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Summer Jazz Vespers will take place on Saturdays, July 16 and August 13, at 5 p.m., on the Front Lawn. The Paul Keller Jazz Quintet will lead these services. If the weather is inclement, the services will move inside to the Sanctuary. All are welcome to join us as we worship. On July 16, we will serve pizza and drinks after the service for a cash donation per person (suggested \$4). Join us and enjoy food and fellowship together!

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JAZZ VESPERS

with PAUL KELLER JAZZ QUINTET

SATURDAYS @ 5:00-5:45PM
JUNE 11 + JULY 16 + AUG 13
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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 3, 2022 • 8:00 a.m.



The Healing Pond
P. Solomon Raj

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

One: Call upon the Lord!

We asked for help and we were healed.

**All: We asked for freedom,
and we were given liberty beyond measure!
Praise God!**

One: Sing to the Lord, all you faithful;
give thanks to God's holy name.

**All: God turned our mourning into dancing!
The Great Tailor took away the sackcloth
and dressed us up in celebration!
Our hearts sing without ceasing!
O Lord our God, we will always give you thanks!**

* HYMN 340

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: O God, we confess that, like the warrior Naaman,
we think you only perform great complicated acts
in flashy and dramatic ways.
We then fail to see how you are at work
in the simple tasks and ordinary experiences of everyday life.
Forgive us for our misunderstanding and heal us of our sightlessness.

All: Forgive us and heal us, O God.

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, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Financial gifts may be made by check or online. Donations will be coordinated by Mature Ministries.

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. The first week in August items not claimed that have been with us for at least three months will be discarded appropriately – some things going to the trash and acceptable items going to Goodwill.

Fast-Track this Summer! Fast-Track to Membership by joining with a pastor and two elders in the office of Rev. David Prentice-Hyers at 11 a.m. on select Sundays. 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 these Sundays! There are fast-track opportunities on July 10 and 24, and August 7 and 21.

First Pres offers a host of opportunities for being engaged in the ministry of service in our Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Washtenaw communities. The Local Mission Committee can connect you and your family with ministries in housing/homeless, refugee resettlement, food & meal ministries, children, youth and family ministries and programs that lift our neighbors out of poverty. We strive to be a church that cares and is engaged with compassionate service in our community. For information, visit our Local Community Mission website, or contact Rev. Sanderford at jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org.

Pilgrimage to Iceland! Rev. Rogers will be leading an 8-day pilgrimage to Iceland, August 1–10, 2023. This pilgrimage involves hiking as well as walking the famous Laugavegur Trail with an experienced guide and is more strenuous than past pilgrimages. Contact Rev. Rogers to express interest. Learn more about the trail here: <https://57hours.com/premium-adventures/hiking-laugavegur-trail-iceland/>. The pilgrimage starts and ends in Reykjavík. The sign-up genius will open July 11 at 8:30 a.m., with deposit due at that time. Women and men are welcome until all 15 slots are full.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are glad you are here! Please sign our Friendship Pad. If you are a guest with us today, we encourage you to wear a rose window button that you can find just outside Monteith Hall in a basket. Wearing this helps us know that you are new among us so that we can reach out to you with a fuller welcome. If you are worshiping with us via YouTube, Facebook, or radio, please sign the pad on our website to let us know you are here.

The 9:30 worship service is broadcast on WAAM 1600 radio at 11:00 a.m.

Worship Leaders: Liturgist – Hannah Lundberg; Scripture Readers – Diane Knibbs, Hannah Lundberg, and Jay Sanderford; Preacher – Jay Sanderford; Communion Servers – Diane Knibbs and Jean Song; Pianist – Josh Marzan; and Nicholas Music, Tenor Soloist – Nicholas Tenor

The Call to Worship is adapted from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion*, edited by Kimberly Bracken Long. **The Confession of Faith and Assurance of Forgiveness** are adapted from *A Harvest of Joy, Healing, and Peace: Service Prayers for the 7th Sunday after Pentecost* by Rev. Heather A. Moody. **The Readers Theatre Presentation** for 2 Kings 5:1–14 was written by Rev. Jay Sanderford in 1988.

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 endeavor to wear fun sneakers in honor of Rev. Matthew J. Warfield. Pastor Matthew J. was an avid sneaker head and even 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!

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, 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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The adult faith formation work group is looking for your input to inform our planning for the fall and beyond. Whether you have been involved in the past or not, they would love to hear your opinions! (<https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/w12n5nt51mfhbm0/>)

One: O God, we know that Jesus sent out his disciples without purse, luggage, or sandals. Often, we find ourselves clinging to possessions we don't need, avoiding risk by looking for safety, and bearing heavy burdens that slow us down. Forgive us for our reluctance to travel lightly and heal us of our pain and guilt.

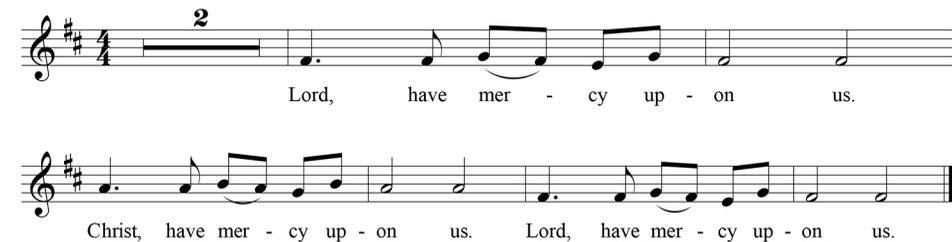
All: Forgive us and heal us, O God.

One: Holy One, the Apostle Paul encouraged the Galatians not to grow weary, but to use every opportunity to work for the good of all. And yet, hectic schedules, competing demands, cynicism, and doubt erode our commitment and burn us out. Forgive us for any excuses we make and heal us of our exhaustion.

All: Forgive us and heal us, O God...

KYRIE

Lee Afdahl



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: There is no pain that God cannot heal.

All: There is no wrong that God cannot forgive.

Come, immerse yourselves in the healing waters of God's forgiveness.

Come and be restored. Let God make you whole.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

* 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**

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.**

This is Stanza 3 of Hymn 475, *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (NETTLETON).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 2 Kings 5:1–14

A Readers Theatre Presentation

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

SERMON

RESPONDING AND SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

A Simple Song

Leonard Bernstein

Nicholas Music, Tenor soloist

Sing God a simple song:

Lauda, laude.

Make it up, as you go along;

Lauda, laude.

Sing, like you like to sing.

I will sing the Lord a new song.
To praise him, to bless
him, to bless the Lord.
I will sing his praises, while I live
All of my days.

Blessed is the one who loves the Lord,
Blessed is the one who praises him.
Lauda, lauda, laude.
And walks in his way.

I will lift up my eyes,
To the hills from whence comes my help.
I will lift my voice to the Lord,
Singing lauda, laude.

For the Lord, is my shade,
Is the shade upon my right
hand.
And the sun shall not smite me
by day,
For the Lord my knight.
Blessed is the one who loves
the Lord,
Lauda, lauda, laude.
And walks in his name.

Lauda, lauda, laude.
Lauda, lauda, di da di de-eh-eh
All of my days.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please refer to the Communion Card.

Communion Music

SENDING

*** HYMN 295**

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

*** 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