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**16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 • 8:00 A.M.**



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OF HOPE



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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      *Bagatelle No. 1, Op. 119*      Ludwig van Beethoven

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION      *Annual Giving*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you summon the day to dawn,  
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**Great is your name!**

**Great is love!**

For you, the valleys shall sing for joy,  
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

**Great is your name!**

**Great is love!**

For you, the monarchs of the earth shall bow,  
the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

**Great is your name!**

**Great is love!**

Your love and mercy shall last forever,  
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

**Great is your name!**

**Great is love!**

\* HYMN 385      *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*      OLD HUNDREDDTH

CALL TO CONFESSION

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



### **Our September donations and financial contributions support Food Gatherers.**

Non-perishable food may be placed in the baskets provided in the Welcome Center on Sundays, Mondays–Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon. Financial gifts may be made by check or online. Donations will be coordinated by T2A2/Young Adult group.

**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 and meal ministries, children, youth, and family ministries, and programs that lift our neighbors out of poverty. For information, visit our Local Community Mission website, or contact Rev. Jay Sanderford at [jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org).

**Help pack hygiene kits!** On October 2, as our First Sunday Faith Formation Event, we are packing hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. These kits are sent out to places that have been hit by natural disasters or are otherwise in a time of crisis. Our goal is to pack 65 hygiene kits together. If you would like to donate supplies, please bring your donations to the Welcome Center by Monday, September 26. The following items are requested:

- hand towels (approximately 16" x 28", no fingertip or bath towels)
- washcloths
- wide-tooth combs
- nail clippers
- bars of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- toothbrushes (in original packaging)
- Band-Aids® or other adhesive bandage strips (packages of 10)

More information about Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the packing kits they accept may be found at <https://pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/>.

**Sign up to Meet Dave! this fall.** We are asking folks who have not already attended to sign up for one of the fall *Meet Dave!* opportunities to be held in homes. You may register at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45a4ac283-meet1>

**T2A2 is the young adult (20s & 30s) of First Presbyterian Church.** Interested in getting involved? Contact Hannah Lundberg at [hundberg@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:hundberg@firstpresbyterian.org) for more details.

**Tell Me More about This Church!** Sunday, October 2, 11am to noon, in the Vance Room. This is a time to gather with Rev. Dave Prentice-Hyers and other staff, a time for open conversation about who we are, where we've been, where we are headed, and our vision for getting there. This session is specifically geared toward those exploring a connection with First Pres. Ask me anything!

**The church building will be closed** Friday afternoon, October 7, from noon to 5 pm for staff training.

**Annual Giving.** The coming six weeks will celebrate the vibrancy of our church and the incredible gifts that each one of us brings to our community. From late September through October, you will hear stories of how your financial contributions form a mosaic of hope at First Pres. Out of the gifts of a variety of individual members, friends and families, God is at work, creating a colorful mosaic portrait of our congregation in action. Each commitment allows us to carry out our mission as an inclusive and diverse faith community with confidence, knowing that as we come together, we will deepen our faith and expand the impact of our worship, Christian education and community care. As part of the First Pres community, you are invited to make a generous pledge commitment to our church out of your financial resources and individual talents. Your 2023 Mosaic of Hope Annual Giving packet will arrive soon in the mail or, if you requested, through email. The costs of ministry are increasing; we all know the impact of inflation. Please consider increasing your pledge or contribution for 2023, remembering that every amount helps. Please fill out both the pledge and opportunity to serve forms and return via email, online, mail or drop them in the offering plate on Sunday. After you make your pledge or commitment, you are invited to place an individual tile on the large Mosaic of Hope display in the Sanctuary. Please contact Anna Miller, First Pres Finance Manager, with questions, 734-662-4466.

**The Ann Arbor Marathon is set for next Sunday morning, October 2.** Various streets in and around downtown Ann Arbor will be closed. Church, 5th Street, and State Street along with the intersections with Packard and Hill will be closed from 3 am until 2 pm. Access to First Pres from Washtenaw Avenue, Huron Street, and the east will be maintained. Please plan your route to First Pres to avoid these street closures.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ.

We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.

We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do...

## SILENT PRAYER

### KYRIE

Ukraine

Lord \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

Lord \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy on \_\_\_\_\_ us.

## 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."*

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 100  
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 16:1–31  
The grass withers, the flower fades;  
**The word of the Lord endures forever.**

**SERMON** *The Sermon on the Mount*

## RESPONDING AND SEALING

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

**Offertory** *Sonata Op. 27, No. 2, II. Allegretto* Ludwig van Beethoven

\* **Doxology** OLD HUNDRETH  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**  
**Praise God, all creatures here below.**  
**Praise God above ye heavenly host.**  
**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** Please refer to the Communion Card.

**Communion Music** *Bagatelle No. 4, Op. 119* Ludwig van Beethoven

### SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

**We are glad you are here! Please sign our Friendship Pad.** If you are a guest with us, please wear a rose window button so that we can reach out to you with a fuller welcome.

**On behalf of the Session, today we ordain and install Penny Papadopoulos to complete an unexpired term in the Session Class of 2022.**

In Baptism each Christian is called to ministry in Christ's name. God calls some persons from the midst of congregations to fulfill particular functions, so that the ministry of the whole people of God may flourish. In ordination the church sets apart with prayer and the laying on of hands those who have been called by God through the voice of the church to serve as deacons, ruling elders, and ministers of Word and Sacrament. In installation the church sets in place with prayer those who have been (previously) ordained as deacons, ruling elders, and ministers of Word and Sacrament, and are now called anew to service in that ministry. In commissioning the church recognizes other forms of ministry in the church: ruling elders commissioned to limited pastoral service, certified Christian educators, and persons certified to other forms of service.

(Directory for Worship, W-4.0401)

Occasions of ordination and installation have to do more with the ministry of the whole church than with any individual. Those ordained and installed to ordered ministry fulfill a particular role in the larger ministry of the church.

**Worship Leaders:** Liturgist – Mark Mares; Lector – Bob Orr; Preacher – Dave Prentice-Hyers; Pianist – Josh Marzan; Communion Servers – Cheryl and Ron Gulbranson; Usher – Brian Rubel

**The Call to Worship** is from *Spill the Beans*. **The Prayer of Confession** was written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good."

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**Visit our latest art installation of sculptures by FPC member, Malcolm Powers.** The exhibit is now through Sunday, October 2, in the Lewis Room. Sculptures by FPC Member, Malcolm Powers. The sculptures are available for purchase. Prices available upon request.

**Fast-Track to membership today!** Meet with a pastor and two elders in the office of Rev. Prentice-Hyers at 11 am. 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. 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! Can't be here in person? Join us via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87346497327>.



**Our commissioned stewardship hymn, *When a Single Word Is Spoken*, is by Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle. Dr. Bringle, Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies and Coordinator of Integrated Studies Major at Brevard College, will be honored by The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada (THS) at its Annual Conference in July 2020. This award is the highest honor given by the organization and is being conferred because of Dr. Bringle's work as a hymn writer, translator, educator, scholar, hymnal committee chair, and for her service to The Hymn Society. A professor at heart, a published author and a theologian by training, Dr. Bringle became an award-winning hymn writer whose original texts and translations appear in hymnals around the world. Dr. Bringle was the Chair of the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song (PCOCS) our current PC(USA) hymnal: *Glory to God*.**

## OPENING STATEMENT

### CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

**I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

**I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

**I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

**I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

**I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

**I do.**

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

**I will.**

## QUESTION TO ELDERS

Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**I will.**

## QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept Penny Papadopoulos as an elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Do we agree to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

**We do.**

## PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

## DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

## SENDING

\* **HYMN** (*see next page*)

*When a Single Word Is Spoken*

NETTLETON

\* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

*Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Bagatelle No. 6, Op. 119*

Ludwig van Beethoven

*When a Single Word Is Spoken*

NETTLETON

1. When a sin - gle word is spo - ken or a sin - gle voice is  
2. When a sin - gle mite is ten - dered in re - sponse to grace out -  
3. When a sin - gle hope is ven - tured or a sin - gle dream is  
4. Praise to God, Mo - sa - ic Mak - er; praise to Christ, cre - a - tive

raised, it can spur a shout of pro - test, or in - spire an act of  
poured, joy and glad - ness greet such giv - ing in the house - hold of the  
dared, we ad - vance a bright - er vis - ion in a world prone to de -  
Word; praise to Wis - dom's rous - ing Spir - it, by whose breath our lives are

praise. Then, as oth - ers join the chor - us, lend - ing voice - es to the  
Lord. And as each new pledge is of - fered, how the reach of mer - cy  
spair. Bits of cour - age build en - dur - ance, strength for bod - y, mind, and  
stirred. All our rain - bow shapes and col - ors spring from your ex - pan - sive

throng, O how great is our thanks - giv - ing as we fill God's courts with song!  
grows, spread - ing wide to serve our neigh - bors as God's good - ness o - ver - flows.  
soul, as God joins the shards we prof - fer in - to one mo - sa - ic whole.  
art. Ho - ly Pat - tern, take and seal us in the wel - come of your heart.