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



“The Unity of God and the Son”  
Anneke Kaai

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

### GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Hymn Sing*

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME *and* LIFE IN THE CHURCH

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

May the flame of the Spirit touch our souls  
**May the light of Christ's truth fill our minds.**

May the love of the Maker fill our hearts  
**as we worship together this day. Amen.**

\* HYMN 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

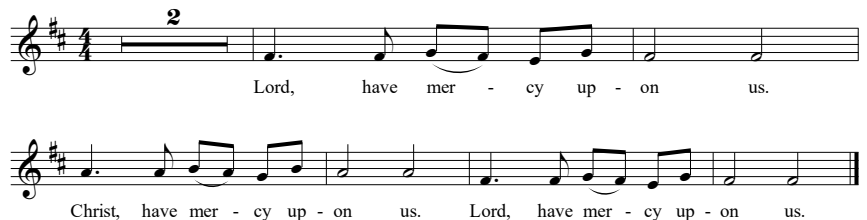
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You send us, God of promise and strength, but we hedge and  
hesitate. Forgive our fear and our reticence. We are witnesses  
of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise.  
We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine  
your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Cut loose our hope  
and praise. Help us be whom you create us to be...**

SILENCE

KYRIE

Lee Afdahl



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

Paul M. Vasile

Glo - ry to God, \_\_\_\_\_ whose good - ness shines on me, and to the  
World with - out end, \_\_\_\_\_ with - out end, A - men. World with - out

Son, \_\_\_\_\_ whose grace has par - doned me, and to the  
end, \_\_\_\_\_ with - out end, A - men. World with - out

Spir - it, \_\_\_\_\_ whose love has set me free. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is  
end, \_\_\_\_\_ with - out end, A - men. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now and ev - er shall be. A - men.  
now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

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 11:16-19, 25-30

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

SERMON

RESPONDING

\* HYMN 795

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

HEALER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

G.F. Handel

*He Shall Feed His Flock and Come unto Me from Messiah*  
Heidi Hess-Willis, alto and Shayla Powell, soprano

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,  
and He shall gather the lambs with His arm,  
and carry them in His bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with young.

**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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Come unto Him, all ye that labor,  
Come unto Him, ye that are heavy laden,  
And He will give rest.  
Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him,  
For He is meek and lowly of heart,  
And ye shall find rest unto your souls.

\* DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

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 182

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

KINGSFOLD

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Minuet from Berenice*

G.F. Handel



*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of  
our Board of Deacons, led by co-moderators Michele Madden and  
Anne Andrus. For their ministries of sympathy, witness, and service, our  
congregation says thank you!*

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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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## 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 Nancy Fox.

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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. David Prentice-Hyers  
Rev. Hannah Lundberg  
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers

*Lector*  
Sandy Talbott

*Musicians*  
Heidi Hess-Willis, alto  
Shayla Powell, soprano

*Organist*  
David Hufford

*Minister of Music & Fine Arts*  
David VanderMeer

*Ushers*  
Joe Schmidt, Captain  
Marolin Bellefleur  
Nancy Fox  
Angela Yang

*Greeters*  
Gail Grady  
Bonnie Hughes  
Melody Ku

## 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 [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

#### **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). 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](http://firstpresbyterian.org).**

#### **Children & Family BBQ**

Saturday, July 22

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! Join us this Saturday, July 22. Sign up online and let us know you are coming, [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

### 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](http://firstpresbyterian.org).