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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 7, 2023 | 8:00 A.M. WORSHIP

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"Communion" by Sadao Watanabe

FIFTH SUNDAY *of* EASTER

May 7, 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

Wiegenliedchen

Robert Schumann

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 towards 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,

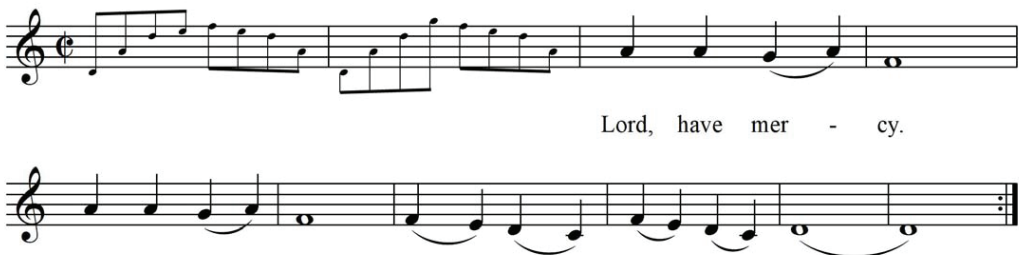
whose division condemns us;

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

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 31:1-5, 15-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Romanze

Robert Schumann

* **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 509**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Canon über "An Alexis"

Robert Schumann



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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, then passing it down to others.

PRAYER

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher	Rev. David Prentice-Hyers	Pianist	Josh Marzan
Liturgist	Rev. Hannah Lundberg	Communion	Brian Schneidewind
Lector	Cheryl Gulbranson		Kathy Hillig

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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)
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

Cover Art: Today's bulletin artwork is from the Japanese artist Sadao Watanabe. In May, we will include several worship elements that recognize **Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**. The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States (May 7, 1843) and the completion of the transcontinental railroad (May 10, 1869), the majority of whose track-laying workers were Chinese immigrants. 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.

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. Register online at 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**.

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**.

Communion Sunday Food Drive

On the first Sunday of each month we collect non-perishable food items for one of our food ministry partners. This month's partner is Food Gatherers. Food donated to Food Gathers goes directly to feed hungry people in Washtenaw County and supply smaller food pantries in our communities.

