



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

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"Communion" by Sadao Watanabe

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“Communion”  
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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* J.S. Bach  
(*O Lamb of God, Sinless*)

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.**

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, hear our prayer:  
For the mending of our hearts,  
torn apart by our unkindness;  
For the healing of our souls,  
wasting away from the despair around us;  
For the forgiveness we seek,  
for the sin we have allowed to persist;  
For the reconciliation of the world,  
whose division condemns us;  
We pray for the courage to admit our fault,  
The strength to amend our actions,  
And the hope that your grace awaits us.  
Through Christ we pray ...**

SILENT PRAYER

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

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

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, *The Most Important Thing to Remember*, is found on page 168.

**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**



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14

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

SERMON

RESPONDING *and* SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*O Sacrum Convivium*

James Biery

Chancel Choir

*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!**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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:



SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of power and  
might. Heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - - - - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the  
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - - - est!

... 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

Christ has died. Christ has ris-en. Christ will come a -  
gain. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the  
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - - - est!

...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

A - men. A - men. A - - -  
men. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the  
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - - - est!

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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](mailto: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  
Rev. Megan Berry  
Rev. Hannah Lundberg  
Rev. Mark Mares  
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers  
Rev. Jay Sanderford  
*Lector*  
Donna Smith

MUSICIANS  
Chancel Choir  
*Organist*  
David Hufford  
*Conductor*  
David VanderMeer

USHERS  
Dick Carlisle  
Keith Bilby  
Sheila Bilby  
Jim Cameron  
Carol Carter  
Spaulding Clark  
Joe Schmidt  
Connie Swindle  
Marty Swindle

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. 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](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.

Ring 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](mailto: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](mailto:whitlock@umich.edu). More info: [thedisputeresolutioncenter.org](http://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](http://firstpresbyterian.org/events).