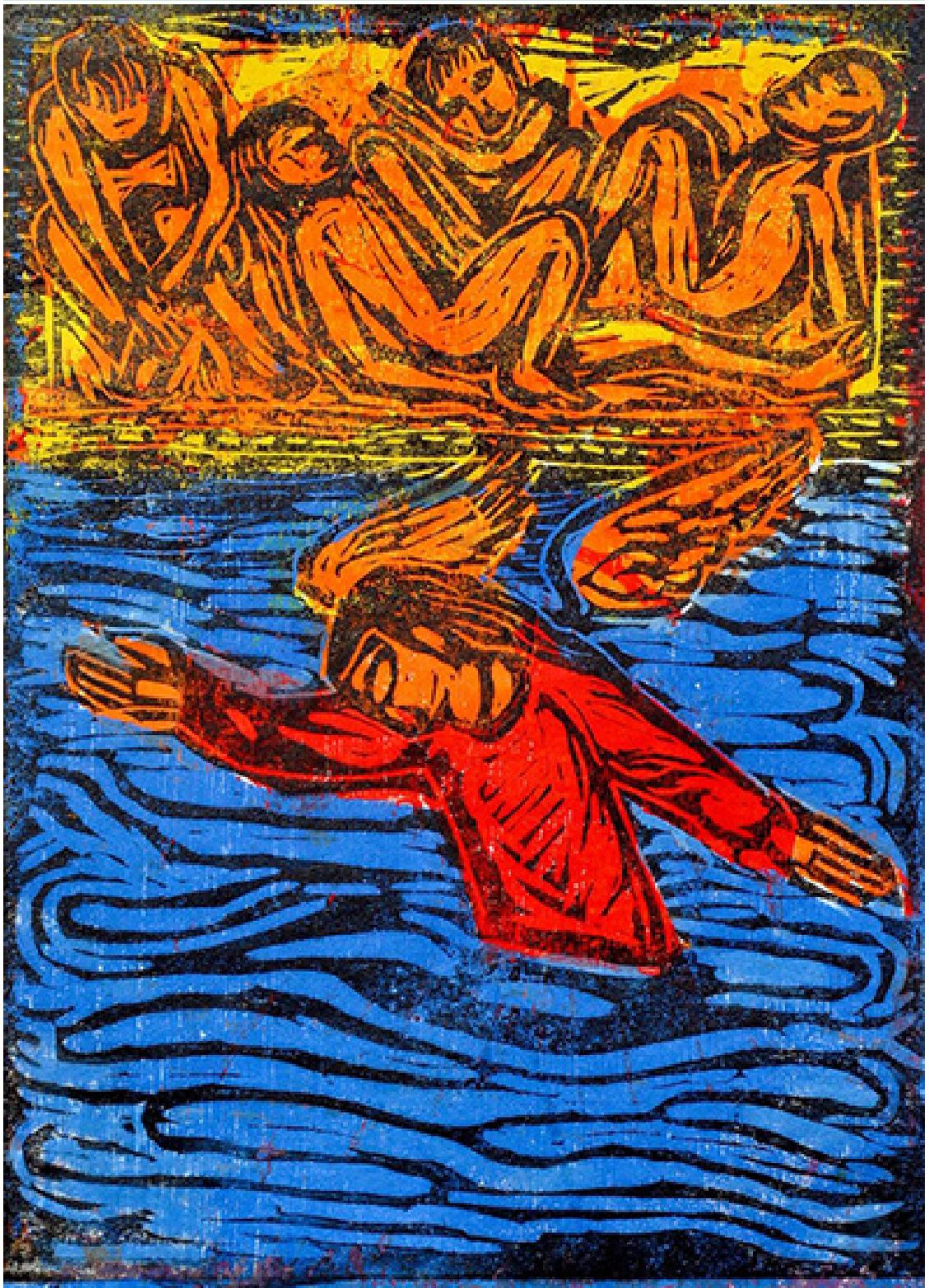


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 3, 2022 • 9:30 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.

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.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Prelude on "Chester"* Colonial American Tune

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.

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...

SILENT PRAYER

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.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

Comfortable in Your Own Skin

"My whole life, I've wanted to feel comfortable in my skin. It's the most liberating thing in the world." – Drew Barrymore

This week's *Growing in God's Love Bible story*, *Elisha the Healer*, is found on page 140.

The Readers Theatre Presentation for 2 Kings 5:1–14 was written by Rev. Jay Sanderford in 1988.

RESPONDING AND SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

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 here:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/YM88/home>
or give via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523) ... use the Vanco Mobile app ... put a check in the mail ... or scan the QR code below.



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.

God loves all simple things.

For God, is the simplest of all.

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

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.
 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

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion

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!**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fanfare* Kenneth Leighton

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.

Please come forward to receive the elements and return to your seat before partaking. The wafers are gluten-free. Those who prefer not to come forward will be served in place.

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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 the Sanctuary (or 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 with us via YouTube, Facebook, or radio, please sign the pad on our website.

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

Worship Leaders: Welcome – Hannah Lundberg; Liturgists – Mark Mares, Megan Berry, and Jay Sanderford; Scripture Readers – Barbara Eichmuller, Mark Mares, and Hannah Lundberg; Children's Message – Beca Torres-Davenport; Preacher – Jay Sanderford; Soloist – Nicholas Music, Tenor; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Ushers – Joe Schmidt (captain), Pam Ehrhart, Beth Gerwig, and Greta Krapohl

Chancel Choir is on recess until late August. During this time, soloists will provide musical leadership. We thank Chancel Choir members for their ongoing musical leadership throughout the program year. Please consider joining the choir on their retreat on Friday and Saturday, August 26–27, here at the church. If you are interested in joining Chancel Choir (High School – Adults), contact Dave VanderMeer, Minister of Music & Fine Arts (dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org).

Chancel flowers are given in Glory to God and in thanksgiving for Chancel Choir, Dave VanderMeer, and David Hufford for a glory-filled year of excellent musical leadership in worship.

A rosebud celebrates the birth of Ruth Louise Gandert on May 18, 2022. Parents are Katherine and Cory Gandert. Grandparents are Amy and Jason Lindauer.

A rosebud celebrates the birth of Clara Anne Ewels Sawtell on June 14, 2022. Parents are Charlotte and Reid Sawtell. Grandparents are Bobbie Ewels and Jim Anderson.

Prayer team volunteers are available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. "Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." – Max Lucado

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

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 those Sundays! There are fast-track opportunities on July 10 (**NEXT SUNDAY**) and 24, and August 7 and 21. Speak to a Pastor or call the Church Office with questions! Come on in and join the First Pres party!

For information about children's ministry, contact Beca Torres-Davenport, Coordinator of Children's and Family Ministries at btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org.

For information about youth ministry, contact Rev. Mark Mares, Associate Pastor, at mmares@firstpresbyterian.org.

When a friend, loved one, or colleague passes away, we remember them in unique ways — it's how we process our grief. Whether it is doing something they loved, going to a favorite place of theirs, or cherishing something they owned, we find ways to lean into the unexpressed love we have for them. 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!

Hymn Sing! This summer, on two Sundays each month, the Opening Voluntary will serve as a Hymn Sing. Bring your favorite hymn suggestions to worship and we will sing together.

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, we'd love to hear your opinions! Fill out the survey here: <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/w12n5nt51mfhbm0/>.

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.

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. On July 16, we will serve pizza and drinks after the service for a cash donation per person (suggested \$4/pp). Please join us and enjoy food and fellowship together!

All men of the church are invited to join Rev. Sanderford on a Scottish Walking Pilgrimage. There are two openings for this West Highland Way Pilgrimage October 2–14. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Sanderford at jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org.

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. Jay 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.

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Resident Minister (In Memoriam)



EMERGE

SUMMER 2022

emerge:

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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