

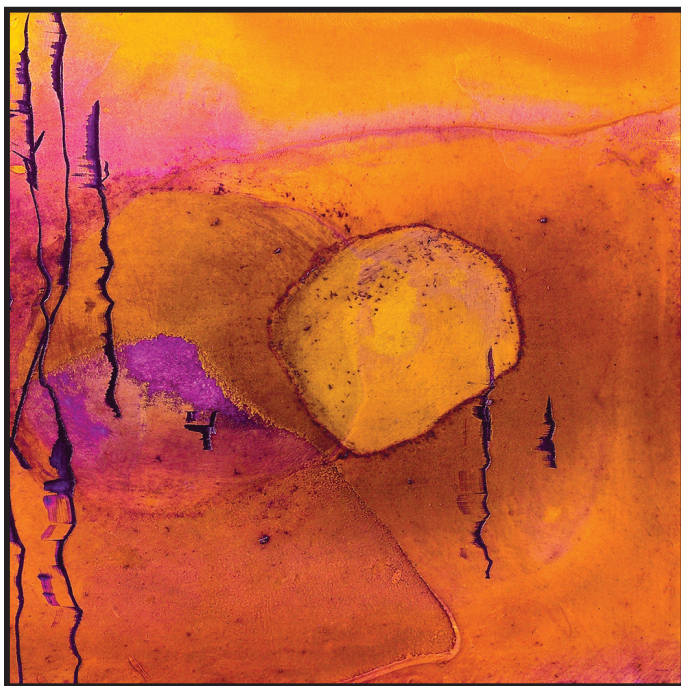


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EASTER SUNDAY

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



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🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

Wir glauben all an einen Gott

J. S. Bach

(We all believe in one God)

The Day of Resurrection

Michael Green

ANTHEM

Ye Sons and Daughters of the King Volckmar Leisring

Ye sons and daughters of the King, lift up your hearts, let voices ring!

Now to the Lord your praises bring. Christ is upraised! Rejoice and sing!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Béghin (8:00)

Daniel Ervin (9:30)

Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

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One: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

All: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our risen Lord, Jesus Christ!

* PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you overcame the old order of sin and death and you make all things new in him. You lift us from fear and doubt and give us hope for life everlasting. We rejoice in your victory over the grave and marvel at your undying love for us. We praise you for Christ's presence with us always, for the strength he supplies in difficult times, and for his example of love for all. Grant that every day we may walk in his light and testify with our lives to his justice, mercy and peace. We pray these things in Christ's holy name. Amen.

* SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

As Easter people, all are invited to greet one another with the joyful proclamation of the day. Please turn to one another and share the Good News, saying, "Christ is risen!" and responding, "He is risen indeed!"

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown,
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

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 Proclaiming 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dale Leslie (8:00)
Zach Edwards (9:30)
Brooke Phillips (11:00)

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 15:12-14, 20-26

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

ANTHEM *Light's Glittering Morn Bedecks the Sky*

Horatio W. Parker

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky; heav'n thunders forth its victor cry;
The glad earth shouts her triumph high, and groaning hell makes wild reply,
While He, the King, the mighty King despoiling death of all its sting,
And trampling down the pow'rs of might,
brings forth His ransomed Saints to light.

That Eastertide with joy as bright, the sun shone out with fairer light,
When to their longing eyes restor'd th'Apostles saw their risen Lord:
He bade them see His hands, His side, where yet the glorious wounds abide;
Those tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.

O Jesus, King of gentleness, do Thou Thyself our hearts possess;
That we may give Thee all our days, the tribute of our grateful praise.

O Lord of all with us abide, in this our joyful Eastertide;
From ev'ry weapon death can wield, Thine own redeemed for ever shield.

The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won,
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

All praise be thine, O risen Lord, from death to endless life restored;
All praise to God, the Father be, and Holy Ghost eternally. Alleluia!

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30/11:00)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:1-12

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

SERMON

What Is and Is to Come

Rev. Dr. Fair

Responding

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

**In the death of Jesus Christ,
God's way in the world seemed finally defeated.
But death was no match for God.
The resurrection of Jesus was God's victory over death.
Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living,
that our best efforts and deepest affections go for nothing.
We do not yet see the end of death.
But Christ has been raised from the dead,
transformed and yet the same person.
In his resurrection is the promise of our own.
We are convinced that the life God wills for each of us
is stronger than the death that destroys us.
The glory of that life exceeds our imagination
but we know that we shall be with Christ.
So we treat death as a broken power.
Its ultimate defeat is certain.
In the face of death we grieve,
yet in hope we celebrate life.
No life ends so tragically
that its meaning and value are destroyed.
Nothing, not even death, can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

* **HYMN 113**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

WELCOME

Rev. Sanderford (8:00)

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

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Christ Is Risen

G. F. Handel

arr. Ronald Kauffmann

O sons and daughters, let us sing!
Christ is risen, risen Lord and King!
Death's dark chains are broken, broken on this morn!
Glorious life immortal; Christ from death is born!

*** 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**

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 122**

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Please sing the refrain after each stanza.

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death has won.**

*** POSTLUDE**

Toccata from Symphony V

Charles-Marie Widor

* Please stand 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 and large-print bulletins 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 John Yodhes and Chris Argersinger. **Church Office volunteers** are Sarah Krein and Martha Petroski. **Greeters** are Jane and Dan Hayes, Catherine Kendall, Barb and Dick Carlisle, Val and John Yodhes, Judy Landau, George and Carol Hendrickson, and Carol Fletcher.

The **prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Prayer team members are Dan Mitas, Deanne Woodruff, Marolin Bellefleur and Diane Knibbs. “Never forget the three powerful resources you always have available to you: love, prayer, and forgiveness.” – H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Ushers are Bill Austin (head), Marty Reineman, and Dale Leslie at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Karla Olson-Bellfi, Nicole Jolliet, Olivier Jolliet, Dean Gilchrist, Dick Cooke, Jinx Cooke, Lee Roberts, Angela Yang, Kay Fuller, and Carol Smith at 9:30 a.m.; Karla Olson-Bellfi at 10:00 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Brady West (captain), Bev Pelletier, Jim Douglass, Alice Gaujanian, Cindy Andress, and Jeanette Middleton at 11:00 a.m.

Musicians providing music leadership are Lorna Young Hildebrandt, soprano; Sally Carpenter, alto; Jason Berger, tenor; Michael Miller, baritone; Jeff Lewandowski, trumpet; Paul Lewis, trumpet; Carrie Banfield-Taplin, horn; Joseph McInchak, trombone; Martha Farmer, bass trombone; Terence Farmer, percussion; and Clayton Farmer, Carol Muehlig and Tom Granum, organ.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and at 10:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall. **Easter Sunday is Family Worship Day.** Childcare, for crib through young five-year-olds, is available at 9:30, 10:00, and 11:00. Worship totes are available for children attending worship.

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering will be received today. OGHS is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship. The three programs supported by OGHS – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. Projects are currently underway in more than 100 countries. Please give generously.

Adult Education Classes do not meet today, Easter Sunday, but will resume next Sunday, April 3, at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In observance of Easter Monday, the building will be closed tomorrow.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at all worship services next Sunday, April 3. As the congregation's response to the benediction at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services, the congregation is encouraged to join the choir and chamber orchestra singing the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*.

Communion Food Collection is next Sunday. As we come to the Lord's Table to be fed and nurtured in our faith, we also come to feed others. Please bring food donations or financial contributions for Detroit Hunger Ministry. Presbyterian Women will deliver food collected to the Presbytery of Detroit. Working in partnership with its congregations, the Presbytery has established Hunger Ministry Support Teams that operate from its churches. These programs address a variety of needs: senior lunch programs, summer lunch sites, hunger education events, day care, food and fellowship meal programs for the elderly and lonely, food providers network system and gardening programs.

Fair Trade coffee will be sold next Sunday during Coffee Hour.

Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes our commitment to serve Fair Trade coffee at all church events. More than good coffee, it's "just" coffee.

Mature Singles will meet for dinner this Friday, April 1, at 5:30 p.m., at Olive Garden, 445 E. Eisenhower Parkway. All are welcome.

Would you like to unite with this church family in membership?

The next new member class is May 15, 11 - 2, with joining on May 22 at the 8:00 a.m. breakfast. Contact Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) to express interest.

The (S)Upper Room, our Gourmet Food Group, meets May 28 in homes. Groups of 8 – 10 meet and plan interesting and difficult recipes and discuss regional food. The theme this quarter is Mediterranean. Contact Rev. Rogers if you are interested in joining.

The Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Deacons is Tuesday, April 12, 1:30 – 7:30 p.m., in Monteith Hall. To donate, sign up at www.redcrossblood.org or at the Blood Drive table at Coffee Hour. Contact Gale Redding (276-8426 or galeredding@gmail.com) for more information.

Are you struggling with mental illness in your family? First Pres staff and members facilitate a support group called Restore Hope for family members who have loved ones coping with mental illness. The group meets twice per month. We have parents, siblings, children, and extended family members of those with mental illness attending for mutual support, encouragement, and a safe place to talk. For more information, contact Rev. Rogers.

As we move toward the fall semester of '16, First Pres College is in need of parishioners to host a Campus Lunch in the comfort of their own home. With the foundation of the Log Cabin in 1726 (which would later become Princeton University), Presbyterians in what is now the United States effectively established a tradition of coupling higher education with faith formation. First Pres has continued that tradition and been a presence in and around the University of Michigan since 1866 with the chartering of the Tappan Hall Association. Our most current rendition, First Pres College, seeks to create a welcoming and inclusive worship space for all of God's children. Time spent in fellowship has been very important in creating such a space. This is extremely helpful in integrating our college students into congregational life at First Pres. If you are interested in hosting a lunch, please contact Peer Minister Andy Spaulding (aspaulding@firstpresbyterian.org).

First Pres sends email notices about deaths of our members and upcoming memorial services. To be included in the email group, send your name and email address to Rev. Rogers.

Please contact the Church Office to:

- order a First Pres name tag (\$8 for either a magnetic or clip style);
- request baptism for your child;
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information;
- let us know if you are hospitalized;
- purchase a bag of Fair Trade coffee for use at home;
- request to have an announcement in the Sunday bulletins. The ordinary deadline for submissions is Monday noon.

EASTERTIDE: A Time to Move Forward

J2A2: a Journey from Jerusalem to Ann Arbor

From Easter to Pentecost, the disciples discussed what had just happened, often while they were walking somewhere, and that's what we're going to do this Eastertide. To help get us going, Adult Ed and Parish Nursing are teaming up to provide some incentives and opportunities for you to 'move.' Children, Youth and Family Ministries are joining in, too. An amazing spiritual transformation occurred as the disciples walked from place to place. We want to experience a similar spiritual and transforming journey. From Easter to Pentecost (50 days), we'll encourage everyone to move and keep track of your 'journey.' Whether you walk, run, bike, swim or just go from your sitting room to the dining room – keep track of your steps or your distance, because we'll be tracking how far our congregation travels during these 50 days of Eastertide. News of weekly walks will be available on our website, in the weekly Our Life Together email, and in the bulletin. Our first organized walk will be with the children during Sunday School next Sunday, April 3. Children should come dressed for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes.

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