's Study Group meets** on the first and third Friday mornings, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., in the Curtis Room, for coffee, study, and conversation. This fall, we will read *The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings* by Amy Jill Levine. Contact Rev. Sanderford for more information at [jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org) or (734) 662-4466, ext. 340.

**Journey's Bible Study** meets every second and fourth Thursday. This year we are studying the book of Acts. We meet in-person in the Curtis Room and there is a Zoom link for all who desire to participate online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/295007173>.

**For information about the numerous opportunities to connect for youth and families,** contact Rev. Mares ([mmares@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mmares@firstpresbyterian.org)), Minister of Youth & Families.

**The Prayer Team** meets every Monday morning, 9:00–9:30 a.m., online. 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 to join this group, email Rev. Rogers ([mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org)) for information and the link. For those in worship today, to share a prayer today with the pastors or prayer team, please use a pew card or the friendship pad, or speak to a pastor after the service.

**For information on opportunities to connect and resources for children and families**, contact Beca Torres-Davenport ([btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org)), Coordinator of Children's & Family Ministry.

**A note about registration for Children's Faith Formation Classes:**

"Dear Families, your children's safety is important to us! We request that all members and visitors take 3 minutes to fill out this form each year to ensure each child and family's needs are met. If you haven't submitted a form, we hope to see yours soon!"



**Campus Ministries Update.** Each Sunday, students will have a special small group meeting during our new 11:00 a.m. Faith Formation hour before breaking for lunch. If you are interested in helping plan ministry events as part of our Campus Ministry Work Group, or would like to be directly involved in supporting a small group or service event, please contact Rev. McGowan ([campus@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:campus@firstpresbyterian.org)).

**Our Online Giving Page Has a New Look!** Those who prefer to give to First Pres electronically through the church website will see a new format. This new e-Giving format, along with our Vanco Mobile and Text to Give options, are provided by Vanco Payment Solutions, LLC. All of your current payment methods and donations in your online Vanco contribution account are still available when you log into the new and improved online payment page. It continues to allow you to give a one-time donation and to set up recurring contributions. We will add the PCUSA Special Offerings and other special missions/ministries throughout the year to make it easier for you to support these programs. We hope that you like the new format. As always if you need any assistance or have any questions please contact Anna Miller, Finance Manager, at 734-662-4466 ext. 344, or at [amiller@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:amiller@firstpresbyterian.org). Thank you for supporting the ministry and mission of First Pres.

**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>.



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