

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2020 ♦ 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Gather Your Longings by Jan Richardson



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Making God's Love Visible

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

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

Hearing-assistance devices and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

The Call to Worship is an assurance, generally from scripture or alluding to scripture, that God is with us—with us in the sanctuary, in our hearts, among the people of God. We are reminded that God is not distant or sleeping, but as near to us as our own breath. The Creator, the Sovereign, the God of all calls us to gather to meet with God. God promises to be here with us.

The season of Lent is often marked by a journey: our traveling from the mountaintop of transfiguration back into the treacherous terrain leading to Holy Week and Easter. Turning to the cross leads us to reflect, remember, repent, and then reclaim our identity as children of God. We welcome you as you listen for God's invitation in your life.

Lent paraments and stoles: Thank you to members Gail Grady and Lois Bryant for making the new purple Lent paraments and stoles for the Sanctuary and Monteith Hall.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Air and Longing* David Rega
Bone Destiny

Jack Prath, tenor trombone; David Rega, Kai Crawford,
and Elijah Emmons, bass trombones

As the voluntary begins, let the time and the music help to center you for worship.

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Sanderford (9:30)
Rev. Ruhf (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION *Habitat House of Faith* Don Redding

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Dr. Jennifer Lord (9:30)

One: I will bless the Lord at all times;

All: God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

One: I sought the Lord, and God answered me,

All: and delivered me from all my fears.

One: Look to the Lord, and be radiant;

All: and let us exalt God's name together.

One: O taste and see that the Lord is good;

All: happy are those who take refuge in God.

* **HYMN 393** *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Because our history is full of unheeded cries for justice
and this world is full of unbegun projects of mercy,

All: We come to this place longing for your help, O God.

One: Because our lives are distorted by misplaced values

and our relationships absorb the burdens of stress and distraction,

All: We come to this community straining toward your light, O God.

One: Because our memories hold so many regrets

and our hearts are so eager for fresh hope,

All: We come to these moments aching for your forgiveness, O God.

One: We are here because we need you, O God.

All: We confess our need of your healing touch,

our yearning for your word of forgiveness

to bring us to life, to make us new, to move us on. . .

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE *Lord, Have Mercy* KYRIE ELEISON

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the text: "Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy." The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Lord, have mercy." The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

As Lent begins, we offer a new spiritual practice: exchanging the Peace of Christ using American Sign Language. The Liturgist will teach simple signs that (along with fist- or elbow-bumps) are both mindful of good health and eloquent of the care of Christ alive among us.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.**

This is Stanza 1 of Hymn 444, *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Genevieve Monsma (9:30)
John Herold (11:00)

GOSPEL READING Mark 2:1–12

(pew Bible page 36)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. Moses Hogan

Chancel Choir

I want Jesus to walk with me all along my pilgrim journey.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me. When my heart is almost breaking.
When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. Lord, when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

EPISTLE READING Romans 7:14–25

(pew Bible page 157)

The grass withers; the flower fades—
the word of our God endures forever.

SERMON

Unstuck

Rev. Dr. Spalding

RESPONDING

* HYMN 293

Loving Spirit

OMNI DIE

WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (9:30)
Rev. Johnson (11:00)

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee
Orchestra

J. Brahms

Assurance of God's Forgiveness:

God promises always to love and forgive us — even when we don't follow God's way, or when we do things that hurt others. Everyone makes mistakes; that is why we confess our sin together. When we confess our sin, we say that we are sorry for these things, and we ask God to forgive us and help us live new lives. Because Jesus lived and died and rose again for us, we know that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.

A Conversation with Young Disciples

includes children in the service so that they grow up knowing they are part of the body of Christ, worshiping alongside the whole church. Every age matters to God. They will usually hear a short explanation of a verse or passage in the Bible for young people in need of God's grace, wisdom, presence, and direction. We want to meet them where they are and stretch them as they grow into maturing worshipers. Adults often find that the words for children speak powerfully to them, as well.

Jesus instituted a new way to pray—privately, addressing God in the familiar “Father,” and with humbleness. His prayer first focuses on God. God is above in heaven, to be honored. God’s will is invited. Then, Jesus’ prayer shifts to our prayers for ourselves. First, a prayer of recognition of God’s provision every day. Then, for forgiveness. Finally, for deliverance from evil. Thanksgiving is not specifically spelled out, but does seem implicit in the prayer—from recognition of God as our heavenly Father to a reliance upon God for provision and protection. We pray with a thankful heart.

* **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

* **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 157**

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I’ll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I’ll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

* **CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Herzliebster Jesu

J. S. Bach

Chorale and Chorale Prelude
Orchestra

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events is online at www.firstpresbyterian.org. **If you have questions, please visit the Welcome Center, just outside the Social Hall.** Greeting you there today are Jesse Feyen and Peggy Hodgson.

Musical leadership is provided by Jack Prath, tenor trombone; David Rega, Kai Crawford, and Elijah Emmons, bass trombones; Orchestra; and Chancel Choir. **Music copyright:** All music is reprinted under OneLicense.net A-720542. All rights reserved. **Cover art copyright:** *Gather Your Longings* © Jan Richardson. janrichardson.com.

Acolytes include Addy and Georgia Carlisle and Callie and Ethan Crawford.

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Emily Ann Andrea by her family Katie, Dave and Elizabeth Andrea; and in honor of Andrew Frazier’s ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament by Linda and Mike Handyside.

The Church Office is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Jan Fisher and Anne Andrus (9:30) and Marilyn Gibson and Dawn and John Pankopf (11:00). **Sound system volunteers** are Rol Kibler (9:30) and Barry Leonard (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox and Susan Morville (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Olivier Jolliet (captain), Angela Yang, Dean Gilchrist, Spaulding Clark, Keith Molin, Becky Donnaly, Karen Hockett, and Ken Westfall (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Jeannette Middleton (captain), Jim Douglass, Paul Goodman, and the Pakela family (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. **Prayer team volunteers** are Sharon Sheldon and Meg Brown (9:30) and Gale Redding and Cyndy Colton (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "To pray is to listen to the One who calls you "my beloved daughter," "my beloved son," "my beloved child." — Henri Nouwen

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.** on WAAM (1600 AM) and on the web (www.waamradio.com).

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** include Diane Knibbs. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

Adult Education Opportunities:

9:30 a.m. **The Bible @ 9:30** meets in the French Room to study Galatians.

First Friends meets in the Lewis Room to discuss *Entering the Passion of Jesus. The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger*, by Amy-Jill Levine.

11:00 a.m. **Exploring the Faith** meets in Monteith Hall for "Won't You Be My Neighbor?," an intergenerational learning experience. Today's focus is on "Peace in the Neighborhood: A Story of Two Brothers."

Children's Opportunities:

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School classes** for crib through fifth graders

10:30 a.m. **Children's Choir**

11:00 a.m. **Childcare** available for crib through Kindergarten

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

9:15 a.m. **Munch & Mingle** in the Lower Level hallway

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School**

A Service of Worship and Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament for Andrew Frazier is today at 3:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. The celebration begins with a hymn sing at 2:45 p.m., in the Sanctuary, and concludes with a reception in the Social Hall sponsored by the Resident Ministry Work Group.

T2A2—Twenties and Thirties of Ann Arbor—invites the participation of all young adults looking to build community. **Small Group** meets tonight, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss the Gospel of Luke. Bring your questions and insights, wherever you are on your faith journey. Contact us at T2A2@firstpresbyterian.org for more information.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES

Mature Ministries (60 and up) hosts “Lunch and Learn” this Thursday, March 12. A hot lunch (\$5) at noon with 40 or more interesting friends is followed by a terrific presentation. Guest speaker, Nancy Villa Bryk, Chief Curator when the Elizabeth Parke Firestone couture collection was acquired by the Henry Ford Museum, will provide a look at Mrs. Firestone’s life of privilege and how her use of fashion helped maintain her family’s standing in a society in transition. Reservations are requested to the Church Office or on our website by this Tuesday, March 10.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, March 13, at 5:30 p.m., at Panda House, 229 Maple Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We hope you are enjoying the daily Lenten email devotional written by our members. If you are not receiving it, please sign up online of the First Pres webpage .

Upcoming Opportunities to Join First Pres! We hope that you feel moved to become a member of our church family. Everyone belongs! Attend a class next Sunday, March 15 (with joining on March 22) or on May 3 (with joining on May 17). Contact Rev. Rogers (355-2351 or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information.

Our Annual Suds ‘n Sheets Campaign for Cass Community Social Services is underway. Drop off donations of paper towels and laundry detergent in baskets provided in the Welcome Center.

Lenten Small Group Study: *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill Duffield is available for purchase in the Church Office for \$14. Information about group study opportunities is available online and in the Church Office.

Are you interested in helping children and parents who are experiencing homelessness?

Sign up either online or at Coffee Hour for the March 23–28 ministry at Alpha House. You can also sign up for a March 22 tour of Alpha House. Questions may be directed to: Paula Doering (paulahdoering@gmail.com or 904-8068); Gail Einhaus (gail@einhaus.us or 646-6093); and Ruth Jensen (ruthannjensen@gmail.com or 332-0323).

House of Faith 2020: Our spring mission project will begin on March 20. We will be partners with the Reeves family—Gregory and his son Steven—at 792 N. Ford Boulevard in Ypsilanti. Please note that parking for the project will be available at Immanuel Baptist Church, 1565 Forest Avenue. Park in a lot across from the church. We look forward to working with you!

Easter Lilies in Memory or Honor of a Loved One add beauty to our Easter worship and bring joy to the sick and home bound to whom the lilies are delivered following worship. Lilies may be ordered online (click “Easter Lilies in Memory or Honor”) or in the Church Office until Monday, April 6, at noon. Cost is \$17.

Professor Scott Ellsworth, historian, author, teacher, and First Pres member, will talk with us about his most recent book, *The World Beneath Their Feet: Mountaineering, Madness, and the Deadly Race to Summit the Himalayas*, in Monteith Hall at 4:00 p.m. next Sunday, March 15. Join us for the talk, appetizers, and a book-signing of books you purchase from “BookBound” in Ann Arbor, who will be there selling this new hard-cover book for \$27. Support both Scott and your local book store by purchasing the book at the event. Hope to see you there!

Welcome College Students! Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich, welcomes you to College Lunch on Sundays following the 11:00 a.m. service, to coffee breaks during the week, and to other fellowship opportunities. Follow us on [Instagram@UKirkUMich](https://www.instagram.com/UKirkUMich) for future events and past photos. Contact our Campus Pastor Rev. Evans McGowan (campus@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information.

Calling All Artists...to support the Adult Education series “Living with Hope in the Age of Climate Change” (April 19 - May 31). The Liturgical/Visual Art Team would like to solicit artists of First Pres to create art to reflect on climate change. All art forms are welcomed! This exhibit will hang in the Social Hall for the duration of the Adult Ed series. Art exhibit creations are due in the Church Office by April 15. For more information, contact Dave VanderMeer, Minister of Music & Fine Arts.

SAVE THE DATES!

Wednesday, March 18 — Presbyterian Women Gathering

The gathering begins with Bible Study in the Lewis Room at 9:30 a.m. A brief welcome and business meeting at 10:45 a.m. in Monteith Hall, precede a Skype Session with Michael and Rachel Ludwig, Mission Co-Workers in Niger, Africa. Lunch (\$7) is at noon in the Social Hall. Men are welcome to attend the program and lunch.

Friday, March 20, 7:00 p.m. — Harvard Glee Club Concert

If you would be willing to host members of the HGC for one night, Friday, March 20, please contact Dave VanderMeer, Minister of Music & Fine Arts.

Saturday, March 21, 11:00 a.m. — Peeps & Pizza Fun

Sunday, March 22 — De-escalation Training sponsored by the Safety Team

John Riley from Gentle Response will lead the training in the Social Hall, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Ushers, church officers and others interested in learning how to de-escalate a tense situation are invited. Sign up online or contact Sandy Talbott (stalbott@firstpresbyterian.org). Reservations are required, but the training is free.

Sunday, March 29 — Stations of the Cross Exhibit & Meditation Opens

Artist Angie Miller leads a discussion at 11:00 a.m. about how her artwork reflects the Stations of the Cross in the world today. Her artwork will be on display in the Social Hall through Easter.

Sunday, April 19, 11:00 a.m. — “Cancer: Now What?”

A 6-week adult ed discussion group begins on this date and ends on Sunday, May 24. The class will use *Cancer: Now What?*, a book by Kenneth C. Haugk, founder of Stephen Ministries, as a discussion resource.

Saturday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. — 2020 Men of Faith Breakfast

Our speaker is the Rev. Matthew Nickel, Pastor of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit and former First Pres Resident Minister. While the speaker’s presentation is geared towards the faith issues that men, in particular, connect with, we know that women can learn a great deal, too, and are welcome to attend.

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