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APRIL 28, 2019
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

Variation Prelude on "Dunlap's Creek" (8/11:00) J. William Greene
Prelude in E Minor (9:30) J. S. Bach

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Buckley (8:00)
Rev. Sanderford (9:30/11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION

Fifth Grade Mission Project

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Piatt (9:30)
Rev. Koenig-Reinke (11:00)

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: We bless you in the house of the Lord.

One: You are our God;

All: We will give thanks to you.

One: You are our God;

All: We will praise you.

* HYMN 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, your light shines in the darkness. Christ has risen, calling us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Yet we have not always treated people with kindness and grace. We struggle to believe in things we cannot see or touch. We believe nothing lasts forever, and so we deny your love and destroy your beauty. May the Holy Spirit reveal the truth of your steadfast love and eternal rebirth. Empower us to expand your kingdom in creativity and love. Guide us today and every day to share with everyone God's grace, peace and love. Let us practice resurrection.

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**

**Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me,
Spirit divine!**

This response is Hymn 451.

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nancy Fox (8:00)
Sarah Phillips (9:30)
Ed Koster (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 118:24–29

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30) Rev. Piatt

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 20:19–29

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

SERMON

A Piece of My Peace

Rev. McGowan

 **Responding** 

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

God, you are Maker of Heaven and Earth, the Lord in whom we Trust, the Parent Almighty, the Father of Light, the Mother of Creation, who knows all, sees all and loves all.

Jesus, you are God's Son, the Redeemer and Healer of all things, the Resurrected Shepherd, the Protector of All, the One who finds and rescues us, Truly Human, the Teacher who is with God, and the Bread for the entire World.

Holy Spirit, you are the Sustainer of the Living and the Dead, the Holy Comforter who is with us always, the Sign of the holy catholic church, the One who blesses us in baptism, the Eternal Flame, the Great Equalizer who welcomes us into the communion of saints.

*** HYMN 817**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION (9:30)

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

Presentation

Those being confirmed today are Ethan Hamden, Alex Hummel, Lance Maugh, Sarah Meyers, Lucy Schneidewind, Lana Smith, Chloe Sprague, Thomas Swindle, and Joey Wisniewski. The class was led by Charlotte Anderson, Reid Sawtell, GJ Frye, and Rev. Evans McGowan.

Questions

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Do you trust him? **I do.**

Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his word, and to show his love? **I do.**

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be? **I will.**

Do we, members of this congregation, promise to support, nurture, and sustain these newest members on the Christian journey? **We do.**

* Profession of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

Do you believe in God, the Creator?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer for Confirmation (*unison*)

Almighty God, we thank you that in your Son Jesus Christ you have brought us to yourself, and that by the seal of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. As you bind these young people to yourself through faith, renew in every worshiper here a commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Send forth these young people in the power of your Spirit to perform the service you have set before them. Amen.

Rite of Confirmation

While the congregation remains seated and sings, the confirmands and their parents will come forward for anointing and prayer by one of the ministers.

Hymn 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM

Hymn 725 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

Rev. Sanderford (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 Lovely Are The Messengers Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,

Throughout all the lands, their glad tidings.

* 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.

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 192** *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining* SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

* **POSTLUDE** *Offertory on the Melody of “O filii et filiae”*

This work is based on Hymn 255.

Nicolas Lebegue

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Hearing-assistance devices and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

The Call to Worship was adapted from Psalm 118:24–29. **The Affirmation of Faith** was written by the 2019 Confirmands.

Musical leadership includes Charlie Eidelman, organ; Felix Wagner, organ; and Chancel Choir, Rick Ingram, guest conductor (9:30/11:00).

The prayer shawls presented to our Confirmands during the 9:30 a.m. service were made with love and care by our Knit Night group. If you would like to be a part of this small group, please contact Prue Heikkinen (prueannarbor@gmail.com).

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 is online at www.firstpresbyterian.org. If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Lorna Prescott and Nancy Pflasterer. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Harriet Brower and Carolyn Schultz (9:30) and Marilyn Gibson and Peggy Jensen (11:00). **Sound system volunteer** is Bryan Magnuson (9:30). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Martin Reineman (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Spaulding Clark, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty and Connie Swindle, Keith Bilby, Dean Gilchrist, and Annette Fraser (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Linda Lampman, Cyndy Colton, Jim Douglass, Jeannette Middleton, and Paul and Georgia Goodman (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the Chancel in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Prayer team members are Martha Kershaw and Nancy Fox (9:30). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “Our prayers must mean something to us if they are to mean anything to God.” – Maltbie D. Babcock

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Nan Crandall Stone, Ernestine Crandall Taylor, and Earl Crandall by Linda Stone Koos and Brad Taylor; in loving memory of Jim Wheaton by his wife Julie; and to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Ruth Sutton by her grateful family.

The pink rosebud celebrates the birth of Isla Joyce Cameron, born April 8, 2019, daughter of Matt and Kelly Cameron. Grandparents are Jim and Linda Cameron.

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 to celebrate our confirmands in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Carol German and Beth Caldwell.

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.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room/Library. Rev. Ed Koster is the facilitator. Join the discussion to explore the big ideas of the Christian faith. Today's topic is "Holiness."

First Friends, a fellowship group that meets in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m., welcomes all to discuss a variety of topics from books, DVDs, and speakers. Today's topic is "An Odd Couple, Jonah and Ruth: Lessons for Our Fractured World."

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for a series on interfaith traditions. Rev. George Lambrides presents an introduction and overview to our series "Getting to know you – Who is the YOU in this multi-religious society?" We will hear from each presenter not only the basics of their faith perspective, but also what compassion means to them, and what it looks like on a daily basis.

College Students! UKirk@UMich Campus Ministry Opportunities:

Good luck with finals! If you need study space in the church, contact Rev. McGowan. Today is our last **College Lunch** of the semester after the 11:00 a.m. worship service, and our final free **Yoga for Students** at 4:15 p.m., at Campus Chapel. We are breaking from our regular gatherings for the summer. Please contact us (campus@firstpresbyterian.org) if you are around this summer. We would love to grab coffee or lunch sometime!

20s & 30s (T2A2) Small Group meets at 7:00 p.m. at Chris Wahl's house to read and discuss the *Final Words From the Cross* by Adam Hamilton. Bring your questions and insights, wherever you are on your faith journey! We invite all in their 20s and 30s to come and build community with us. For more information about T2A2 opportunities, contact Rev. Piatt.

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 and/or financial contributions for the Washtenaw Community College Food Bank.

All are welcome to join our Stephen Ministers for a learning opportunity on May 13, at 7:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. Dr. Tim Johnson, former Chairperson of the Department of OB-Gyn at UM, will address issues facing adolescents and young women.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, May 3, at Applebee's restaurant, 2310 Green Road. All are welcome!

Spring is here! Our annual "Plant the Vegetable Gardens at Cass Workday" is Saturday, May 11. This is a great opportunity to show the Cass Community that we care. These gardens directly impact the quality of over one million meals served annually by Cass. Sign up online.

Join our next 24-hour Silent Retreat to St. Augustine's House in Oxford May 17–18. Cost is \$50 and space is limited. Contact Rev. Annette Fraser, retreat leader, at nnttfraser@gmail.com

Youth Events:

High School graduates will be recognized in worship Sunday, June 2, at 9:30 a.m. Please submit the graduate's name, parents' name(s), high school, and future plans to the Church Office or online.

MIDS: Crossover Edition is Sunday, May 19, 10:30 a.m.–noon, in the Youth Room. All current 5th–7th graders are invited to join us for pizza and lots of fun. Whether you are a returning student or a first-time attendee, join us and find out what MIDS is all about! Contact Essie Koenig-Reinke (essie@firstpresbyterian.org) with questions about this event, and to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you there.

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