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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 18, 2023
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP



“The Hospitality of Abraham”
by Father Marko Rupnik

Cover: Mosaic based on Genesis 18:1-15 by Fr. Marko Rupnik, National Shrine of Pope St. John Paul II, Washington D.C.

The mosaic depicts the story of when three angels came to Abraham and Sarah at the Oak of Mamre. Tradition holds that the Holy Trinity was prefigured and revealed. So, the Father is on the left and has his face veiled; he is the unseen God. The Son's face is seen, and he reveals the Father; and the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, walks alongside men and women in the Pilgrimage of life.

The **Call to Worship** is adapted from material created by Joanna Harader and posted on Spacious Faith.

Prayer of Confession
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Liturgy written by Stephanie Sorge.

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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

Prelude on REPTON

Robert J. Powell

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME *and* LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

As Abraham welcomed the strangers
So God welcomes us.

God greets us with joy
and says, "rest here for awhile."

God brings out water to wash our dusty feet.
God prepares a meal to nourish our weary spirits.

So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God.
**Let us rest in this holy place
where there is shade and water, food and laughter.**

* HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you have promised liberation for your people,
and reconciliation for all of creation.**

We confess that we have grown weary of waiting.

**We have lowered our hopes, and scaled our expectations
according to the world,**

rather than believing in your steadfast Word.

We confess that we have grown comfortable in our waiting.

We cry out for justice, if it doesn't cost us too much.

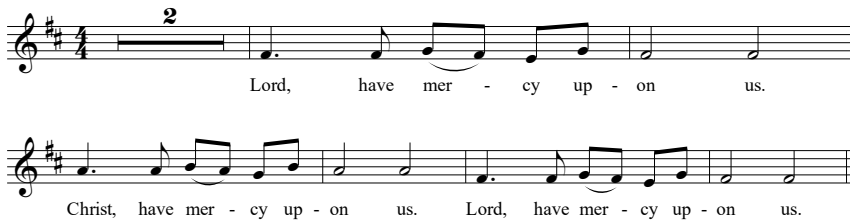
**We proclaim your liberation, as long as it doesn't impinge on
the freedoms that we value most.**

**We want to follow Jesus, healing the sick and doing good deeds,
but we don't want to be mistreated or hated.**

We don't want to stir up the dust, much less shake it from our feet.

**Forgive us, we pray. Give us words to speak your liberating
Word and endurance to persevere until your kingdom comes.**

SILENCE



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Adapted from Romans 5:8

God proves his love for us in that
while we still were sinners Christ died for us.
Hear then Christ's word of grace to us:

**Our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.**

* 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

ABERYSWYTH

**Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art;
freely let me take of thee.
Spring thou up within my heart.
Rise to all eternity.**

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-15

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

CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-8

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

SERMON

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.

RESPONDING

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people.

Our cries for help and our songs for praise are never for ourselves alone.

We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining in God's work.

We find guidance in God's deeds in the past and promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture.

We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.

—from A Declaration of Faith,
Presbyterian Church in the United States

* HYMN 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *It Is Well with My Soul* arr. Craig Courtney
Benton DeGroot, soloist

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea-billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
(Refrain) It is well with my soul.

My sin, O, the bliss this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, O my Soul. (Refrain)

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

* 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

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.**

Ways to give:

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

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Tomorrow is Juneteenth, commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. We remember and repent for the sins of slavery in the U.S. and for the role of Christianity in upholding racist structures. As a church, we commit to ongoing work to dismantle systems of oppression, following the example of Jesus.

SENDING

* HYMN *God Loves Us in Mysterious Ways* ST. DENIO
(see page 6)

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fanfare William Mathias

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*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of their beloved daughter, Patricia Anne Swartz,
by Jeanette and Barry Swartz; and*

*in honor of the recently commissioned Stephen Ministers:
Jim Anderson, Martha Boeve, Bobbie Ewels, Howard Deardorff, Dallas
Dort, Stacey Pakela, Ankie Schuitema, Tara Shantz.*

*The rosebuds are in honor of
Hallie Tamblyn Showalter, daughter of Annie and Zak Showalter,
granddaughter of Pat and Diane Tamblyn, born May 24, 2023;*

*Bode Reesema Blogin, born December 20, 2020
Desmond Charles Blogin, born December 20, 2020
Feyre Stefanie Blogin, born April 20, 2023
Children of Nick and Lindey Blogin, and grandchildren of
Craig and Martine Blogin.*

Throughout the month of June, during LGBTQIA+ Pride month, certain elements of worship will intentionally celebrate the diversity of gender and sexuality that is represented in God's beloved community. At FPC, we reject homophobia and transphobia, and embrace all our siblings in Christ with love.

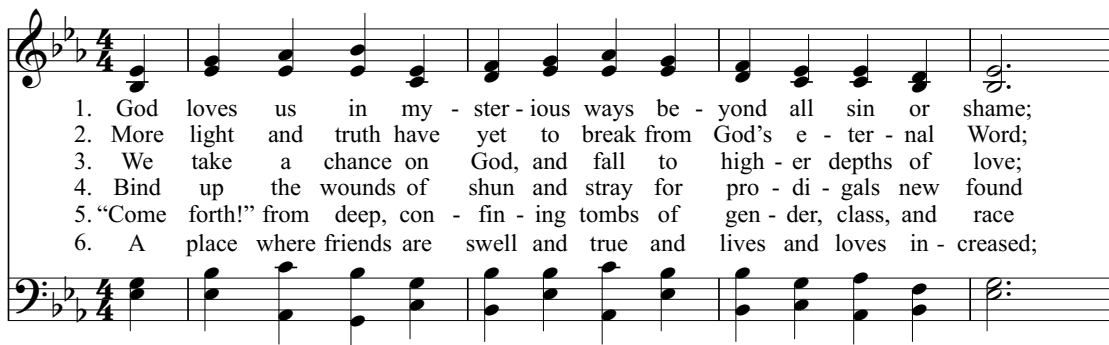
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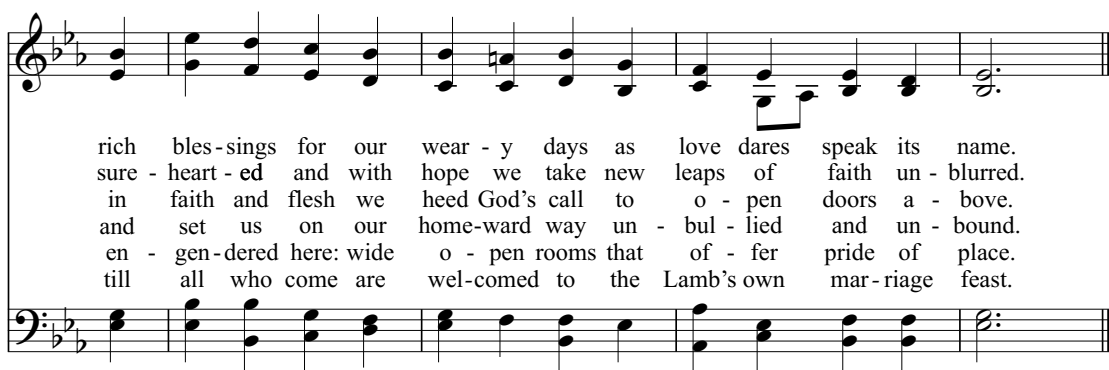
God Loves Us in Mysterious Ways

Edward Moran, 2015

DUNDEE
Scottish Psalter 1615



1. God loves us in my - ster - ious ways be - yond all sin or shame;
2. More light and truth have yet to break from God's e - ter - nal Word;
3. We take a chance on God, and fall to high - er depths of love;
4. Bind up the wounds of shun and stray for pro - di - gals new found
5. "Come forth!" from deep, con - fin - ing tombs of gen - der, class, and race
6. A place where friends are swell and true and lives and loves in - creased;



rich bles - sings for our wear - y days as love dares speak its name.
sure - heart - ed and with hope we take new leaps of faith un - blurred.
in faith and flesh we heed God's call to o - pen doors a - bove.
and set us on our home - ward way un - bul - lied and un - bound.
en - gen - dered here: wide o - pen rooms that of - fer pride of place.
till all who come are wel - comed to the Lamb's own mar - riage feast.

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 partner is Ginny Rezmierski.

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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

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| Rev. David Prentice-Hyers | <i>Lector</i> | <i>Vocalist</i> |
| Rev. Hannah Lundberg | Zora Polikoff | Benton DeGroot, baritone |
| Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers | <i>Greeters</i> | <i>Organist</i> |
| Rev. Jay Sanderford | Gail Grady | David Hufford |
| <i>Faith in Action</i> | Ginny Rezmierski | <i>Minister of Music & Fine Arts</i> |
| Ginny Rezmierski | | David VanderMeer |

*The Chancel Choir is on summer recess until August 27.
We thank them for their worship leadership throughout the program year.*

NEWS & EVENTS

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Family BBQ

Saturday, June 24

4:00 - 7:00 p.m. | 6110 Carpenter Rd

The Children & Family Ministry invites you to attend our first summer Family BBQ. These potluck-style events are a great way to bring everyone together, with the main course provided and each family contributing a side dish to share. All are welcome! Join us this Saturday, June 24, at the home of Reid and Charlotte Sawtell (6110 Carpenter Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48197). Sign up online and let us know you are coming, firstpresbyterian.org.

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 15 at firstpresbyterian.org.**

FAITH FORMATION

LGBTQIA+ Conversation Circle

Tuesday, June 20

7:00 p.m. | Monteith Hall

FPC members of the LGBTQIA+ community will gather for a time of conversation, community-building, and queer joy this Tuesday at 7 p.m. This gathering is intended specifically for members of the LGBTQIA+ community to share conversations about faith. If you wonder whether this is the group for you, are interested in future gatherings, or have any questions, contact Rev. Hannah Lundberg, hlundberg@fpca2.org

MISSION

Matthew J. Warfield Library Collection

The Dismantling Racism Committee is creating a library collection in memory of the Rev. Matthew J. Warfield, a beloved Resident Minister who passed away in 2022 while serving First Pres. To expand the collection, we are seeking book donations related to Christianity and Social Justice. For a list of requested books, stop by the information table in the Social Hall. For more information, please contact Hank McQueen at mcqueen1143@comcast.net.

School Supplies for the Philippines

June 23-24

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | 8563 Spencer Rd

Twenty-four years ago, a tropical cyclone devastated large parts of the Philippines. Thousands of homes and businesses were destroyed. In response, First Pres volunteers travelled to the Philippines to build homes, a dental clinic, improve schools and prisons, and create lasting friendships with many Filipinos. Still today, First Pres supports our partners in the Philippines by rescuing and recycling new and used books and supplies from local schools and shipping them to schools in the Philippines. You can join this international mission project by packing books and supplies for shipment to Filipino schools on June 23 and 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 8563 Spencer Rd, South Lyon, MI. Contact Ginny Rezmierski for more details, ver@umich.edu or 734-355-9188.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

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 the musical improvisation of the quintet as you bask in the serene atmosphere of the evening. Pizza from Hello Faz Pizza will be available to purchase. Come and join us on Saturday, July 8, at 5:00 p.m. for an unforgettable evening of music and worship.