

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 • 9:30 A.M.



MOSAIC

✦✦ OF HOPE ✦✦

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.

Soaring overhead in our sanctuary is a brilliantly hued representation of the prayers of the people.

Each flash of color is an origami crane. And inside each bird is written the name of a church member who was prayed for as the bird was folded. Yet the focus of this artwork is larger than any individual or congregation. The work – made up of over 3500 cranes – also marks International Day of Peace, September 21. On this date, people around the globe are encouraged to participate in acts of peace.

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."

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Variations of the Doxology*
Sanctus Ringers

Sondra K. Tucker

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

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 HUNDREDTH

CALL TO CONFESSION

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.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 16:19–31

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

SERMON

The Sermon on the Amount

This week's Growing in God's Love Bible story, *Two Sons and Their Father*, is found on page 218.

The musical transition following the first scripture reading invites all ages to be active participants while signaling to children an important moment in worship focused towards them. We will start with *Halle, Halle*, a familiar song to many! Please join in singing as the children come forward for *A Conversation with Young Disciples*.

Worship LAB is a place where children explore the flow of worship through multi-sensory experiences. This week we will be making bread for communion. Children age 5 through 5th grade are invited to join in Worship LAB each week.

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*.

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.



RESPONDING

* HYMN

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 voic - 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

through, 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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord (Psalm 100)*

William Mathias

Chancel Choir

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
 Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before God's presence with singing.
 Know ye that the Lord is our God;
 'Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
 Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before God's presence with singing.
 Know ye that the Lord is our God;
 'tis the Lord that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
 We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.
 Enter into the gates with thanksgiving, and into the courts with praise;
 Be thankful unto the Lord, and bless God's name.
 For the Lord is good, whose mercy is everlasting;
 And whose truth endureth to all generations. Amen.

* **Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* **Prayer of Dedication**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SENDING

* **HYMN 712** *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought* FOREST GREEN

COMMISSIONING OF PILGRIMS TO SCOTLAND

Al Beery, Megan Berry, Tom Brandt, Daniel Ervin, Nancy Fox, David Kershaw, Roland Kibler, Betsy McCann, Hank McQueen, Dan Mitas, Gary Oliver, Jay Sanderford, Bill Upton, and Julie Wheaton

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Trumpet Tune in G* David Johnson

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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 in a basket. Wearing this button 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.

Worship Leaders: Welcome – Mark Mares; Faith in Action – Christian Vercler and Kate Kraft; Liturgists – Melissa Anne Rogers and Jay Sanderford; Lector – Haley Brown; Children's Message – Hannah Lundberg; Preacher – Dave Prentice-Hyers; Chancel Choir; Sanctus Ringers; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Ushers – Paul Smith (captain), Carol Smith, Beth Gerwig, Angela Yang, Ken, Ali, and Ava Westfall, and Holly, Aidan, and Chloe Majorprice; Greeters – Macy and Will Jermyn

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Dave and Pat Clyde on their anniversary by their family.

Prayer team volunteers are available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. Prayer team volunteers are Carol Fletcher and Nancy Oliver. "Prayer humbles us as needy and exalts God as wealthy." – John Piper

Faith Formation Opportunities Today

Children's Choir Rehearsal	Lemon Chapel	10:45–11:15 am
Classes for Youth and Adults		11–11:50 am
Youth	Youth Room	
Exploring the Faith	Monteith Hall	
	<i>White Christian Nationalism, a conversation with Jay Sanderford presiding about the book Jesus and John Wayne by Kristin Kobes Du Mez.</i>	
First Friends	Lewis Room	
	<i>Resident Rev. Hannah Lundberg will share her faith journey.</i>	
The Bible at 11 o'clock.	Curtis Room	
	<i>The class will read and discuss 2 Corinthians this Fall.</i>	
Classes for Children	Levels 1 and 3	11:15–11:50 am
Youth Group	Youth Room	6 pm
T2A2 Young Adult Group		7 pm
UKirk@UMich College Ministry		7:30 pm

Welcome, College Students! Our college community, UKirk@UMich, meets on Sunday nights at 7:30 pm, here at First Pres. We welcome undergraduates from any school for weekly discussion, community, grounding rituals, and dessert! Contact Hannah Lundberg at campus@firstpresbyterian.org for more information, and follow us on Instagram @UKirkUMich for regular updates.

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.

Join us for a time of fellowship immediately following the Closing Voluntary. The location will be announced as it will depend on the weather.

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>.

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, you can find the list here: <https://pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/>. Please bring your supplies to the Welcome Center by Monday, September 26.

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.

Next Sunday, bags of Fair Trade coffee will be for sale in the Social Hall during Fellowship time. It's good coffee for a good cause! Fair Trade coffee is better for farmers, better for the environment, and better for those who appreciate high-quality, organically grown coffee. Fair Trade is a way to keep small farmers active in the world marketplace without being at the mercy of unstable market prices. When you buy Fair Trade coffee, it means that a stable price was paid to farmers, significantly higher than the fluctuating market price. Long-term trading relationships mean income that farmers can count on, year after year. This sustainable and alternative trading model helps producers make a viable living and stay on their own land while advancing economic, social, and environmental goals. First Pres has served Fair Trade coffee at all of our functions for more than five years, and we can do that because YOU purchase bags of Fair Trade coffee to enjoy at home. Join us in this mission of promoting social justice, environmental sustainability, and fair trading relationships by purchasing a bag of coffee during Social Hour on the first Sunday of each month. On a day you are fed at the table, help put food on the table for others while we commune together with coffee!

Journeys Bible Study. This women's study group meets on the first and third Thursday of the month, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, in the Curtis Room. We check-in the first half hour with our bagged lunches from home. This fall we are reading selected passages from the Gospel of Luke, with a particular focus on the role of women and the poor. We'll share in conversation and community, facilitated by Resident Minister Hannah Lundberg. All meetings are hybrid. More details? Contact [Beth Gerwig bgerwig@comcast.net](mailto:Beth.Gerwig@comcast.net) or (734) 412-5258.

Please contact the Church Office to:

- order a First Pres name tag (\$9)
- request a baptism
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information
- let us know if you are hospitalized
- apply for a security device/fob (\$10)
- purchase a bag of Fair Trade coffee (\$12) for use at home to support the PC(USA) Coffee Project
- sign up to sponsor Chancel flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. Cost is \$75. **Numerous dates are available.** This is a gift that keeps on giving. Not only do the flowers provide beauty for our worship and recognition of those whom we love and admire, they also bring joy to four recipients of smaller bouquets created from the Chancel flowers and delivered on Sunday afternoon.

Pastoral & Program Staff

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Parish Nurse

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