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APRIL 2, 2017
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE Lenten Hymns for Recorder Ensemble

Hymn numbers included in parentheses

Kind Maker of the World (79)

Fleurs des noëls

In the Cross of Christ I Glory (84)

Ithamar Conkey

My Song Is Love Unknown (76)

John Ireland

What Wondrous Love Is This (85)

Walker's *Southern Harmony*

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Ervin (8:00)

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

FAITH IN ACTION Habitat House of Faith

Marty Reineman (8:00)

Don Redding (9:30/11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God gives us life and calls us to live in harmony with all creation.

All: God's glory is all around us, surprising us with beauty and promise.

One: O Lord, your majesty covers the earth. We wonder why you are so good to us.

All: We come into your presence, seeking your help in choosing your way. Bless us with strength to worship you with all words and actions.

* **HYMN 79**

Kind Maker of the World

A LA VENUE DE NOËL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of us all, we are richly blessed. We live in a land with great resources and benefit from plentiful fresh water, good nutrition, and great educational opportunities. We have freedom and options and our needs are satisfied. We have so much, yet we confess to wanting more. We store up excess rather than trusting you to provide. We put ourselves before others and are reluctant to share from our plenty. Open our hearts to the joy of helping others. We ask it in the name of your Son, our Lord and purest example.

SILENT CONFESSION

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.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

* 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," 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

Kathy Hillig (8:00)

Scott Ellsworth (9:30)

Mary McKeever (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Leviticus 19:9-18

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 7:12-14

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

SERMON

Rev. Béghin (8:00)

Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

Responding

* HYMN 515

Now to Your Table Spread

LOVE UNKNOWN

WELCOME

Rev. Ervin (9:30)

Rev. Béghin (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

The Narrow Way

K. Lee Scott

Be near me, Lord, where'er I go;
Teach me what you would have me do;
Direct what'er I think or say;
And lead me in the narrow way.

Prevent me, lest I harbor pride,
Lest I in my own strength confide;
Show me my weakness, let me see
I have my pow'r, my all in thee.

Assist and teach me how to pray;
Incline my nature to obey;
What you abhor, oh, let me flee,
And only love what pleases thee.

(John Cennick, 1718-55)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. At 9:30 a.m. the elements are passed. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray. At 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. please come forward to receive the elements by intinction. Gluten-free wafers are available at the front center serving station. Those unable to come forward will be served in their places.

Communion Music *Prayer of St. Francis* Kola Owolabi

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, let me sow pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

 **Sending** 

* **HYMN 367** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* CHEREPONI
*As the congregation stands to sing, please bring your offering of food forward.
Monetary donations may be put in the special communion envelope and
placed in the baskets.*

* **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 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 Sara Vander Voort and Lynne Lande. Serving in the **Church Office** is Robin Agnew.

Greeters are Sharon Sheldon, Jim Dickinson, Nelly Petrock, Marilyn Gibson, and John and Dawn Pankopf. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Spaulding Clark, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty Swindle, Connie Swindle, Keith Bilby, Sheila Bilby, and Dean Gilchrist at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Linda Lampman, Cindy Andress, Jim Douglass, and Jeannette Middleton 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 Meg Brown and Nancy Fox after the 9:30 service and Carol Downton and Brad Taylor after the 11:00 service. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at

the Communion Table. “Any concern too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden.” – Corrie Ten Boom

Musical leadership is provided by the Recorder Ensemble (Nicole Jolliet, Diane Knibbs, Ann Ringia, Bruce Loughry, and Linda Speck, director), and Chancel Choir.

The chancel flowers are given by Polly Pan in loving memory of her parents, Dr. Oscar and Viola M. Pan.

The pink rosebud celebrates the birth of Elizabeth Heritage Vercler, daughter of Christian Vercler and Kate Kraft, born March 23, 2017.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 a.m. 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).

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

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Nancy Fox, Julie Rupp, Judy Landau, and Nancy Oliver. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. **Fair Trade Coffee is for sale during Coffee Hour today.** 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. Stop by Coffee Hour today or the Church Office during the week to make your purchase.

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.

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.

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. Join in a discussion of *The Very Good Gospel* by Lisa Sharon Harper.

Exploring the Faith meets in Monteith Hall in at 11:00 a.m. for “Our Artists Are Our Prophets: Stations of the Cross.” Artist Sean Hoskins will present.

What’s it like being a Christian in Israel? This topic will be explored today at 12:15 p.m. in the Curtis Room. The Israel/Palestine Mission Team welcomes you to join a conversation with two leaders of the Mar Elias Schools in Ibillin, Israel, along with Rev. Joan Deming, Executive Director of the Pilgrims of Ibillin.

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

Easter lilies will grace the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Sign up in the Church Office or on our website **by this Friday, April 7, at noon** to donate a lily in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost is \$17. After Easter worship our deacons will deliver the lilies to members and friends of our congregation who are ill, grieving, or homebound.

The opening reception for the Stations of the Cross Exhibit is next Sunday, April 9, at 12:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. Come listen to inspiring speakers on art and refugees and walk through the Stations of the Cross Exhibit which will be up all through Holy Week. A light lunch will be served. **All artwork must be submitted to the Church Office no later than this Friday, April 7.**

Support the high school M&M fundraiser is next Sunday during Coffee Hour. Participants will sell M&M’s to raise money for their Costa Rica mission trip, June 18 – 27. Students going on the trip who are interested in raising money should contact Lex.

Costa Rica Mission Trip training is next Sunday, April 9, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Students and leaders will meet in the Youth Room to go over details for the trip. Please let Lex know you are coming. Contact Rev. Sanderford or Peer Minister Lex Allum if you have questions.

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

The spring meeting of College of Elders is next Saturday, April 8, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., in the Social Hall.

Mature Singles meets this Friday, April 7, 5:30 p.m. at Olive Garden, 445 East Eisenhower Parkway. All are welcome.

“PovertyLab: A Welfare Simulation” will be held Sunday, April 23, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. A light lunch will be offered for participants (\$8 per person) from 11:30 to noon. Sign up for the lunch online or in the Church Office by April 20.

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education presents Dr. Stephen Strobbe from the UM School of Nursing on Monday, April 10, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. Dr. Strobbe will speak on “Spirituality, Addiction, and Recovery.” All are welcome to attend.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

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. Maundy Thursday recalls the Last Supper. Jesus’ love for all people is shown by his service to others.

Good Friday worship is April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is a reflective service conducted in a darkened church and remembers the suffering and death of Christ. The Chancel Choir will present Dale Wood’s *Service of Darkness*, seven choral meditations on the last words of Christ, directed by guest conductor Dr. Jerry Blackstone.

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. If the weather is unfavorable for outdoor worship, the service will be in Monteith Hall.

Traditional worship services are at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Dr. Fair will preach and special music will be presented by the Chancel Choir, brass quintet, percussion, and organ.

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.

Easter morning fellowship is in the Lounge on the 200 level before and after the 8:00 a.m. service. Join us for pastries, fruit, and beverages.

Easter Sunday is Family Worship Day. Childcare, for crib through young five-year-olds, is available for the 9:30, 10:00, and 11:00 a.m. services, and for the 8:00 a.m. service by reservation. If you need childcare at 8:00 a.m., please contact the Church Office or Debbie MacVey.

Please make considerate parking choices to leave open as many spaces near the church as possible for people with mobility issues. Handicapped spaces will be designated in the parking lot on the Hillegonds Chapel side of the church. Parking is permitted on Washtenaw Avenue and Hill Street on Sunday mornings and free parking is available in the nearby parking structure at 650 South Forest Avenue.

Bring fresh flowers to add to our Flowering Crosses located outside the Sanctuary on the front steps and in the Monteith Hall vestibule. Store-bought flowers are welcome.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

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

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

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Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries

Carol Muehlig, Organist and Handbell Director

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Reverend Emily Béghin

Reverend Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

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Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

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