

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 31, 2020



Saturated in Spirit by Lauren Wright Pittman



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Making God's Love Visible

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church - s pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
 all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
 mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
 fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
 san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Please know that, in recording all the parts of this liturgy — spoken, sung and played — we have carefully observed responsible norms of social distancing.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in bold.

Today's cover art is "Saturated in Spirit." Artist Lauren Wright Pittman writes: "I was particularly inspired by Acts 2:17. 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. On Pentecost, Spirit is freely poured out, indiscriminately, upon ALL flesh. The swirling wind of the Spirit fills the whole space empowering people to action. Some will see visions, others will speak truth to power, and others will dream of God's Kingdom realized."

The liturgical color of Pentecost is red. Red symbolizes fire, and therefore is the color of the Holy Spirit.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Choral varié sur le thème du "Veni Creator"

Maurice Duruflé

As the voluntary begins, let the time and the music help to center you for worship.

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

Special Offerings

Pat Tamblyn

CHORAL INTROIT *Come Thou, Lord, Creator Spirit* Jeffrey H. Rickard

Lorna Hildebrandt, Leslie Smith, Kathy Wirstrom,
Heidi Hess-Willis, David Magumba, Joseph Sevig, Elijah Emmons,
Benton DeGroot; Amy Ruhf and Brent Ivey, Handbells

Come thou, Lord, creator spirit, tune the humble heart to thee.
From the flame of love now kindle flame in spirits born for thee.

Thou creator of thy children; thou the orb of liberty.
Thou the treasure we do cherish; thou our hope and destiny.

Come thou, Lord, in all thy splendor, let the wall of temple ring.
Seraphs' cry allow to render clear the anthem we would sing.

Thou so mighty, now recover for thyself thy majesty.
Thou, so gentle, now deliver for thyself thy people free.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A wind breathes among us,
calling us to gather
in the name of the Holy One.

**All: A fire burns within us,
calling us to action,
calling us to service,
calling us to prayer.**

One: A Spirit moves around us,
calling us to turn in joy
toward the needs and sorrows of the world.

**All: Burning, breathing,
Spirit of Creation and Compassion,
we bring our lives to you.**

HYMN 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

(This hymn is found on the previous page of this bulletin.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Light and Darkness, night and day.
We marvel at the mystery of the stars and sun.

**All: Moon and sky, sand and sea.
Twilight, high noon, dusk and dawn.**

One: Though we are mortal, we are Creation's crown.
Flesh and bone, steel and stone.

**All: We are but a little lower than the angels.
Yet we have broken the bond with our Creation, and our Lord.**

One: Remind us, Lord: our origin is dust and to dust we will return.
We have fractured your creation and damaged our own home.

**All: We live in fragile, temporary shelters.
Forgive us, Lord, and put us on a different, sustainable path.**

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Grant us steadfast love, compassion and grace.
May splendor, mercy, majesty and love endure.

**All: We are but little lower than the angels.
The majesty of Creation lifts our lives.
Your forgiveness gives us all a new beginning.**

One: Splendid skies, sunset, sunrise.
Evening darkness, morning dawn.

All: Renew our lives as You renew all of us and all of creation.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
On women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, response in every hour.**

This is Stanza 3 of Hymn 289 *On Pentecost They Gathered*.

Pentecost (from Greek word for "50th day"), celebrated on the 50th day after Easter, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. Recorded in the Acts of the apostles, it occurred at the end of the Jewish harvest season during a festival in Jerusalem, after Jesus' ascension. On Pentecost, we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church: the Spirit draws us together in one body, helps us to see what God is doing in the world, and empowers us to respond in word and deed to God's plan to reconcile all creation in the name of Christ.

"I used to think that if we threw enough good science at the environmental problems, we could solve them. I was wrong. The main threats to the environment are not biodiversity loss, pollution, and climate change, as I once thought. They are selfishness and greed and pride. And for that we need a spiritual and cultural transformation..."

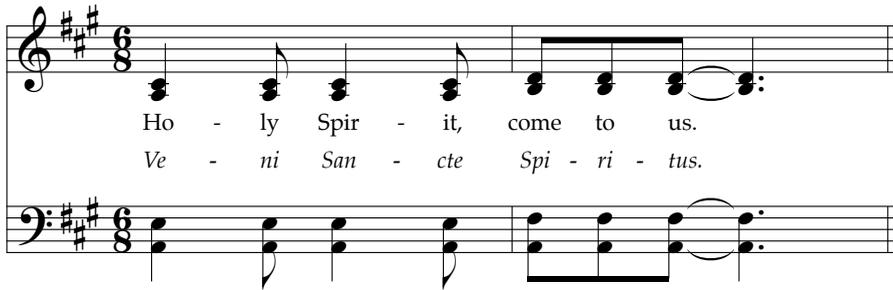
~ James "Gus" Speth

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carson Strauss

Our Prayer for Illumination will begin by joining together in singing a Taizé song: *Holy Spirit, Come to Us*. Please continue to sing it as the spoken prayer is offered.



Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.
Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

The Prayer for Illumination turns our attention to God to ask that we hear God's word in order to better know God's will for our lives.

Carson Strauss is a new First Pres member who just joined with the 2020 Confirmation Class. Congratulations and welcome, Carson! Carson is the son of Steve Strauss and Jeanette Clute.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:1-21

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2:1-8

The grass withers; the flower fades—
the word of our God endures forever.

SERMON

Time to Write a New Story

Rev. Jim Antal

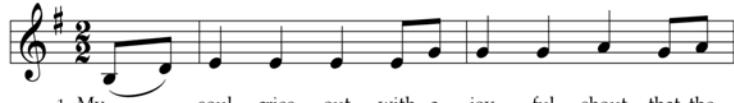
RESPONDING

HYMN 100

My Soul Cried Out with a Joyful Shout

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

This hymn employs an energetic Irish folk song for its melody. This ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46–55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

The Spirit Like a Mighty Wind
Chancel Choir

William P. Rowan

The Spirit, like a mighty wind, blows wild and fierce and strong,
To fan the flames of kindled love, igniting hearts to song.

Refrain:

In swirling sound's ecstatic choir, God's grace abounds in tongues of fire!

The Spirit, like a lightning flash, streaks through our darkened skies,
With sudden brilliance bringing hope and sight to clouded eyes. (*Refrain*)

The Spirit, like a surging storm, flings open every gate;
Breaks down the walls of threat and fear, sweeps clean the chaff of hate. (*Refrain*)

The Spirit, like a living breath, still courses through our lands
When strangers speak in common voice, and nations understand. (*Refrain*)

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known;
Creator, Word, and Spirit one: Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

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.

Use these offertory moments to breathe in God's peace and breathe out gratitude in the form of prayerful praise and tangible acts of service. The church's regular expenses continue in these difficult times. And the community around us needs your financial support: your faithful giving is like the breath of life to mission programs we love, neighbors in need, members who are hurting. And if you're wondering what more you can do, don't forget the special Love Made Visible Covid-19 Response appeal to support unforeseen needs and expenses related to the pandemic.

Though circumstances prevent us from passing an offering plate, they also require that we not take a pass on doing what we can to keep our ministries healthy during this crisis. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

Ways to give: online on the First Pres homepage ... via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523) ... use our Give+ app ... put a check in the mail ... or scan the QR code below. (Call Finance Manager Anna Miller if you need assistance.)



SENDING

Please sign our virtual Friendship Pad.

If you are worshipping with us via YouTube, Facebook, or radio, either sign the pad on our website (www.firstpresbyterian.org) or click here <https://bit.ly/2Rlig2l> to let us know that you joined us for worship today.

HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

CWM RHONNDA

God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te - cost des - cend!
God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your pur - pose, purge!
God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from leth - ar - gy!
God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's rest - less - ness!

Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort; past these walls your peo - ple send!
Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y, let your flam - ing Spir - it surge!
Break the claims of sin a - sun - der, for earth's heal - ing set us free!
Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish, may we share your heart's dis - tress.

Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice, there with Christ to bear the cross,
Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice, kin - dle us to speak your truth,
Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us; make us one in Christ our Lord,
Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil; claim us for your king - dom's work,

there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

This is the Refrain of Hymn 66 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Choral varié sur le thème du "Veni Creator": Final

Maurice Duruflé

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof!

This Eastertide we join together as caretakers of God's creation to explore issues related to ecology and climate justice and how we can continue to be stewards and caretakers of God's marvelous creation. We welcome you to our series entitled, "**New Creation: Green Faith Rising —Hope in a Time of Climate Change.**" What does climate change mean to you? Are you scared or discouraged, angry or indifferent? And what does it have to do with our Christian faith? For seven weeks following Easter, join our intergenerational exploration of our environmental crisis that will include focused worship services, hands-on activities, and guest speakers.



A Virtual Art Exhibit based on our Green Faith Rising Series: Living with Hope in an Age of Climate Change is now available via our website (<https://greenfaithrising.weebly.com>). Many thanks to the following artists and photographers: Robin Agnew, Fred Beutler, Lois Bryant, Sue Dempsey, Jean Barnes Downs, Kathy and Kurt Hillig, Leslie Johnson, Virginia Koster, Aidan and Chloe Majorprice, Carole Pawloski, Dick Riggerink, Fritz Schafer, and Scott Strodtman.

We welcome the Rev. Jim Antal, a distinguished speaker, activist, and thought leader on the environmental crisis which many believe is the defining moral issue of our time. Jim is the author of *Climate Church*, *Climate World* which many of us have been reading together over these weeks since Easter. He served with distinction in several parish churches before becoming the President and Conference Minister of the largest conference in the United Church of Christ, in Massachusetts. For decades Jim's voice has been stirring both the conscience and the hope of the church as an instrument of God's healing; he writes that the current crisis is "what the church was born for."

Thanks to the Chancel Choir for creating the Virtual Choir Anthem during the Offertory.

In addition, many thanks to FPC member and former choir member, John Ackenhusen for editing the Virtual Choir for our Pentecost service.

All of the bulletin cover art during Eastertide was created by artist and graphic designer, Lauren Wright Pittman of Anderson, South Carolina. Lauren is Founding Creative Director of *A Sanctified Art* that provides worship resources for churches and congregations of all denominations. Thank you, Lauren!

A prayer team is available to those who would like prayer following this service. On Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and at noon you may enter the prayer room by clicking the link on the home page of our website (<https://firstpresbyterian.org/event/prayer-team>).

Join Rev. Rogers and other staff members for a virtual Coffee Hour Sunday immediately following the Closing Voluntary. For the first 20–30 minutes, we have group conversation, and then we split into small groups. At 11:15, Coffee Hour conversations end so that all can be ready for 11:30 Adult Education. If you have questions or need help, please contact Rev. Rogers. **This week's topic is "Where are you seeing the Holy Spirit alive and at work in the world today and especially during the pandemic?"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pentecost Offering 2020. Today we join with other Presbyterian churches to focus our support on young people, young adults, and children-at-risk in support of the Pentecost Offering of our Presbyterian Church U.S.A. We see how the Pentecost story inspires and encourage all people into a lifetime of faith and service. 60% of your Pentecost gift goes to vibrant national Presbyterian ministries helping children, youth ministries, and young adults develop their faith. Montreat Youth Conferences, Youth Triennium and even the Confirmation materials used here at First Pres benefit from your gifts. The Pentecost Offering also supports the Young Adult Volunteer Program. Over the years, more than a dozen young adults with ties to First Pres have served as Young Adult Volunteers doing mission and service in communities as diverse as Ireland, Texas, Tennessee, and South America. The balance of the Pentecost Offering will support a local program that benefits young people in our home communities in Southeast Michigan.

Please give to the Pentecost Special Offering by clicking on the “Donate to First Presbyterian” Link on our website, or send a donation to the church office noting Pentecost Offering in the memo line. The Pentecost Offering makes a difference for the life of the whole church and for congregations like ours.

Home Communion Kits for June 7 Virtual Communion will be delivered by Deacons to our shut-ins who are unable to prepare their own table, and to others who could use a kit for other reasons. The kits will be safely made by one person in the First Pres kitchen, sanitized, and delivered. Those who receive them (up to 96 homes) will have a hand-made bread muffin, a small vial of grape juice, 3 small cups, and a white napkin. If you'd like one for our June or July worship, please let your Deacon know, or contact Rev. Rogers for more info. We hope we can accommodate all who could enjoy a special blessing in this way.

Communion Food Collection is next Sunday, June 7. As we are fed at the Lord's Table, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Food donations and financial contributions will be received throughout the month of June for the Hunger Ministries Program of the Presbytery of Detroit. Non-perishable food may be placed in the collection bins provided at the Memorial Garden entrance to the church Monday through Thursday, 9:00 to 3:00. Food donations will be delivered to Detroit by Presbyterian Women. Financial donations may be made online at www.firstpresbyterian.org or may be mailed to the church. Please note the purpose of your check on the memo line.

Celebrating 20 Years of Resident Ministry

This year the First Pres Resident Ministry Program celebrates its 20th anniversary. In conjunction with this milestone, weekly updates from some of the twenty-seven former Residents provide fresh insight into the enduring effects of our unique program on the formation of Presbyterian pastors and the positive impact on the wider Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). This week we hear from Sarah Wiles. Sarah, Jenny McDevitt, and Matthew Nickel were Residents together from 2009–2011.



“I’m currently in my ninth year serving Bethany Presbyterian Church in Tacoma, Washington. Bethany is a growing, renewal congregation, and I’ve found it to be a very rewarding ministry. My husband Joseph and I are enjoying parenting 6-year old twins. The residency program was the single most formative thing in my journey to being a pastor, and I remain immensely grateful for it.” — Sarah Wiles

Grief is real. Join in a new opportunity for conversation. Join Rev. Rogers online on the next three Tuesday mornings, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon, for “Grief and Loss Support and Conversation.” Share with others who are grieving the loss of loved ones, jobs, stability, and more. To participate in the conversation, contact Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) for the link.

Cancer: Now What? Join us Sundays in June for a four-week discussion on this book by Stephen Ministry Founder Rev. Kenneth Haugk. Contact the Church Office to purchase a book or purchase one online at stephenministries.org. We will gather on Sundays from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. online to work through this marvelous resource for those who have cancer, or are caring for others who are in treatment. All are welcome! Contact Rev. Rogers to participate.

Congregational Survey: We want to know your thoughts about online offerings and reopening strategies. Please take the short, 10-minute survey on the homepage of our website, or click: <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/congregational-survey-may-2020/>.

Everything about our response to Covid 19 can be found on our website and Facebook page. If you are not on our weekly email list and want to receive updates, subscribe at our website.

Please reach out by phone call, note, email, or Facebook messenger to those you are not seeing while our building is closed. We need one another now more than ever.

Covid-19 Love Made Visible Appeal. We've heard from many in the congregation who've been asking, "how can I give in a way that will help the church respond in this time of crisis?" The Session has created a way for you to give to a special appeal that will support two facets of our current ministry that we couldn't have budgeted for before the crisis hit: our humanitarian efforts to support local partner agencies who assist and support some of our most vulnerable neighbors, and our technological efforts to move our worship services, events and programs into a more accessible and sustainable digital format. You're welcome to allocate any special gifts to this *Love Made Visible* Appeal to either of these efforts, or to both of them (undesignated gifts will be directed 2/3 toward the humanitarian efforts and 1/3 toward the technological efforts). See the note on the Offertory page of this bulletin for information about **How to Give**. Thank you so much for your help in this time of great need.

New Members Class: We want you to become a member! You can join by Transfer of your letter from another church, by Reaffirmation of Faith, by Confession of Faith (and baptism if you've not been baptized before), or as an Affiliate Member. It's easy to join and a great way to get to know us, and others who are new to First Pres. Want to know more? Contact Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) to find out when a class will be offered this summer.

If you are struggling or concerned and would like pastoral care, please call the Church Office, email Rev. Rogers, or submit your prayer request online. The Prayer Chain is actively praying for all prayer requests, lifting up joys as well as concerns.

Opportunities for children and families: Please contact Beca Torres-Davenport, Coordinator of Children's Education & Family Ministry, for information about opportunities to connect and resources for children and families. Beca can be reached at btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org.

Bedtime Stories and Prayers — Tuesday, Thursday & Sundays at 7:00 p.m.

We invite you to join us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresA2/>) for a short livestream of a story and prayer. Wear your jammies, enjoy your bedtime snack or drink and snuggle down for story. Each sharing will be between 5 and 15 minutes long. Videos typically are available for later viewing on Facebook or YouTube.

FPC Mail Buddies: Who doesn't love to receive fun mail in the mailbox? It isn't too late to sign up to receive a mail buddy! Email Beca (beca.torres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org) if you would like to begin a new faithful friendship through the practice of writing letters with another church member. Each child will be "matched" by a staff person with another member of the church that they may or may not know. This is a great opportunity to connect and build faithful friendships with other folks from our church, no matter what your age is, beyond this current moment.

Opportunities for youth and families: Please contact Rev. Mark Mares, Minister of Youth & Families, for information about the numerous ways youth are connecting at this time. Mark can be reached at mmares@firstpresbyterian.org.

Opportunities for college students: Our undergraduate campus ministry, UKirk@UMich, continues to meet online, Sundays @ 12:30 p.m. for College Lunch and Wednesdays @ 8:00 p.m. for Small Group. Please contact Rev. Evans McGowan (campus@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for *Living with Hope in an Age of Climate Change*, an intergenerational, interactive series. Guest preacher Jim Antal offers a presentation as part of this climate change educational series. The presentation by Zoom begins at 11:30 am. A recording will be available by 2:00 p.m. on YouTube. To attend the live class, click on the image on the First Pres website.

The Bible @ 9:30 meets this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. All are welcome to join the discussion to explore the big ideas of the Christian faith as the group studies Ezra and Nehemiah. Email Rev. Ed Koster (ehkoster@aol.com) for Zoom connection information.

Mature Ministries meets this Thursday, June 4, at 12:00 noon. Conan Smith, the CEO of the Michigan Environmental Council, will be speaking about Covid-19 and the environment, as we conclude our climate change series. Did you know there are higher death rates in communities where there is more pollution? There are other interesting facts to know about how Covid-19 is affected by climate and the environment. Join us on a Zoom call — contact Rev. Rogers for the link if you can join us. Previously, Conan served for 14 years as an elected county commissioner and has served in leadership positions on numerous public and private boards, including state-level appointments by both Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Gov. Rick Snyder. Smith is also a lecturer in intergovernmental cooperation at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan. Smith comes from a family of state leaders. His grandfather, Albert Wheeler, was the first African-American mayor of Ann Arbor and drafted the civil rights clause of the Michigan Constitution. His mother, Alma Wheeler Smith, served 14 years in the Michigan Legislature and currently chairs the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. Smith continues to carry their legacy forward, by committing his life to public service and the betterment of Michigan.

Presbyterian Women: Let's Stay Connected! PW Moderator Ginny Bell will continue to send out timely information in email blasts. We invite all women of the church to be added to the email list. Just let Ginny know at virginiabell2013@gmail.com.

Take a mini-pilgrimage at Gallup Park here in Ann Arbor and explore your faith. We have prepared three walking guides with different themes that foster reflection as you walk the 1.35 (or 1.65) mile trail at Gallup Park. We hope you will explore this new way to stay physically distant, enjoy the outdoors, and reflect on your journey. The guides and a park map may be found on our website.

Are you passionate about climate change issues? First Pres is forming a Social Justice Group which you are invited to join. Contact Rev. Sanderford (jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN JUNE

Prayer Team Volunteer Opportunity. Our Prayer Team meets virtually each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to pray for those seeking support via our online prayer room. If you are a person who is willing to pray for others and would be comfortable with online prayer, please help lead the prayer team by contacting Rev. Rogers to sign up to serve.

Support the Hunger Ministries Program of the Presbytery of Detroit in June. Non-perishable food may be placed in the collection bins provided at the Memorial Garden entrance to the church Monday through Thursday, 9:00 to 3:00. Food donations will be delivered to Detroit by Presbyterian Women. Financial donations may be made online at www.firstpresbyterian.org or may be mailed to the church. Please note the purpose of your check on the memo line. Financial donations may be made by check or online (www.firstpresbyterian.org/donate).

Practicing safe social distancing throughout the summer, families and church members are invited to help care for our First Pres garden! Seeds are being started at home and will be returned to First Pres as the tiny plants begin to grow. Here is where we need your help! We encourage families to sign up for 1 or 2 days of care throughout the summer. This will include watering, pulling weeds, and checking plants and produce as it grows. If you feel unsure of what to do, there is help! Beca Torres-Davenport will check in with people as they sign up to provide support as needed. We hope you'll join us as we explore ways to make a "mustard seed" impact from our homes into our greater community. Produce from the garden will be donated to local food shelters, pantries, and food-insecure community members. Please use the "Sign-up Genius" link on our website or contact Beca Torres-Davenport for more information.

SAVE THE DATES!

We are not sure how long our hiatus from gathering in person for worship and events will continue. In the uncertainty of this time we urge you to check our website frequently for updates and read all communications from First Pres.

Monthly Taizé Prayer Service — Tuesday, June 2, 7:00 p.m.

Our monthly Taizé prayer service continues virtually. Worship with us with sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, liturgical readings, and icons. There is no preaching. The service will be available via YouTube and Facebook.

Sunday, June 14 — A Virtual Book Reading and Conversation

Best-selling author William Kent Krueger joins us for a virtual book reading and conversation at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom to read from his most recent novel, *This Tender Land*. A question and answer period, moderated by our own Robin Agnew, will follow the reading.

Friday, June 19 — Good Reads Virtually!

Join Rev. Sanderford and other readers via Zoom to explore *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. Contact the Church Office or Rev. Sanderford (jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org) if you would like to purchase a book.

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