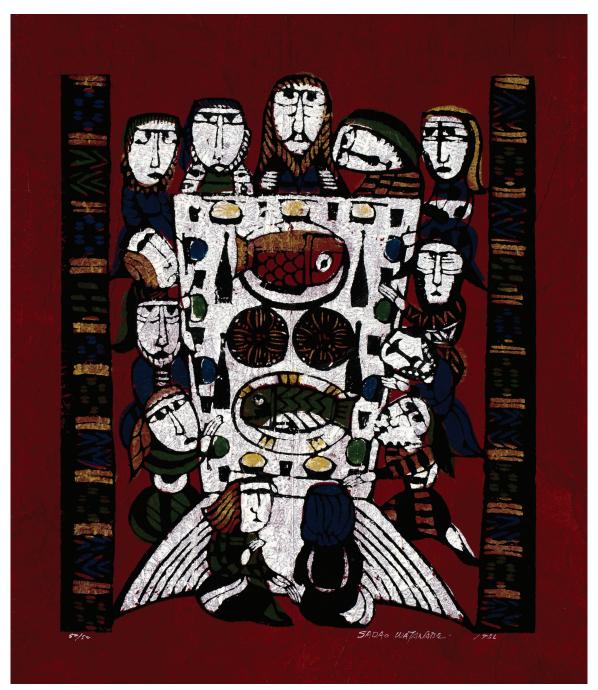


## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 7, 2023 | 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP

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In May, we will include several worship elements that recognize Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and **Pacific Islander** Heritage Month. celebrating those in our community with origins or ancestors from the Asian continent and the Pacific islands including Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia. The FPC Diversity, Inclusion, Accessibility and Accountability Workgroup encourages you to learn more by viewing the PBS series, "Asian Americans" which can be borrowed from the Ann Arbor District Library or found on the PBS website.

The **Prayer of Confession** is from the blog, *Hold fast to what is good,*written by Beth
Merrill Neel.

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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

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 618 (O Lamb of God, Sinless) J.S. Bach

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME and LIFE IN THE CHURCH

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

In you, Holy Visionary, we take refuge. With you, we co-create dignity for all of creation.

Turn your compassion toward us, come quickly to our rescue—
deliver us from those who do not treasure the sacred worth of all people.

Protect us from those who dream of our demise instead of our flourishing.

Free us from all systems of domination.

Shine your face of possibility upon us. **Infuse us with your unfailing love.** 

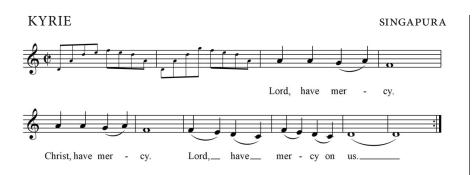
infuse us with your unfailing love.

\* HYMN 11 Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud ABERYSTWYTH

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYER



#### 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



#### PROCLAIMING the WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

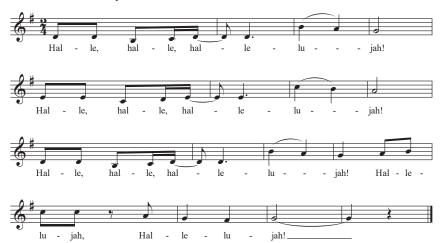
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING This is the Word of the Lord.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Thanks be to God.

#### CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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



This week's children's Growing in God's Love Bible story, *The Most Important Thing to Remember*, is found on page 168.

#### Worship LAB is

a place where children explore the flow of worship through multisensory experiences. Children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to join in Worship Lab each week.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

**SERMON** 

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

#### 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



## RESPONDING and SEALING

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY O Sacrum Convivium
Chancel Choir

James Biery

O sacrum convivium in quo Christus sumitur, Recolitur memoria passionis ejus, Mens impletur gratia et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. Alleluia!

O Christ, come and dwell within, through this sacred mystery; we celebrate the memory of your holy Passion, Jesus' love enfolds our hearts. We receive your covenant of eternal glory. Alleluia!

\* 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:

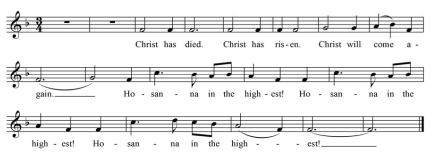
<sup>\*</sup> Prayer of Dedication





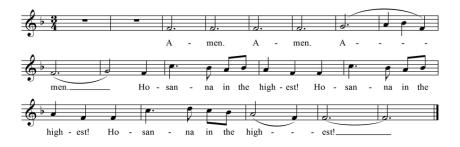
... As we celebrate the resurrection Life, As we claim the Truth that all are one with you, We take refuge in that mystery we call faith:

#### 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.

#### 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 Lamb of God David V. Hufford
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us. Grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### **SENDING**

\* HYMN 509 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly HOLY MANNA

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in G

David Johnson

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The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim Wheaton by his wife, Julie; and in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Susan Froelich and Richard Ingram

On the first Sunday of each month we collect **non-perishable food items** for one of our food ministry partners. During the closing hymn, please pass to the center aisle any canned food items that will be donated to this month's partner, Food Gatherers.

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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 NEW MEMBER CLASS 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 Meg Brown.

#### 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 Musicians USHERS Rev. Megan Berry Chancel Choir Dick Carlisle Rev. Hannah Lundberg Keith Bilby Organist Rev. Mark Mares Sheila Bilby David Hufford Iim Cameron Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers Conductor Rev. Jay Sanderford Carol Carter David VanderMeer Spaulding Clark Lector **Joe Schmidt** Donna Smith Connie Swindle

#### TODAY AT FIRST PRES

Marty Swindle

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. New Member Class (Curtis & Founders Room)

11:00 a.m. Faith Formation: Youth (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)

6:00 p.m. Youth Group (Youth Room) 7:00 p.m. Caregivers Support (Zoom)

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.

Ringing 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.

#### FAITH FORMATION

#### Presbyterian Women

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

Come to Coffee Hour on May 14 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**.

#### **MISSION**

## **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. More info: thedisputeresolutioncenter.org

#### Habitat for Humanity Build

Saturday, May 13 | 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 May 13 and June 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up online at **firstpresbyterian.org/events**.