



"Psalm 130" by Anneke Kaai

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

## FIFTH SUNDAY *in* LENT

March 26, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.

As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation.

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

### GATHERING

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**      *The Swan*      Camille Saint-Saëns  
Judith Vander Weg, Cello

### POURING OF THE WATER

### WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.  
**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.  
**We watch for God, whose power redeems us.**

Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.  
**Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.**

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

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call us to be your voices in this world  
and we stay silent.

**You call us to be your hands in this world  
and we keep them hidden.**

You call us to be your feet in this world  
and we go our own way.

**When we meet those who are doubting  
and say nothing, forgive us.**

When we meet those who need your touch  
and do nothing, forgive us.

**When we are called to take up your cross  
and carry nothing, forgive us.**

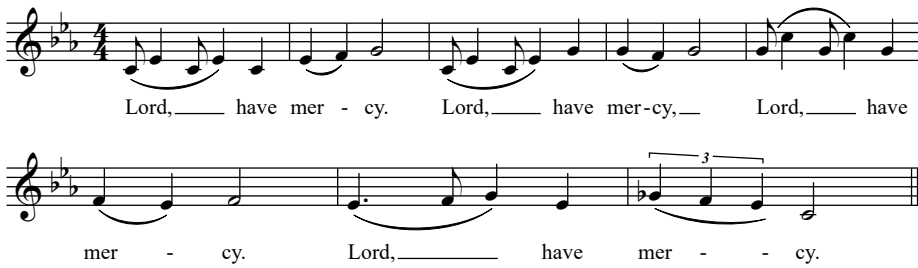
Breathe life into these bones  
bring freedom to these lives  
that we might declare  
with heart and soul and voice  
that you are our Lord and our God....

### SILENT PRAYER

The **Call to  
Worship** is from  
Presbyterian  
Outlook Worship  
Resources

## KYRIE

GHANA



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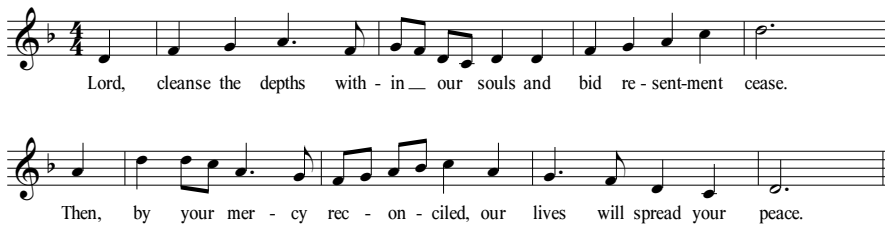
## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \* 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

DETROIT



Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent-ment cease.  
Then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

## PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 130

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

#### CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Please join in singing the refrain of Hymn 20, All Things Bright and Beautiful, as the children come forward.*

**All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.**

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:1-45 selected verses

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

### SERMON

This week's Growing in God's Love Bible story, *Jesus visits Jerusalem*, is found on page 270.

**Worship LAB** is a place where children explore the flow of worship through multi-sensory experiences. Children age 5 through 5th grade are invited to join in Worship Lab each week. This week's LAB focuses on bread baking for communion.

## RESPONDING

The **Affirmation of Faith** is from the Iona Community, Scotland

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone; We live in God's world.

**We believe in God:**

**Who has come in Jesus,  
the word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church,**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in creation,**

**to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us. We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### \* HYMN 809

*Why Has God Forsaken Me?*

SHIMPI

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

**Offertory**

*Out of the Deep* from *Requiem*

John Rutter

Chancel Choir and Judith Vander Weg, cello

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord. Lord hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss.

O Lord, who may abide it? For there is mercy with thee,

Therefore, shalt thou be feared. I look for the Lord,

my soul doth wait for God, and in God's word is my trust.

My soul flee-eth unto the Lord, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy,

And with God is plenteous redemption.

And God shall redeem Israel from all its sin.

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord,

Lord, hear my voice.

### \* 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

#### **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>

##### **Vanco Mobile App**



**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND  
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos

**Focus your light within us - make it useful.**

Create your reign of unity now

**through our fiery hearts and willing hands**

Help us love beyond our ideals

**and sprout acts of compassion for all creatures.**

Animate the earth within us: we then

**feel the Wisdom underneath supporting all.**

Untangle the knots within

**so that we can mend our hearts' simple ties to each other.**

Don't let surface things delude us,

**But free us from what holds us back from our true purpose.**

Out of you, the astonishing fire,

**Returning light and sound to the cosmos. Amen.**

**SENDING**

\* **HYMN 450**

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Amazing Grace*  
FPC Orchestra

Elliot Del Borgo



*The chancel flowers are given in honor of our new members who have joined since January 2023: Bonnie Cannell, John Cannell, Bob Cell, Carla Cell, Jill Goldstein, John Goldstein, Bill Hall, Ellery Hendrix, Tonyia Kwiatkowski, Marla Mikelait, Esther Patrick, Lilly Rego, Margaret Reynolds, Mary Schudel, Paul Schudel, Laura Sklut, Rick Stanley, David Yntema.*

During the season of Lent we will say or sing various versions of the **Lord's Prayer**. Today's prayer is from the original Aramaic Translation by Neil Douglas Klotz

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# We are glad you are here!

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First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive and diverse faith community, led by the Holy Spirit, which welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come together to explore, nurture, and deepen their faith.

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## PRAYER

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

## GET CONNECTED

Please use the Friendship Pad located in the pew to let us know you joined us in worship. To stay up to date with what's happening at First Pres, sign up for our weekly email "Our Life Together" using this QR code.



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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 from 9 a.m. to noon. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship. We encourage you to pick up a worship activity bag, try sitting near the front, and sing along with the music.

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

### *Preacher*

David Prentice-Hyers

### *Welcome*

Hannah Lundberg

### *Liturgists*

Jay Sanderford

Hannah Lundberg

### *Conversations with*

*Young Disciples*

David Prentice-Hyers

### *Lector*

Melissa Kesterson

### *Organist*

David Hufford

### *Conductor*

David VanderMeer

Chancel Choir

FPC Orchestra

### *Ushers*

Keith Bilby

Sheila Bilby

Carol Carter

Spaulding Clark

Joe Schmidt

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## TODAY! Fast Track to Membership

Join us today at 11:00 a.m. in the Lead Pastor's office (Level 2) for a 30-minute session where we get to know you and you get to know us. Registration is not required. Questions? Contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at 734-904-0049 or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.



## News & Events

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### **AGO Spring Fine Arts Series** — Friday, March 31 | Noon

Join us for the final noon organ concert of the American Guild of Organists Spring Fine Arts Series. For more information, visit [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

### **Weekly Lenten Walks** — Saturday, April 1 | 10:00 a.m. | Hudson Mills

Each week during the season of Lent we'll choose a different day, time, and location to walk in a local nature center. Come for the conversation and community. All ages and stages of life welcome. A pastoral liaison will guide the group. Dogs welcome! Register online at [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

### **Mature Ministries Spring Trip to Detroit** — Thursday, March 30

Mark your calendar for a visit to Detroit's Motown Museum. The fun will begin earlier in the day with a long-awaited stop at Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum in West Bloomfield. Marvin's boasts a wonderful collection of classic and antique arcade games, pinball machines, and pre-electronic forms of entertainment. Bring a handful of quarters. Lunch will be at the Stage Deli. Sign up online at [firstpresbyterian.org/mature-ministries](http://firstpresbyterian.org/mature-ministries).

### **John Lockard Art Exhibit Open House and Reception** — Friday, March 31 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Leslie Kamil (John's widow) and Dr. James Lee from the African American Cultural and Historical Museum of Washtenaw County will speak at the event held in the Social Hall.

### **Peeps & Pizza EGGstravaganza** — Saturday, April 8 | 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate Easter and party with your peeps on Saturday, April 8. Create your own marshmallow Peeps Bible story shoe box diorama. In addition, we will celebrate with an Easter egg hunt on the church grounds and a pizza lunch following. Reserve your pizza lunch so we know how much pizza to order. Lunch is a suggested \$5 per person donation. Register: [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org)

**Easter Flowers** — Give Easter flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. Your flowers will be used to beautify our worship spaces on Easter Sunday, April 9. Following Easter worship, flowers will be delivered by our Deacons to those in need of extra cheer. Flowers are \$20 each and may be ordered up until noon on Monday, April 4. Order online at [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

### **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** — Sundays, April 2 & 9

During Lent, we celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus' resurrection, and connects us with "those who have least." One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability. Please give generously on April 2 and 9. Specially marked envelopes are in the pew racks, or you may give online at [firstpresbyterian.org/contribute](http://firstpresbyterian.org/contribute).

## Today at First

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- 8:00 a.m. Worship (Monteith Hall)
  - 8:15 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
  - 9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
  - 10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Social Hall)
  - 10:30 a.m. Shelter in Place Drill (Sanctuary)
  - 10:40 a.m. Prayer Team (Hillegonds Chapel)
  - 11:00 a.m. Faith Formation: Youth (Lower Level)
  - 11:00 a.m. Fast Track to Membership (Pastor's Study)
  - 11:00 a.m. First Friends (Lewis Room)
  - 11:00 a.m. The Bible at 11 o'clock (French Room, Zoom 4)
  - 11:15 a.m. Faith Formation: Children (Levels 1 & 3)
  - 7:00 p.m. T2A2 Young Adult Bible Study (Zoom 4)
- Contact: Rev. Hannah Lundberg, [hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org)
- Children's Choir will not rehearse today.*

A teal-colored poster for Easter celebrations. The top left corner features a branch with white and pink cherry blossoms. The center text reads "CELEBRATE EASTER" in large white letters, with "Worship with us during this holy season" below it. The poster is divided into three sections by horizontal dotted lines. The first section on the left is for Palm Sunday (April 2, 2023) with a palm frond icon. The second section on the left is for Maundy Thursday (April 6, 2023) with a chalice icon. The third section on the left is for Good Friday (April 7, 2023) with a crown of thorns icon. The right side of the poster is for Easter Sunday (April 9, 2023) with a cross icon. The bottom right corner features another branch with white and pink cherry blossoms.

CELEBRATE  
**EASTER**

Worship with us during this holy season

April 2, 2023  
**PALM SUNDAY**  
8:00 & 9:30 A.M. Worship

April 6, 2023  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
7:00 P.M. Worship

April 7, 2023  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
7:00 P.M. Worship

April 9, 2023  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
7 A.M. SUNRISE SERVICE  
Circle Terrace  
9:30 & 11:15 A.M. SERVICE  
Sanctuary  
livestream at 9:30 a.m.