



FIRST
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 14, 2023 | 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP

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"By the Spirit's Power" by Anneke Kaai

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

SIXTH SUNDAY *of* EASTER

May 14, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.

As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices.

* 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 SLANE

Healey Willan

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME *and* LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west,
God's holy name be praised.

On the lips of children, by babies at the breast,
God's holy name be praised.

In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,
God's holy name be praised.

In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts,
God's holy name be praised.

Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.
Amen. We praise the Lord!

* HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Creator of all that is,
Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life:
Hear our prayer.

There are chasms in our lives,
deep valleys that separate us from one another and from you.
**We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,
For fear of admitting our part in the separation,
For fear of being rejected when we reach out.**

You call us to a reconciled life,
to healed relationships,
To a wholeness with each other and with you.
**Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations
Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray ...**

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

SINGAPURA



Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy 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

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 66:8-20

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

CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing the refrain of Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! as the children come forward.



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -



lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah!

This week's children's Growing in God's Love Bible story, *What is God's Name?*, is found on page 170.

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

Online

<https://bit.ly/FPCvanco>

Vanco Mobile App



SCAN ME

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:15-21

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

SERMON

RESPONDING

* HYMN 282 *Come Down, O Love Divine* DOWN AMPNEY

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Let Your Faith Be Stronger Than Fear* Tom Trenney
Chancel Choir and Nick Music, Tenor soloist

In the deserts of your life, I'll not desert you.
I will make a way beside a flowing stream.
Through the valley, do not fear, for I am with you;
My rod and staff to comfort and redeem.
In the darkness of your life, I will not leave you.
In the shadow, I'm your light, your lamp, your sun.
I will be the star that shines above to guide you,
A light unto your path to lead you on.
Do not be afraid, I go before you.
Do not be afraid, I am by your side.
Be still and know that I am with you.
Let your faith be stronger than your fear.
When you're weary, when you're faint,
I will be with you. I will raise you up to soar on eagle's wings.
I will be the joy that seeks you through your sorrow.
Unending hope my resurrection brings.
When the storms of life assail, I will uphold you.
I will strengthen you; I'll be the help you need.
Though the water rage and foam, fear not, I'm with you.
I am the way, the truth, the life, indeed!
Do not be afraid, I go before you.
Do not be afraid, I am by your side.
Be still and know that I am with you.
Let your faith be stronger than your fear.

* 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!

* 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 450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata on HYFRYDOL Thomas M. Kuras

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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 invite you to join us at our FAST TRACK event today at 11:00 a.m. For more info, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org. 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 Linda Lampman.

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. David Prentice-Hyers
Rev. Hannah Lundberg
Rev. Mark Mares
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers
Rev. Jay Sanderford
Lector
Barbara Concannon

MUSICIANS
Chancel Choir
Organist
David Hufford
Conductor
Rick Ingram

GREETER
Virginia Rezmierski

USHERS
Spaulding Clark
Beth Gerwig
Majorprice Family
Keith Molin
Beth Sanderford
Carol Smith
Paul Smith
Westfall Family
Angela Yang

TODAY AT FIRST PRES

8:00 a.m. Worship (Monteith Hall)
9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Social Hall)
11:00 a.m. Fast Track to Membership (Pastor's Study)
11:00 a.m. Youth Faith Formation (Lower Level)
11:00 a.m. Exploring the Faith (Monteith Hall)
11:00 a.m. First Friends (Lewis Room)
11:00 a.m. The Bible at 11 o'clock (French Room, Zoom)
11:00 a.m. Children's Faith Formation (Levels 1 and 3)
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (Youth Room)
7:00 p.m. T2A2 Young Adult Bible Study (Zoom)
Contact: Rev. Hannah Lundberg, hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org

NEWS & EVENTS

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Enroll Your Child at Triangle Preschool!

Triangle Cooperative Preschool (located in Rooms 100 and 101 of our church building) is now accepting applications for 3- and 4-year-olds for the 2023-2024 school year. First Presbyterian members receive priority enrollment status for applications submitted prior to June 1, 2023. For an application, visit www.trianglecoop.org or email info@trianglecoop.org.

Music and Fine Arts Summer Camp

July 31 - August 4 | 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

We invite all rising 2nd through rising 9th graders to join us for a week of non-stop fun and learning. Our campers will have the opportunity to learn the upbeat and lively children's musical, "Oh, Jonah!" Along with that, we have a lot of other activities planned, such as handbells, crafts, games, Bible stories, and much more. The cost is only \$25 per camper. Register online at firstpresbyterian.org.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Westminster Bell Choir Concert

Monday, May 22 | 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Ringin' on the world's largest range of handbells and Choirchime Instruments, the ensemble will perform original works, transcriptions of light classics of Saint-Saëns and Tchaikovsky, hymn tunes, folk tunes, and popular favorites. A Love Offering will be collected.

FAITH FORMATION

Presbyterian Women

Sunday, May 14 | 10:30 a.m. | Social Hall

Come to Coffee Hour today and celebrate Mother's Day with Presbyterian Women! Enjoy cake, cookies and coffee and while you're munching, visit the information table and learn how much PW has to offer. Questions? Contact Meg Brown at lmegbrown@gmail.com.

Saturday Christian Meditation

1st & 3rd Saturday
9:00 a.m. | Monteith Hall

Join us on the first and third Saturdays of each month to quiet our hearts and minds in God's presence. Our next gatherings are May 6 and May 20. Bring a notebook or a journal for your own use. After a time of silence, a text from Scripture will be read twice followed by a time of silence. Then we take time to journal what we have experienced in the silence or from the text. For more information, contact Jeanette Kibler, Jeanette.kibler@gmail.com.

MISSION

What Does God Want Us to Do?

Moving from Understanding of Diversity, Equity, and Belonging to Action Steps

Saturday, May 20
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Come learn a theology of diversity and purpose of kingdom building. Along with our guest speaker, Rev. Heidi Church, we will explore together our own ethnic identity, learn language to dialogue, explore God's call and participate in a cross culture service opportunity at Ypsilanti Middle School Media Center. You will leave with tools to continue your journey and experience. Lunch will be available for \$6 per person. Register online at firstpresbyterian.org.

Bridging 23

Saturday, June 10

For the first time this year, First Pres will have a group participating in the “Bridging 23” Unity Walk, a fundraiser for the Dispute Resolution Center. The Unity Walk on Saturday, June 10, is designed to bring public visibility to the inequities between Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor and encourage new connections to transform how our communities relate to one another. 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 this spring! 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.