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APRIL 24, 2016
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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



🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

arr. Sandra Eithun

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Ryo (8:00)

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

Rev. Béghin (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world,
and those who live in it.

All: O Lord, how manifold are your works!
The earth is full of your creatures.

One: The sea is great and wide. Innumerable creeping things are
there, living things both small and great.

All: In your wisdom you have made us all and given us life.
We worship and praise you!

* HYMN 455 (stanzas 1-4) *All Creatures of Our God and King*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all, you create all things in love and give us the responsibility to be stewards of your good creation. We confess that we have used and abused the world we inhabit. We have plundered its resources and taken its riches for granted. We have polluted the oceans and the rivers and lakes which give us food and fresh water. We have poisoned the soil and allowed it to erode. We have disrupted the intricate web of life and caused the extinction of many species. Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes to how we can restore your creation and care for it with the respect and love you show us.

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

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

Lori Pickard (8:00)

Grace Chung (9:30)

Martha Froseth (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 104:1-15

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

Text by F. S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)

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

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Colossians 1:15-20

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

SERMON

Daniel Ervin (8:00)

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

Responding

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00/11:00)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

from A Brief Statement of Faith

* HYMN 268 *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

HOLY MANNA

WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *How Great Thou Art* arr. Michael Miller

Please remain seated and join the choir in singing the last stanza.

O Lord, my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze . . .

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

* **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)

See Communion Card

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:30)

In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may be taken after the service.

Jenny and Doug Nale present their daughter, Gracelyn Rose Nale,
born November 9, 2015, for baptism.

* **Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the
third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe
in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the
life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water and Baptism

Hymn 498 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*
Please sing Stanzas 1 and 2.

KINGDOM

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 473** (stanzas 1-4) *For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

* **POSTLUDE** *The Glory of God in Nature*

Ludwig van Beethoven

* 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 are Barbara Mueller and Marti Wendler. **Church Office volunteers** are Martha Petroski and George Hendrickson. **Greeters** are Jane Hayes and Catherine Kendall for the 9:30 a.m. service, and David and Carol Downton for the 11:00 a.m. service.

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) 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 Marolin Bellefleur and Carol Gottliebsen following the 9:30 a.m. service and Marolin Bellefleur and Gail Grady following the 11:00 a.m. service. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. “‘Help’ is a prayer that is always answered.” – Anne Lamott

Musical leadership is provided by Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir and the Chancel Choir.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Phil Dalley by his daughter Leah Dalley in commemoration of his birthday.

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.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Betsy DiMaggio, Carol German, and Linda Lampman.

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 100 level hallway. **Sunday School classes** meet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Mids** youth group is 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:

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. Using the *Living the Question* DVD, today's discussion explores how people of faith are sent out into the world.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall with Dr. John Whittier-Ferguson, UM Professor of English, to explore Louise Glück's Pulitzer Prize-winning *The Wild Iris*.

Common Ground meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room to continue our "Parenting Today" series with a presentation about social media, screens, and teens. Today's session is hosted by Peer Minister Lex Allum and Rev. Sanderford.

J2A2 – A Prison Prayer Walk is today. Rev. Angela Ryo and Resident Minister Daniel Ervin, accompanied by the prison chaplain and sergeant, will lead a walk around the Washtenaw County Jail. Please meet in the Founders Room by 12:15 p.m. A light lunch will be served before leaving for the walk at 12:40 p.m. This walk may not be appropriate for younger children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 and lend support to those in need. Please bring food donations or financial contributions for the Washtenaw Community College Food Bank.

A Grief and Loss Support Group at First Pres Starts May 19. So many in our congregation have lost a loved one in the last few months and are coping with a new reality of grief and transition. The group, facilitated by Rev. Rogers, will meet for four sessions on Thursday evenings, May 19 and 26 and June 2 and 9, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., in the Vance Room. This is open to our church, friends, and community. If you know of someone who would benefit from this, please encourage them to attend. All are welcome, and there is no charge to participate. Please sign up with the Church Office or contact Rev. Rogers if you would like to come.

J2A2: A Journey from Jerusalem to Ann Arbor

Are your feet sore yet? Are you ready to swim across the Atlantic Ocean? As we continue to travel from Jerusalem to Ann Arbor check our progress on the map on our website or by visiting the 400-level to see how far our journey has already taken us! Join us for these sponsored walks:

A Nature Walk next Saturday, April 30, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., led by Jane Hayes, naturalist. Meet in the parking lot at Scarlett Middle School unless it is pouring rain. All ages are invited for exploration. Contact Jane (330-1884) if you have questions.

A Bird Walk, Saturday, May 7. Join members Sue and Dick Rigterink early Saturday morning in Gallup Park to go birding. Bring binoculars if you have them.

A Women's Walking Retreat, Saturday, May 7. We'll meet at 9:00 a.m. at the church and walk in different small groups based on physical ability and choice. Each group will be led by either a pilgrim or pastoral staff. Walkers will experience different forms of walking as a spiritual practice. We'll close with a short worship at 11:30 a.m.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, April 29, at 5:30 p.m., at Carlyle Bar & Grill, 3660 Jackson Road. All 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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