



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
Ann Arbor | Michigan

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 2, 2023
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP



"A Space of Welcome"
Jan Richardson

Please speak with an usher if you would like to use a **large-print bulletin** to follow the service.

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July 2, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.

* Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on UNION SEMINARY

Gerre Hancock

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME *and* LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us sing to the Lord!

Our God has dealt bountifully with us.

The night was dark, and God's face seemed hidden.

In sorrow and pain, we cried out to God.

Still we trusted in God's steadfast love,

And now our hearts rejoice in God's salvation!

* HYMN 340

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Providence, your faithfulness is from everlasting to everlasting, but we fail to trust. You hold all creation in the palm of your hand, but we take our lives into our own hands more often than we would like to admit. When we trust ourselves more than your grace, forgive us. When we get caught up in our own strivings, relieve us. When we think the world rests on our shoulders, remind us. Call us back to your way. Teach us to turn our lives over to your gracious care...

SILENCE

KYRIE

Pardini

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

The **Call to Worship** is based on Psalm 13.

The **Prayer of Confession** is from Presbyterian Outlook.

**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.**

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 22:1-14

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:40-42

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

SERMON

RESPONDING *and* SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Whoever Welcomes You Welcomes Me Larry E. Schultz
Heidi Hess-Willis, Nick Music, Brandon LePage

Where will we find you, Christ, who is coming?
Where will we welcome you? Where will you be?
Will you be feasting with friends at a banquet,
Or will you hunger alone in the street?
Where will we find you?

What will you look like, Christ, who is coming?
What will we recognize? What will we see?
Will you be wearing the finest apparel,
Or will we see you in rags and in need?
What will you look like?
What will we recognize?

When will you get here, Christ, who is coming?
When will your advent be?
Will you arrive when we're least expecting,
Or with fanfare and pageantry?
When will it be?

Ways to give:

Cash/Check

Place in the offering plate or in the mail

Text-to-Give

Text the amount you would like to give to 855-904-1523

Online

<https://bit.ly/FPCvanco>

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Who will you visit, Christ, who is coming?
Who will you visit here?
Who will you see?
Will you be laughing and playing with children,
Or stay with prisoners who long to be free?
Who will you visit? Who will you visit here?

And Jesus says: Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,
So, wherever you will go, I will be.
And whatever you look like, I will look like, too;
I will speak in your words and in everything you do.
Whenever my advent is whenever my advent is whenever
You discover I am in you,
When you discover I AM in you!

* 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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and so we rejoice with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
singing the song of your unending praise.

SANCTUS

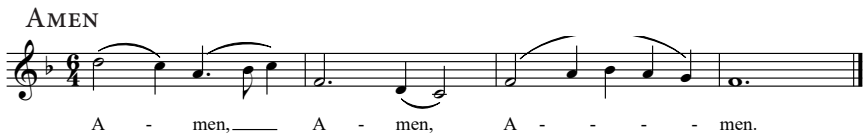
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

...as we remember Christ life and his rest in you,
as we celebrate the good news of lightened burdens,
we speak of that mystery we call faith:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



... fill our hearts with longing for your heavenly banquet,
where you will be all in all, one God, Creator, Christ, and
Spirit, for evermore. Amen.



...and now let us pray the words our Lord taught us praying,
**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 529 *Draw Un in the Spirit's Tether* UNION SEMINARY

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Felix Mendelssohn
Allegro Maestoso e Vivace, Sonata II for Organ



*The chancel flowers are given with love by the Gere family to the glory of
God and in honor of the Reverend Dr. Brewster (Budge) Gere as he
celebrates the 53rd anniversary of his ordination and his 80th birthday;
and by Catherine Kendall in honor of Meg Brown.*

*The yellow rosebud is in honor of Luka Washabaugh,
son of Pearce and Masa Washabaugh, born June 8, 2023, in Boston.
Luka's grandparents are Susan and Peter Washabaugh.*

On the first Sunday of each month we collect items for one of our local mission partners. This month we will collect **school supplies for Ozone House**. During the closing hymn, please pass to the center aisle any items that will be donated to this month's partner.

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WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

WELCOME TO FIRST PRES

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship. If you are looking for a church to grow in your faith, you are welcome here at First Pres! We look forward to personally meeting you. **Please let us know you were here** by signing the Friendship Pad in the pew, then passing it down to others.

PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by Hillegonds Chapel after the service. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are always there to assist those seeking prayer. Today's prayer partners are Ginny Rezmierski and Nancy Fox.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level.

Children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to Worship LAB — a multi-sensory worship experience just for them held during 9:30 a.m. worship. Children are dismissed after the Conversation with Young Disciples and return to the Sanctuary before the worship service concludes. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Mark Mares

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers

Rev. Jay Sanderford

Shayla Powell

Lector

Rob Meyer-Kukan

Musicians

Heidi Hess-Willis, alto

Nick Music, tenor

Brandon LePage, flute

Organist

David Hufford

Minister of Music & Fine Arts

David VanderMeer

Ushers

Joe Schmidt, Captain

Marolin Bellefleur

Nancy Fox

Finlay Hyers

Tom Layher

Greeters

Gail Grady

Ginny Rezmierski

NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP

Sunday Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for ways to get involved this summer and lend a hand on Sunday mornings? We'd love your help! Whether you're a friendly face who loves to welcome people, a detail-oriented person who enjoys preparing the sanctuary for worship, or a baker who can whip up some delicious cookies for coffee hour, we have a spot for you. Even if you're not sure where you'd like to help out, we'd be grateful for anyone who can assist with setting up coffee hour or ushering. No experience necessary. If you have any questions or want to sign up, reach out to Rev. Rogers at mr Rogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

Jazz Vespers

Saturday, July 8

5:00 p.m. | Front Lawn

Experience the unique blend of traditional evening vespers and the soulful sounds of jazz with the Paul Keller Jazz Quintet. Delight in free pizza from Hello Faz Pizza and the musical improvisation of the quintet as you bask in the serene atmosphere of the evening. Come and join us on Saturday, July 8, at 5:00 p.m. for an unforgettable evening of music and worship.

Labyrinth Walk

Monday, July 10 | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 12 | 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

7654 W Ellsworth Rd.

Join us for a peaceful and reflective experience this summer! We invite you to walk the labyrinth on July 10 between 5:00-7:00 pm or August 12 between 10:00 am and noon at Kurt and Kathy Hillig's residence (7654 W Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor, 48103). The labyrinth is a unique and ancient tool for meditation that involves walking a winding path from the outer edge to the center. It has been used for centuries across the globe to promote mental clarity, reduce stress, and enhance creativity. By taking a moment to walk the labyrinth, you can quiet your mind, gain insight, and reflect on your inner self. This is an opportunity to find balance in your life and discover a renewed sense of calm.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Music and Fine Arts Summer Camp

July 31 - August 4

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Rising 2nd through rising 9th graders will have fun learning the upbeat and lively musical, "Oh, Jonah!" In addition, campers will enjoy handbells, crafts, games, Bible stories, and much more. The cost is \$25 per camper. **Register by July 17 at firstpresbyterian.org.**

YOUTH & FAMILIES

Art Fair Volunteers!

July 20-22

Help us support our youth ministry by parking at the church and volunteering! The money we raise helps support our youth ministry and youth mission work. We're grateful for your time, energy, and any donations you might share. Please contact Pastor Mark (mmares@fpca2.org) if you're interested in helping out!

MISSION

School Supplies for Ozone House

In the month of July, we will be collecting school supplies for Ozone House, our local mission partner. Ozone House is dedicated to helping runaway, homeless, and high-risk youth and their families by providing housing and support programs. We would love for you to join us in making a difference in these young people's lives. Donations will be accepted during worship on Communion Sunday, July 2, and at the Welcome Center throughout the month of July.

GOVERNANCE

Church Officer Nominations

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Elder, Deacon, and Nominating Committee for 2024. Nominees must be active members and have made a financial commitment. Elder and Deacon job descriptions and an online nomination form are found at firstpresbyterian.org.

