



FIRST
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 21, 2023 | 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP

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"Mystery Revealed" by James Fissel

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY *of* EASTER

May 21, 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

Moderato cantabile, Symphonie VIII for Organ
arr. for Organ and Cello by Jean-Paul Imbert
Judith Vander Weg, Cello

Widor

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME *and* LIFE IN THE CHURCH

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

From comfortable pews,
on tricycle seats,
in backyard hammocks:
**God gives us opportunities
for grateful worship.**

At kitchen sinks and in vegetable gardens,
at laptops and blackboards,
in hospital rooms and at local blood drives:
**Christ calls us to share
in serving all creation.**

Gathering food to share with the hungry,
in communities meeting to pray,
on mission trips and in peaceful protest:
**The Holy Spirit moves us
toward God's justice.**

* HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God,
when we treat people as though they are just a nuisance,
when we are annoyed with others' behavior,
when people unexpectedly assert themselves,
when we find it difficult to include those who think or act
differently from the norm,
when we are cruel in our judgements or exclusion.
Forgive us, O God,
when we do not hear or heed Jesus' prayer for unity.
Open our eyes to any ways in which we can encourage justice ...**

The **Call to Worship** is adapted from Thom Shuman's post on his *Lectioary Liturgies* blog.

The **Prayer of Confession** is inspired by John 17 and is from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand website.

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

SINGPURA

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

John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy One, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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

As part of our celebration of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, today's **First Scripture Reading** will be read in Chinese by Taoqu Chen.

This week's children's Growing in God's Love Bible story, *What is God Like?*, is found on page 172.

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

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<https://bit.ly/FPCvanco>

Vanco Mobile App



SCAN ME

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!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

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

SERMON

RESPONDING

* HYMN 610 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *For Everyone Born* Tom Trenney
 Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Parents,
 Judith Vander Weg, cello

For everyone born, a place at the table,
 For everyone born, clean water and bread,
 A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
 For everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain
 And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
 Compassion and peace; yes,
 God will delight when we are creators of justice,
 Justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song.
 The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
 For young and for old, the right to belong. (Refrain)

For everyone born, a place at the table,
 To live without fear, and simply to be,
 To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
 For everyone born, the right to be free! (Refrain)

* 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 295

Go to the World

SINE NOMINE

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Celtic Praise
Sanctus Ringers

Kevin McChesney



*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Matthew J. Warfield by the First Pres Staff;*

in loving memory of Gregory Grieco by Sid Smith;

*in loving memory of their mother Barbara Skubick, by her children
Gail Grady and Dr. Daniel Skubick, and grandchildren Brian Grady,
Alicia Skubick, and Lauren McAlister;*

*in honor of all the pilgrimage sisters from May 2022- Northumberland, UK
by Penny Papadopoulos*

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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 to Membership event next Sunday 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 partners are Nancy Oliver and Jeanette Kibler.

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	<i>Organist</i>	Beth Gerwig
Rev. Mark Mares	David Hufford	Mark Lindley
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers	<i>Conductor</i>	Aidan Majorprice
Rev. Jay Sanderford	David VanderMeer	Chloe Majorprice
<i>Lector</i>		Jenna Mares
Taoqu Chen	USHERS	Carol Smith
	Cindy Crawford	Paul Smith
MUSICIANS	Tom Crawford	Sandy Talbott
Chancel Choir	Callie Crawford	Angela Yang
	Ethan Crawford	

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jesse Austin-Breneman	Jann Lardo	Mary Schudel
Bonnie Cannell	Sharon Miao Lee	Paul Schudel
John Cannell	Alice McCormick	Laura Sklut
Jill Goldstein	Rob Meyer-Kukan	Brian Smith
John Goldstein	Scott Meyer-Kukan	Cynthia Smith
Melinda Haithcock	Marla Mikelaite	Rick Stanley
Michael Haithcock	Mark Osbeck	Joyce Weinhold
Bill Hall	Esther Patrick	Paul Weinhold
Ellery Hendrix	Heather Polikoff	Lynly Williams
Mitch Herschberger	Lillian (Lilly) Rego	David Yntema
Patricia Herschberger	Margaret Reynolds	
Tonya Kwiatkowski	Silvia Robles	

FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS

Today is the last day of Sunday morning children and youth Faith Formation classes for the program year. A huge thank you to all of our Faith Formation teachers and child care volunteers who served during the 2022-23 program year! We thank God for each of you.

Bob Anderson	Rev. Ed Koster	Emma Schneidewind
Dory Anderson	Betsy McCallister	Lucy Schneidewind
Virginia Bell	Brian Meade	Paul Smith
Amanda Carlisle	Beth Nissen	Nicki Sorter
Callie Feyen	Carol Pawloski	Daniel Torres-Davenport
Rebecca Gaffney	Jim Peggs	Elisabeth VanVliet
Beth Gerwig	Keith Phillips	Nancy Vander Kuyl
Diane Hockett	Sarah Phillips	Tim Wendler
Alice Holderby	Brian Schneidewind	Susan Whitlock

STAFF FAREWELL

Our Children and Family Ministries Coordinator Beca Torres-Davenport will be leaving her staff position on May 26. We are grateful for her ministry here at First. If you would like to contribute to a gift, donations may be sent to Anna Miller in the Church Finance Office by Friday, June 2.

TODAY AT FIRST PRES

- 8:00 a.m. Worship (Monteith Hall)
- 9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Social Hall)
- 10:45 a.m. Children's Choir (Lemon Chapel)
- 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. Kerygma (Vance Room)
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Faith Formation (Levels 1 and 3)
- 3:00 p.m. T2A2 Young Adult Bible Study (offsite & Zoom)
Contact: Rev. Hannah Lundberg, hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group (offsite)

NEWS & EVENTS

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, we have a lot of other activities planned, such as handbells, crafts, games, Bible stories, and much more. The cost is \$25 per camper. Register online at 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

LGBTQIA+ Conversation Circle

Sunday, June 4 | 11:00 a.m. | Monteith Hall

Tuesday, June 20 | 7:00 p.m. | Monteith Hall

FPC members of the LGBTQIA+ community are invited for a time of conversation, community-building, and queer joy. These gatherings are intended specifically for members of the LGBTQIA+ community and those on a journey who may not fit comfortably in a category 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 at hlundberg@fpca2.org.

MISSION

Bridging 23

Saturday, June 10

First Pres will participate 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.

WORSHIP

Summer Worship

The Day of Pentecost (May 28) marks the end of our program year. Beginning Sunday, June 4 through Labor Day, we will have a single Sunday worship service, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary and on livestream.

Labyrinth Walk

Thursday, June 1, 2:00-4:00 pm

Monday, July 10, 5:00-7:00 pm

Saturday, August 12, 10:00 am - noon

As a meditative experience of worship this summer, you are invited on the following dates and times at the home of Kurt and Kathy Hillig (7654 W Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor, 48103) to walk the labyrinth on their property.

Worship Survey

May 17 - 31

We're looking at opportunities for worship in Fall 2023 in addition to the 9:30 a.m. service. We'd like to get your feedback about worship times that work well for you. Take the survey online at firstpresbyterian.org/events.