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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Gathering

PRELUDE *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!* Wilbur Held
A Festive Trumpet Tune David German

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Dr. Monnett (8:00)
Daniel Ervin (9:30/11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:24-26

Please sing the four Alleluias.

One: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

All: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

One: This is the day the Lord acted; we will rejoice and celebrate in it!

All: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

One: Lord, please save us! Lord, please let us succeed!

All: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

One: The one who enters in the Lord's name is blessed;
we bless all of you from the Lord's house.

All: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

* **HYMN 119** *The Strife Is O'er* VICTORY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Left: Before you, Jesus Christ, we admit how and where we have underestimated our influence, letting our words and silences hurt, abusing trust, betraying confidences.

Leader: Lord, have mercy:

All: Christ, have mercy.

Right: We admit how and where we have made a show of our faith, attracting more attention to us, and less to you.

Leader: Lord, have mercy:

All: Christ, have mercy.

Left: We admit that we have allowed a vague interest to become a dangerous passion, and we are not sure what to do, and whether or not we are in control of our own lives.

Leader: Lord, have mercy:

All: Christ, have mercy.

Right: Lord Jesus Christ, if we have longed for or looked for an easier Gospel, a lighter cross, a less demanding Savior, then turn our eyes and avert our longing from what we want to choose to the One who has chosen us.

Leader: Lord, have mercy:

All: Christ, have mercy. Please forgive our unfaithfulness, and now for better living, give us not the remedy we desire for tomorrow, but the grace you offer us today. We ask all of this for love's sake.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* 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

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sharon Sheldon (8:00)
Catherine Kendall (9:30)
Joe Bones (11:00)

FIRST READING John 20:19-31

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

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

Children through grade five are invited forward.

SECOND READING Acts 5:27-32

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

SERMON

Can I Get a Witness?

Rev. Sanderford

Responding

* HYMN 117

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

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WELCOME

Rev. Béghin (9:30)

Rev. Ryo (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Alleluia

William K. Brehm

Alleluia. Sing Alleluia. Amen.

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

All communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray.

Prayer After Communion

🌿 Sending 🌿

* **HYMN** *Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen* SURGE ECCLESIA
*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.*



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this
2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter
3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has
4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age



meal of love and grace; may we through such love en -
Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are
called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing
be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -



vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le -
hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -
nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le -
na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and gcal.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (insert)

Hallelujah! from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel

Please join the choir and orchestra singing:

**Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom
of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His
Christ, and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever.
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!**

*Following the service, please leave the insert of Hallelujah in the pew or hand
it to an usher so that we might use it in future years. These copies were given in
memory of Phil Dalley.*

* **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.

Worship resources are adapted from Wild Goose Worship Group, Iona, Scotland and from the Common English Bible.

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 Barbara Mueller. **Church Office volunteers** are Ruth Weber and Sarah Krein. **Greeters** are Al and Sheryl Powell for the 9:30 a.m. service and John and Dawn Pankopf and Pat Liljestrand for the 11:00 a.m. service.

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Spaulding Clark, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty Swindle, Connie Swindle, Dean Gilchrist, Sheila Bilby, and Keith Bilby at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Jim Douglass, Linda Lampman, Cyndy Colton, and Jeanette Middleton at 11:00 a.m.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Prayer team members are Heidi Dodson and Evonne Plantinga following the 9:30 a.m. service and Don Redding following the 11:00 a.m. service. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. “Those persons who know the deep peace of God, the unfathomable peace that passeth all understanding, are always men and women of much prayer.” – R. A. Torrey

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 Noelle Elise Ruggeberg, born March 21, 2016, to Joe and Lisa Wolters Ruggerberg. Grandparents are Lori and Bill Wolters.

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 service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM's website, www.waamannarbor.com.

Communion Food Offering is today. As we come to the Lord's Table to be fed and nurtured in our faith, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Detroit Hunger Ministry 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 Barb Carlisle, Angela Yang, and Linda Cameron. **Fair Trade Coffee is for sale during Coffee Hour today.** Regular, decaf, whole bean, and drip grind coffees are available. Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes First Pres' commitment to serving Fair Trade Coffee at all church events. Coffee sales volunteers are Gail Grady and Sue Cares.

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.

During our 9:30 Sunday School today our church school children will be the first to participate in our "Jerusalem to Ann Arbor Challenge." Under the leadership of their Sunday School teachers and Debbie MacVey, the children will go on a scavenger hunt and prayer walk that will take us down to Burns Park and back to church – about a mile. When we return we will go to our classrooms for parents to meet us there.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

Munch & Mingle is at 9:20 a.m. in the 100 level hallway. **Sunday School classes** meet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

College Ministry Opportunities:

Lunch immediately follows the 11:00 a.m. service. There is no charge for college students. Meet in the Welcome Center.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room/Library for Bible exploration and discussion on the Gospel of John. The presenter is Rev. Ed Koster.

First Couples meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Monteith Hall for spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support for couples and individuals. Presenters are class members. Today's discussion centers on *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall to explore and experience the Celtic Way of Prayer with presenters Deanne Woodruff and Kathy Wirstrom.

Common Ground meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room for a special series for families, "Parenting Today - Parents, Kids & TED Talks." Today's topic, hosted by Rev. Dr. Monnett and Peer Minister Lex Allum, is "The Mysterious Working of the Adolescent Brain."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A new women's Bible study group begins this Tuesday, April 5, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., in the Curtis Room. This seven-week study will journey through the Psalms of Ascent using material written by Beth Moore. Workbooks, available for purchase (\$20) on April 5, include daily studies. For more information contact Lois Nissly (761-2959), Anne Kloack (973-2826), or Mary Kay Gray (971-7079).

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.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, April 8, at 5:30 p.m., at Outback Steakhouse, 3173 Oak Valley Drive. All are welcome.

Youth News:

Mids Youth Group goes to the Zap Zone next Sunday, April 10, 1:00 – 2:30. RSVP to Andy Spaulding. Bring \$10 cash to Zap Zone. A signed Consent Release is needed. Keystones will meet at their regular time.

Believe Youth Conference is April 22 – 23 for our 6th – 8th graders. Come overnight in Holland and join 600 other mid-highs for high energy worship, teaching, and magic with illusionist Brock Gill. The cost of this great event is \$170. See Andy Spaulding or RJ for more information and to register.

Class of 2016, mark your calendars for being honored in worship Sunday, June 12, at the 9:30 a.m. worship before the All-Church picnic.

The College of Elders meets Saturday, April 16, 9:00–10:30 a.m., in the Social Hall. If you are an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church or Minister of the Word and Sacrament, you are invited to attend. Please call the Church Office to RSVP by Friday, April 8.

Save the date (April 23) for the Philippines Mission Team's Spring Rummage Sale. It is not too soon to donate items. Contact Joe Schmidt (417-4921) for more information.

Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity House of Faith construction by contacting Lois Nissly (lnissly@comcast.net) or Don Redding (dredding58@yahoo.com). This is an opportunity to share our blessings, to show God's love and grace, to enjoy fellowship, and most importantly, to make a significant difference in the lives of our partner family.

Our church orchestra will play for the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services April 17. You are invited to arrive early for the Prelude, which will be the first movement of Schubert's "Unfinished" Symphony.

The (S)Upper Room, our Gourmet Food Group, meets May 21 (not May 28 as previously reported) in members' homes. Groups of 8 – 10 meet to plan interesting, difficult recipes and discuss regional food. The theme this quarter is Mediterranean. Contact Rev. Rogers for more information.

J2A2 EASTERTIDE: 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 are doing this Eastertide. Have you been keeping track of your steps or distance this past week? If so, give us a report during Coffee Hour so we can map our progress. Check out our online map on the website or visit the 400-level where you can see how far our journey has already taken us!

Let's go for a Dog Walk! Next Sunday, April 10, at 5:00 p.m., Rev. Sanderford will lead a 3-mile walk at Hudson Mills Metropark (8801 North Territorial Road, Dexter). Meet in the parking area near the Central Shelter. (After entering the park, turn right just after the toll station, and drive straight ahead to the parking area). Contact Rev. Sanderford (434- 466-1306) for more information. Bring your own dog or pet one of the many Presbyterian dogs we expect to see there.

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

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