



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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MAY 27, 2018
FAMILY SUNDAY

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

Gathering

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (8:00)
Rev. Sanderford (9:30)
Rev. Buckley (11:00)

INTROIT

Lift Up Your Heads

Giovanni Gabrieli

Text adapted by James Engel

Lift up your heads, ye gates; be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts.

Lift up your heads, lift up your heads, ye gates;
and the King of glory shall come in. Psalm 24:7-9

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.

**All: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and
Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

One: God creates us all in love
and calls us to live together as one people.

All: Let us join our voices in songs of praise!

* HYMN 264

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you desire that we live in harmony with one another and with the world around us. We confess that too often we choose sides, divide into different camps, and tear down rather than build up those around us. Forgive us and help us forgive one another. Open our eyes to our common humanity and arrest the fear that drives us apart. Soften our hearts, that we might be open to share and receive grace and grow into the people you want us to be.

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 God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

This response is Hymn 464.

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nancy Pflasterer (8:00)
Dana Larson (9:30)
Anna Millard (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 6:1-8

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *Cantemus* Lorenz Maierhofer

*Viva la musica! Cantemus! Omnes gentes, cantemus! Amici, cantemus!
Long live music! Sing! All the people, sing! Friends, sing!*

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:12-17

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

SERMON

Rev. Parks-Piatt (8:00)
Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

 **Responding** 

*** HYMN 358**

Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

WELCOME

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

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *Cantad* Mark Patterson
Cantad a Jehova cantico nuevo. Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord a new song; come lift up your praise to the Lord! Come, every nation, come and lift up a song to the Lord. Come sing to God above; come sing with one accord. Sing a song of gladness, O people; lift up your voice. Sing to God with one voice; let all the earth rejoice! Come and sing to the Lord. Cantad!

* **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 374** *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*

DICKINSON COLLEGE

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Please be seated following the Benediction for the Choral Response.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing arr. Mark Miller
O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Please join the choir singing:

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

* **POSTLUDE**

* Please rise in body or spirit.

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 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 Jeanette Swartz and Carol Downton. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Peggy Jensen and Jane Hayes (9:30), and Linda Lampman and Cathy McKenny (11:00). **Sound system volunteers** are Dallas Dort (9:30) and Bryan Magnuson (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Martin Reineman at 8:00; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Beth Sanderford, Omer Bellfi, Karla Olson Bellfi, Dean Gilchrist, and Annette Fraser (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Peggy Hodgson, Karen Cox, Joe Cox, Jeanette Swartz, and Barry Swartz (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 Bill McPherson (9:30) and Linda Lampman (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties.” – Oswald Chambers

Musical leadership is provided by Carol Muehlig, organ; and Oak Grove UMC Youth Choir, Edgar Scruggs, director.

We welcome the Youth Choir of Oak Grove United Methodist Church, Decatur, Georgia, and thank them for their worship leadership for the 9:30 and 11:00 services. The choir includes singers from grades 6-12. An annual tradition, the Music Mission Tour gives these young people the opportunity to share Christ through music and missions. Later today they will be in Detroit to sing with two African American choirs at Hope Presbyterian Church, and they will provide musical leadership for mass this evening at Saints Peter and Paul Church. This week they will also participate with some of our mission partners in Detroit before continuing their tour back to Georgia. The group is under the direction of Edgar Scruggs, a long-time friend of Tom and Doris Granum, who are in Georgia this weekend for their daughter’s wedding. Prior to his tenure as Director of Traditional Music at Oak Grove, Edgar Scruggs was director of choral activities/studies at the University of Georgia and then at Belmont University, Nashville, and he has guest conducted throughout the U.S. and Europe.

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Ruth and Paul McCracken by their children, and in honor of the Leslie family’s continuity of service in the US Armed Forces – Richard D., Dale R., and Graham T. Leslie.

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 in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are David and Carol Downton and Betsy DiMaggio. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

The First Pres Veterans Group is sponsoring Coffee Hour in remembrance of veterans who have died. A slide show will honor veterans who are former members of our church, friends, or relatives of church members. **All are invited to a short remembrance ceremony** led by Rev. Eldon Beery in the Memorial Garden at 12:15 p.m.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Today is Family Sunday. Childcare is available at 9:30 a.m. for crib through age two and **Christian education classes** are held for age three through kindergarten. At 11:00 a.m., childcare is available for crib through young five-year-olds. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the Sanctuary entrances for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

Adult Education Opportunity:

First Friends meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. to discuss *The Christian Life: A Geography of God* by Michael Lindvall. First Friends is a self-directed adult group providing a safe place for people to share concerns and receive Christian support.

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 Food Gatherers of Ann Arbor.

Mature Singles meet tomorrow, Monday, May 28, at Lillie Park North (4365 Platt Road), at 1:00 p.m., for their annual Memorial Day picnic. Contact Marcy Toon (995-2519) for more information. **Mature Singles** gather this Friday, June 1, at Olive Garden, 445 East Eisenhower Parkway, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Join the Nicaragua Mission Team next Sunday, June 3, at 11:00 a.m., in Monteith Hall when we share our experiences and stories from our recent trip to Quebrada Honda. Learn what happens when graduate students and retirees travel together to provide lights and electrical outlets in three classrooms. Learn how partnership and relationships are the foundation of successful mission work in a developing country. Learn how lives can be transformed during and after a trip.

Sign up now for our annual All-Church Picnic. There will be fun for all ages and a time of celebration of the 27-year service of Debbie MacVey as Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries! The beach-themed picnic is June 10 following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Enjoy Slow's BBQ from Detroit, the smooth jazz sounds of the Paul Keller Jazz Quintet on the Circle Terrace, and inflatables (including "The Cliffhanger" slide). Cost is \$8 per person if you pay by Friday, June 8 at noon or \$9 per person if you pay at the event (maximum \$40 per nuclear family). Children 5 and under are free. Sign up online or in the Church Office.

Rescue and Recycle Book Project for Children in the Philippines

works with designated schools in Washtenaw County to collect, sort, and pack preschool, elementary, middle and high school books that they are discarding. We also collect books that are donated by individuals or families. Books are shipped to various cities in the Philippines. Discarded school supplies such as crayons, pencils, and binders are also shipped upon request. Gathering these books and supplies, sorting and packing them, generally the last week of June, is fun and very rewarding. If you would like to join us and/or would like to ship books to a specific village in the Philippines, contact Ginny Rezmierski (734-971-6221 or ver@umich.edu).

Summer Ushering Openings! From June through August, we put together usher teams to serve at 9:30 and 11:00 of people who are willing to hand out bulletins, greet worshippers, watch for those in need of help or direction, and collect the offering. An easy way to serve, it's also a wonderful way to make new friends and be an encouragement and help in our most important gathering of the church for worship. Families, couples, and young people are welcome to serve, as well. A brief but thorough training is provided. If you are willing to serve on a few Sundays this summer, please contact Rev. Rogers.

Finding joy, meaning and purpose in a world that is often filled with suffering, doubt and loneliness is the heart of our 2018 First Pres Summer Book Read this summer. Two accessible books, *Credo* by William Sloan Coffin (\$11) and *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by the Dali Lama and Desmond Tutu (\$17) will be our guides for worship, conversation and mindful exploration of the contours of a world filled with suffering and the resources of our Christian faith. These books may be purchased in the Church Office.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff
Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor
Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor
Deborah MacVey, Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries
Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries
Reverend Blair Buckley, Resident Minister
Reverend Eric Koenig-Reinke, Resident Minister
Reverend Dorothy Parks-Piatt, Resident Minister
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