

"Starry Night" by Vincent VanGogh

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This morning's organ voluntaries and music at Communion honor the Holy Trinity with a beloved trinity of compositions by J.S. Bach, his Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue in C. The Adagio section (in the relative key of A minor) contrasts with the virtuosic opening and closing movements. The Fugue, in addition, is set in a dancelike triple meter.

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

TRINITY SUNDAY

June 4, 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

Toccata in C, BWV 564a

J. S. Bach

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME and LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator, Christ, Spirit

Glory to you forever!

Speaker, Word, Breath of Life

Glory to you forever!

Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River **Glory to you forever!**

Dainhan af Duania Anta a

Rainbow of Promise, Ark of Salvation, Dove of Peace Glory to you forever!

God who was, God who is, God who is to come **Glory to you forever!**

Let us worship our Triune God, Holy Three-in-One!

* HYMN 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION

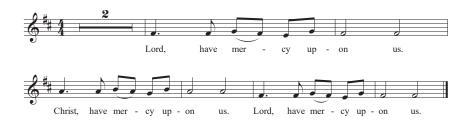
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Three-in-One, we confess that we have turned away from you. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then discard. We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but to coerce them into our ways. Forgive us and continue transforming us to seek your grace and love in this world...

SILENCE

KYRIE Lee Afdahl

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

NETTLETON

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 1

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

Matthew 28:16-20

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

OFFERTORY

RESPONDING and SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Holy, Holy, Holy Chancel Choir Nancy Hill Cobb

Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth!

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning my song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see.

Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Only thou are holy, there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

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Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!
Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

* 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!

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 gladly thank you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

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.

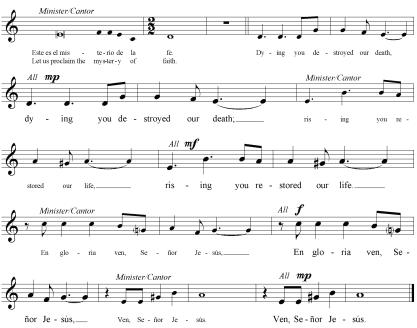


^{*} PRAYER OF DEDICATION

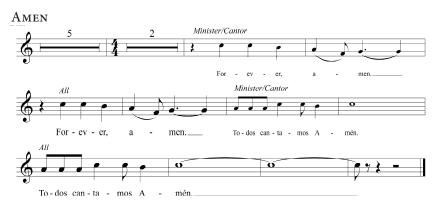


... As we celebrate the resurrection Life, As we claim the Truth that all are one with you, We take refuge in that mystery we call faith:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



...Make us living stones and build us into a house of shelter, that we may be your people, beyond our words, and that all creation, hurting and flourishing, faithful and broken, may be filled with your glory and may overflow with your praise, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, ever one God. 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 Adagio, BWV 564b

J. S. Bach

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING



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* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in C, BWV 564c

J. S. Bach

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The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lewis and Maxine Profit by Kirk Profit.

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 Martha Kershaw and Nancy Fox.

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 from 9 a.m. to noon. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Megan Berry Rev. Hannah Lundberg

Rev. Mark Mares

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers

Tableaux Participants Sandra McDonald FPC children, youth,

and families

MUSICIANS Chancel Choir

Organist
David Hufford

Conductor

David VanderMeer

PENTECOST OFFERING

Join us in supporting the Pentecost Offering of our Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Sixty percent of your gift goes to national Presbyterian ministries. The remaining 40% supports local ministries like Ozone House's Youth Day in the Park Events. First Pres will receive the Pentecost Offering through June 25. Your generosity makes a difference — for as we always say, when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. Please use the specially marked envelopes located in the pew racks.

NEWS & EVENTS

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE All-Church Picnic Sunday, June 11 11:00 a.m. | Front Lawn

Slide into Summer on Sunday, June 11, for our annual all-church picnic featuring a delicious barbecue lunch, inflatables for kids and adults, and music by the Jazz Cowboys. You'll make memories you can cherish and connect with a community of fun, friendly people. It's a great way to enjoy the season, so bring a friend and come celebrate with us! The cost is \$15 for adults, \$8 for kids; \$40 maximum per family. Registration is required, **firstpresbyterian.org.**

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 online at **firstpresbyterian.org.**

FAITH FORMATION

LGBTQIA+ Conversation Circle

FPC members of the LGBTQIA+ community will gather for a time of conversation, community-building, and queer joy at 11 a.m. in Monteith Hall. Another opportunity to gather is on June 20, at 7 p.m. (location TBD). These gatherings are intended specifically for members of the LGBTQIA+ community to share conversations about faith, but many are on a journey and might not fit comfortably in a category. 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

Mature Ministries Lunch and Learn:

Willis Patterson and the Our Own Thing Chorale

Thursday, June 8

12:00 p.m. | Social Hall

Mature Ministries is pleased to welcome Willis Patterson, founder of the Our Own Thing Chorale to the Lunch and Learn on Thursday, June 8. The Chorale was stablished in 1969 and named for its founder and director Willis C. Patterson, an Ann Arbor native and U-M Professor Emeritus. The Chorale is committed to the preservation and performance of traditional African American spirituals as well as contemporary choral compositions written and/or arranged by African American composers and musicians. The cost of lunch is \$8 per person. Register online at firstpresbyterian.org

MISSION

Bridging 23

Saturday, June 10

First Pres will participate in the "Bridging 23" Unity Walk, a fundraiser for the Dispute Resolution Center. If you are interested in walking or participating in another way, please contact Susan Whitlock, whitlock@umich.edu.

Habitat for Humanity Build

Saturday, June 10 9:00 a.m. | Ypsilanti

Join us in building a Habitat for Humanity house in Ypsilanti! First Presbyterian and the House of Faith partner churches are looking for volunteers on June 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up online at firstpresbyterian.org/events.

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 more information, please contact Hank McQueen at mcqueen1143@comcast.net.