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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

PRELUDE (9:30/11:00)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Rejoice, the Lord is King

arr. Cathy Moglebust
arr. Anna Laura Page

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Ryo (8:00)
Rev. Rogers (9:30)
Rev. Béghin (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The glory of God is a consuming fire.

All: Who can see God's face and live?

One: Yet we have come to know the Lord in the face of Jesus Christ.

All: Through Jesus Christ our Lord we have seen the face of God.

* HYMN 155

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL'S 148TH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and most beautiful Lord, we are humbled by your compassion and mercy. We recognize that within us is much that has hurt and offended you. We acknowledge our faithlessness and admit that we are undeserving of your commitment to us.

(Silence)

King of kings and Lord of all, we live among a people of unclean ways. We avoid those who are not like us. We avert our eyes from the sight of those in need for fear they'll ask us for our help. We perpetuate social structures that benefit some but not all. We do not share, hoarding our goods, depriving others. We create war, refusing to do the hard, uncertain work of peace. Even the church excludes, seeking to do your job of judging others. In so many ways, we are an unclean people.

(Silence)

But now, empowered by your grace, given to us through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we seek to renew our commitment and consciously deepen our relationship with you. Help us renew our allegiance to your kingdom and its ways of peace for all people through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as forgiven people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you always," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Linda Strodtman (8:00)

Tom Brandt (9:30)

Becky Donally (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 24:1-6

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

ANTHEM

With Songs of Rejoicing

J. S. Bach
arr. Hal Hopson

With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord;

For He has done marvelous things!

Break forth into joy.

His praises the lyre and the trumpet employ.

The floods clap their hands and the hills sing for joy.

The seas with their roaring speak praise to His name.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Rev. Ryo

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 22:15-22

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

SERMON

Rev. Sanderford & Rev. Ryo (8:00)

Rev. Sanderford (9:30/11:00)

🌿 Responding 🌿

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Declaration of Faith*

We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love. We do not fully comprehend who God is or how God works. God’s reality far exceeds all our words can say. The Lord’s requirements are not always what we think is best. The Lord’s care for us is not always what we want. God comes to us on his own terms and is able to do far more than we ask or think. Jesus’ involvement in the human condition is God’s involvement. Jesus’ compassion for all kinds of people is God’s compassion. His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God’s demand. His willingness to suffer rejection is God’s willingness. Jesus’ love for the very people who reject him is God’s love.

* **HYMN** *God of Great and God of Small*

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

Stanza 1 – Choir

Please stand.

Stanza 2 – ALL

Stanza 3 – Choir (omitting the last line)

Stanza 4 – ALL



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

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WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Fair

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.

COMMISSIONING OF THE NICARAGUA MISSION TEAM (9:30)

Being commissioned are Tim Wendler, Marti Wendler, Paul Smith, Carol Smith, Melissa Anne Rogers, Luke Rogers, Miles Guttman, Richard Lord, Sue Jeffers, Downs Herold, Joe Maki, Angela Ryo, Luke Lee, Love Lee, Justin Sundberg, Renee Sundberg, Autumn Sundberg, Jack Sundberg, Ethan Sundberg, and Cassie Sundberg.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* Michael Cox

Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the mem'ry find,
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
O Savior of us all.

Hope of every contrite heart!
O Joy of all the meek!
To those who ask how kind Thou art,
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this
No tongue or pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is,
None but His loved ones know.

Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153
trans. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878

* **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.**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

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 272

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,

The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Hearing-assistance devices (in the Sanctuary) and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Welcome to all! Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events may be found online at www.firstpresbyterian.org. If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Paula Doering and Nancy Rugani.

Greeters are Jim Dickinson and Sharon Sheldon, Al and Sheryl Powell, Catherine Kendall, and David and Carol Downton. **Ushers are** Bill Austin (head) and Brian Rubel at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Olivier Jolliet, Nicole Jolliet, Angela Yang, Dean Gilchrist, Lee Roberts, Carol Smith, Darin Tharp, Richard Lord, Sue Jeffers, and Anna Cooke at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Brady West (captain), Jeannette Middleton, Jim Douglass, and Cindy Lambrides at 11:00 a.m.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. **Prayer team members** are Judy Slade and Olivier Jolliet after the 9:30 service; and Ralph Winter and Linda Lampman after the 11:00 service. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God."
– Mother Teresa

Musical leadership is provided by Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir, an instrumental ensemble, Youth Choir, and Chancel Choir.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Dottie Zelisse by her husband, Henry, and son, David.

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** are Betsy DiMaggio, Diane Hockett, Carol German, and Linda Lampman. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. **During Coffee Hour please enjoy the Bible story dioramas** created by children of all ages at the Peeps and Pizza Fair yesterday.

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Russia Mission Team who invite you to sample Russian baked goods and learn more about their work. Orders may be placed then or online and picked up at Coffee Hour on April 9. Proceeds from the sale support a camp for children with disabilities in Davydovo, Russia.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Childcare and Sunday School classes are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m. **Childcare** is available for preschoolers at 11:00 a.m. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

Children's Choir is 10:30 – 10:55 a.m. in Room 300.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

Munch & Mingle is at 9:20 a.m. in the Youth Room.

Sunday School classes meet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Mids youth group meets 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Curtis Room.

Keystones youth group meets 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

College Ministry Opportunities:

College students are invited to **First Pres College Lunch** after the 11:00 a.m. service (meet in the Welcome Center) and to **First Pres College** at the UM League, Room 4, Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room/Library to study Luke and Acts. The presenter is Rev. Ed Koster.

First Couples meets in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. for spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support for couples and individuals. The current study, *The Very Good Gospel: How Everything Wrong Can Be Made Right*, by Lisa Sharon Harper, is available in the Church Office for \$15.

Exploring the Faith meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. for "Our Artists Are Our Prophets: Stations of the Cross." Artist Lois Bryant will present.

"Families at First: Wholehearted Parenting" is at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room. If you are a parent of school-aged children, please join us as we learn about creating meaningful family dynamics and share about living as faithful parents in the 21st century.

T2A2 Planning Meeting is in the Founders Room at 12:15 p.m. If you are in your 20s or 30s, please come help us plan for the upcoming months. A light lunch will be served. **T2A2 Small Group** meets off-site at 7:00 p.m. Whether you are a believer or a seeker, a working professional or a grad student, we invite all in their twenties and thirties to come and build community with us. For more information, contact Rev. Ryo or Rev. Ervin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion Food Collection is next Sunday. As we are fed at the Lord's Table, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Please bring food donations or financial contributions for Hunger Ministries Program of the Presbytery of Detroit.

Lenten Bible Study at Glacier Hills is Tuesdays through April 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the Interfaith Chapel at Glacier Hills. All are welcome to come there for Bible study, discussion, and fellowship as we journey through Lent together.

The spring meeting of College of Elders is Saturday, April 8, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., in the Social Hall. If you are a PCUSA teaching or ruling elder, please RSVP to the Church Office by March 31.

This is the final week for the Suds 'n Sheets Campaign for Cass Community Social Services Center in Detroit. Please drop off laundry detergent and paper towels in the baskets provided in the Welcome Center.

Help Save Lives! Give blood this Thursday, March 30, 1:30 – 7:30 p.m., in Monteith Hall. If you are unable to give blood there are other ways to participate. Volunteers are needed the day of the event as well as cookie bakers. Please contact Barb Brewster (646-5571 or dexter4brews@aol.com).

A local mission opportunity is available at Alpha House this week, March 27 – 31. Those who would like to support children and families who are experiencing homelessness may sign up online.

Mature Singles (single men and women over age 60) meets this Friday, March 31, 5:30 p.m., at Knight's Restaurant, 2324 Dexter Avenue.

Easter lilies will grace the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Sign up in the Church Office or on our website **by Friday, April 7, at noon**, to donate a lily in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost is \$17. They will be delivered to shut-ins after worship.

What's it like being a Christian in Israel? The Israel/Palestine Mission Team welcomes you to join in conversation with leaders of the Mar Elias Schools in Ibillin, Israel, along with Rev. Joan Deming, Executive Director of the Pilgrims of Ibillin on Sunday, April 2 at 12:15 p.m. in the Curtis Room.

The First Pres veterans group will host Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 28 in memory of those veterans who have died. A slide show honoring veterans who are former members of our church, friends or relatives of church members will be shown. If you wish someone to be honored please send two photographs of the veteran, one current and one in military uniform, as well as a description of military involvement, to Gary Stahl (stahl.gary@sbcglobal.net). Contact Ralph Winter (429-3743) if you have any questions or need photographs scanned for the slide show. All originals will be returned.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Palm Sunday worship is April 9, at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. There will be a Palm Parade at the beginning of the 9:30 a.m. service.

Maundy Thursday worship is April 13, at 10:30 a.m. at Glacier Hills in the Hanson Room and at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary.

Good Friday worship is April 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday worship is April 16 with five services.

A sunrise service led by Rev. Ervin is at 6:30 a.m. on the Circle Terrace.

Traditional worship services are at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

A worship service at 10:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall will be led by Rev. Ryo. This service is for those for whom a less-crowded worship experience is preferred.

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Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

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Reverend Angela Ryo

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