



**FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN**  
Ann Arbor | Michigan

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 14, 2023 | 8:00 A.M. WORSHIP**

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“By the Spirit’s Power” by Anneke Kaai

# SIXTH SUNDAY *of* EASTER

May 14, 2023 • 8:00 a.m.

Please join in reading and singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

\* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

## GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Prelude in Bb major*

J. S. Bach

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God—make a joyful noise!

**Come, beloved of Christ—lift up your offering of praise!**

We gather in the presence of mystery, grace known and unknown,  
promises fulfilled and still awaited.

**We have received beyond measure,  
building our hope on a foundation of love.**

The Spirit of truth fills this place, empowering us to lead lives  
worthy of Christ's calling.

**The Spirit of truth fills this place, revealing the Way  
to love as we have been loved.**

In the triune God we live and move and have our being,  
and so we come to worship, one by one,  
**to be remade as the Body of Christ, together and whole,**

Making God's justice and peace visible  
**even in our days.**

Come, Body of Christ—see what God has done  
**and see what God will do!**

*Adapted from liturgy created by Rev. Teri Peterson on LiturgyLink.*

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### \* HYMN 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Compassionate and gentle God, you have created us in Love to be your people. As we gather for worship, we are reminded that we have lost sight of this gift and forgotten how to really love you. We have worshipped other gods, put our faith in the riches of this world, and impressed ourselves with misguided power. We have looked for help in the wrong places and ignored the extravagances you lay before us. Send your Spirit to come and breathe its life-sustaining and life-altering presence into us in these moments of worship. Send your Spirit of renewal and transformation. Send your Spirit that up-ends our lives and sets us on a new path.**

*Silence*

**Send your Spirit, O Lord. Hear our prayers and remake us in Your image once again. We pray these things in the name of the One who rose from the grave, the One who is our companion on this journey of faith.**

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."*

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\* 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

I Peter 3:13-22

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17:16-32

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

SERMON

*Strange Words*

RESPONDING *and* SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

*Prelude in C major*

J. S. Bach

\* 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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Please refer to the Communion Card.*

SENDING

\* HYMN 624

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

TOULON

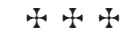
\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Prelude in C# major*

J. S. Bach



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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](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org). We look forward to personally meeting you. **PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE** by signing the Friendship Pad, then passing it down to others.

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### PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, pastors will be available at the Communion Table after the service.

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher	Rev. Jay Sanderford	Pianist	Josh Marzan
Liturgist	Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers	Communion	Jean Song
Lector	Diane Knibbs		Diane Knibbs
		Usher	Marty Reineman

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### WAYS TO GIVE

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## 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](mailto: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](http://www.trianglecoop.org) or email [info@trianglecoop.org](mailto: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](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

### MUSIC & FINE ARTS

#### Westminster Bell Choir Concert

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

Ringling 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](mailto:lmegbrown@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 purchase. Register online at [firstpresbyterian.org](http://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](mailto:whitlock@umich.edu). More info: [thedisputeresolutioncenter.org](http://thedisputeresolutioncenter.org)

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