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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 23, 2023  
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP



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## EIGHTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

July 23, 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

Felix Mendelssohn

*Allegro con brio, Sonata IV for Organ, Op. 65*

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME *and* LIFE IN THE CHURCH

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of God transforms our minds and hearts.

**She stretches our imagination and expands our notions of possibility.**

With hope, She urges us toward futures yet perceived.

**Creation groans, awaiting collective freedom.**

Redemption is coming. God will birth new worlds among us.

**Through faith, we labor for renewal and restoration.**

Come, Holy Spirit, and ready us for the Kin-dom to come.

\* HYMN 403

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

UNSER HERRSCHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of love, we confess that we have tried to put limits on your grace. We have sometimes doubted who you would love, who you would accept. We have sometimes doubted that you fully love us. We have sometimes doubted how you call us to love others. Forgive us, and call us toward something greater. Help us to meet the world as you meet it, with grace and gentleness. Help us to meet ourselves with kindness and understanding. Lift our eyes to the heavens, and help us to witness you here among us....**

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."*

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

AUSTRIAN HYMN

**See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows, their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, so like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age.**

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139

HYFRYDOL

Setting by Michael Morgan

**You, O Lord, have searched and known me,  
When I rest, and when I rise;  
Not a single thought I cherish  
Is kept secret from Your eyes.  
Ev'ry word my lips would murmur  
Needs no speech to make it known;  
All I do, ere it be started,  
Is as done to You alone.**

**Whither shall I flee Your Spirit?  
From Your presence, vanish where?  
Heights of heaven, darkest shadows  
Hide me not, for You are there.  
If I take the wings of morning,  
and in earth's far corner stand;  
Even there Your love will find me,  
Hold me fast within Your hand.**

**In the brilliance of Your glory,  
Darkest night is bright as day;  
Shadows flee the path before me,  
When Your wisdom lights my way.  
You who knit my parts together,  
Knew my life before my birth,  
See my faults, esteems my promise  
Far beyond my feeble worth.**

Lord, how precious is Your favor  
 Shown in such goodwill to me:  
 To the godless in their rancor,  
 Let me Your confessor be.  
 Search, O Lord, my heart's ambitions,  
 Thoughts my mouth would dare not say;  
 Judge with mercy, and preserve me  
 In the everlasting way.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.

CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Please join in singing as the children come forward.*

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Hallelujah, Hallelujah!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28:10-19

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

SERMON

RESPONDING

\* HYMN 686 *God of Our Life* SANDON

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Psalm 139* Allen Pote

Choral Ensemble

Lord, you have searched me and known me,  
 You know everything I do.  
 When I rise up, when I lie down,  
 you are with me through and through.  
 Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say,  
 Your presence follows me day by day.  
 Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to run away?  
 If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there.  
 Search me, O God, and know me, try me, and know my heart.  
 See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way  
 everlasting. Amen.

\* 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

**Worship LAB** is  
 a place where  
 children explore  
 the flow of worship  
 through multi-  
 sensory experiences.  
 Children ages 5  
 through 5th grade  
 are invited to join in  
 Worship Lab each  
 week.

**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

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<https://bit.ly/FPCvanco>

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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 302 *When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace* O WALY WALY

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Fugue on AUSTRIA*

Thomas M. Kuras



*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Charlene VanderMeer and Nancy Ireland, mothers of Dave VanderMeer  
and Brent Ivey, who shared the same birthday on July 23.*

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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.

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### FAST TRACK TO MEMBERSHIP

Our Fast Track session meets in the Pastor's Study from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. for those who desire to learn more about First Pres and join the church. For more information, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org)

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### 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 partner is Carol Gottliebse.

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### CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

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. Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level during the worship service. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

Rev. Mark Mares

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers

Rev. Jay Sanderford

*Lector*

Cyndy Colton

*Musicians*

Choral Ensemble

*Organist*

David Hufford

*Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

David VanderMeer

*Ushers*

Joe Schimdt, Captain

Mary Schudel

Paul Schudel

Angela Yang

*Greeters*

Bill Black

Nikki Black

Gail Grady

## NEWS & EVENTS

### WORSHIP

#### **Labyrinth Walk**

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 August 12 between 10:00 am and noon at Kurt and Kathy Hillig's residence (7654 W Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor, 48103). 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

**Summer Camp Coolers**

Coolers are needed for the Music & Fine Arts Camp the week of July 30 - Aug. 6. If you are willing to loan us a cooler for the week, please contact Linda Robinson at [lrobinson@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:lrobinson@firstpresbyterian.org).

**Children & Family BBQ**

TODAY! Sunday, July 23

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The Children & Family Ministry invites you and your family to attend a summer Family BBQ. It's a potluck-style event, with the main course provided and each family contributing a side dish to share. All are welcome! Please note the date change to Sunday, July 23. Sign up online and let us know you are coming, [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

**Join Our Team**

We are seeking a part-time (20 hrs/week) Coordinator of Children and Family Ministries. The Coordinator provides faith formation leadership, training, coordination, and support for children (birth through fifth grade), families, and volunteers. If you or someone you know is interested, apply online at [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

MISSION

**School Supplies for Ozone House**

We are 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. Donations will be accepted at the Welcome Center throughout the month of July.

School Supplies

- Backpacks for all ages (especially for older students)
- 2 Pocket Folders
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Spiral notebooks
- Black & Blue Pens
- Red Pens
- Mechanical Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Washable Markers
- Scissors (Blunt & Pointed)
- Pencil Boxes
- Pencil Bags/pouches
- 1” Binders
- Calculators and Scientific Calculators (gently used is acceptable)

Hygiene Products

- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Men's and Women's Deodorant
- Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- Liquid body wash
- Lotion
- Lip Balm
- Hand Sanitizer (individual size)

Clothing

- Socks –ALL SIZES (toddler - adult)
- Underwear – children and adult sizes (especially boys and men's sizes)
- Girls and boys clothing ranging from 2T through 2xl adults

Additional Items

- Gift Cards – (\$25-\$50 to Kroger, Meijer, Walmart preferred)
- Ziploc plastic bags (quart & gallon)

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. To submit a nomination, visit [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org). or complete a nomination form found in the Welcome Center.

