JULY 3, 2016 FAMILY SUNDAY THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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**PRELUDE** 

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Ervin (8:00) Rev. Sanderford (11:00)

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Praise be to God, the Father of compassion,

the God of all comfort.

All: Our Lord is full of mercy.

One: Let us, as God's beloved people, clothe ourselves with compassion.

All: God calls us to be like Christ.

Let us be of one mind, merciful, humble, and loving.

One: Let us worship God!

\* HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess to you our pain: the pain we have inflicted on others, the pain that keeps us awake at night, the pain of strangers across the world whose lives we cannot touch, and the pain of systems unyielding and untouchable. We invite you into our pain, to heal and forgive us, to undo what is crushing and wrong, to bring peace and even joy. As we feel your compassion toward us, let us unconditionally offer it to those around us. Hear now our silent prayers, offered to you in hope.

#### 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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Drew Burton (8:00) Ed Koster (11:00)

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:1-20

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

Galatians 6:1-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Rogers

⊗ Responding ⊗

\* HYMN 753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

#### WELCOME

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

#### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

# 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.

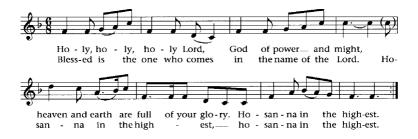
All: And also with you.

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.



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.

**Communion Song** We Come to This Table

KREMSER

We come to this table, O God, with thanksgiving. We lift up our hearts, we remember, we pray. We hear Jesus' welcome — inviting, forgiving; We know your Spirit's peace as we feast here today.

We dine at your table as sisters and brothers, Diverse in our cultures, yet nourished as one. The bread and the cup that we share here with others Are gifts uniting all who are claimed by your Son.

We grieve for your world here; we cry, "How much longer?" We pray for the cycles of violence to cease. Yet here, in Christ broken, we're fed and made stronger To labor in his name for a world filled with peace.

We rise from this table with new dedication To feed the world's children, to free the oppressed, To clear out the minefields, to care for creation; We pray, O God of peace, that our work will be blest.

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## **Prayer After Communion**



# \* HYMN 436 God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

O QUANTA QUALIA

As the congregation stands to sing, please bring your offering of food forward. Monetary donations for Hope Clinic may be placed in the baskets.

#### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

# \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

How shall we stray, with your hand to direct us, you who the stars in their courses are guiding? What shall we fear, with your power to protect us, we who walk forth in your greatness confiding?

## \* 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**. Large-print bulletins 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 today are John Yodhes and Jill Binkley. Church Office volunteers are Ruth Weber and Carol Downton. Greeters are Jerry and Lorna Prescott, Downs and Sandy Herold, Catherine Kendall, and Lois Jelneck.

**Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr at 8:00 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Cyndy Colton, and Ralph Winter at 11:00 a.m.

After the services, a minister or prayer team member is available at the Communion Table for prayer. Prayer team members are Michele Derr and Marolin Bellefleur following the 11:00 a.m. service. "Passionate prayer transforms us into compassionate people." – Sammy Tippit

#### **TODAY'S EVENTS**

**Worship** is at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 a.m. outside (weather permitting). **Radio Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM) and on the web (www.waamannarbor.com).

**Today is Communion 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. Food donations and financial contributions are for Hope Clinic, an ecumenical Christian organization in Ypsilanti that provides help to those in need.

**Join us for Coffee Hour** outside (weather permitting) on the Circle Terrace immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Judy Landau, Kim Byers-Granito, and Betsy DiMaggio.

# **Children's Ministry Opportunities:**

**Today is Family Sunday. Childcare** is available at 9:30 a.m. for crib through kindergarteners. 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 entrances to the Sanctuary.

**ConnectEd Conversations are at 10:45 a.m. in the French Room/ Library.** This summer the Adult Education Workgroup offers a series of small-group conversations based on the scripture readings for the day, the sermon, and other parts of worship. This will be a time of sharing, learning, and conversation together in community around God's Word and God's people.



### **Question of the week:**

As we are challenged to learn about compassion, we are also challenged to learn about ourselves.

Armstrong writes, "Many people today would rather be right than compassionate." Are there situations where this could be said of you?

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The building will be closed tomorrow, July 4, in honor of Independence Day. The building will reopen Tuesday, July 5, at 8:00 a.m.

**"Keystones at Clear Lake"** is Tuesday, July 12, 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. All rising ninth graders through recent twelfth grade graduates are invited for boating, swimming, eating, and relaxing at the cottage of Mary and Jeff Jones. Meet in the northeast corner of Meijer's parking lot on Jackson Road at 3:30 p.m. to carpool. RSVP to RJ. Bring a dessert to share.

There is a Free College Lunch open to all undergraduates Sunday, July 10, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Come sit together at the service in Monteith Hall and walk to lunch together after worship.

**All hands on deck for Art Fair Parking July 21 – 24.** Raise money for youth mission trips by working a morning, afternoon, or evening shift. Eight volunteers per shift are needed. All eighth through twelfth graders can work without a parent. Younger youth need a parent to work with them. Contact Rev. Dr. Monnett to sign up.

**Join the Technology Team at First Pres.** Volunteers are needed who want to learn our sound and light systems both in the Sanctuary and in Monteith Hall. If you have interest in being trained on this equipment, please contact Rev. Sanderford or Kathy Hillig (hilligk@umich.edu).

# Summer Building Hours: May 23 - September 5

Mondays – Thursdays
 Fridays and Saturdays
 Sundays
 Sundays
 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### Please note:

The Sanctuary Circle Terrace Door will be open during worship services and other events taking place in the Sanctuary. It will otherwise be locked. Visitors and members are asked to use the side entrance doors to the building during the weekday.

**Fresh produce from the Rehoboth Interfaith Garden** will soon be available for donation to Food Gatherers. Volunteers are needed to work in this garden on our Hill Street property. Sign up on our website. Hungry Washtenaw County citizens thank you.

**Mature Singles** meet twice this week. Tomorrow, July 4, there is a picnic at the home of Marcy Toon at 1:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass. Call Marcy (995-2519) if you can attend. The weekly dinner is this Friday, July 8, 5:30 p.m., at Panda House, 229 N. Maple Road. All are welcome.

**Support the Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Deacons** Monday, July 18, 1:30 – 7:30 p.m., in Monteith Hall. Sign up at Coffee Hour or by contacting Gale Redding (276-8426; galeredding@gmail.com).

# First Pres Kids Read! Cups Held Out

by Judith L. Roth with illustrations by Brooke Rothshank

# Summary:

A young girl and her father cross the border into Mexico where she encounters poverty for the first time. Her father admits his own struggles to find an appropriate response to the poverty that exists just miles from their home. Will a few coins or a dollar bill dropped into an outstretched cup or hand make a difference in a life? Will the purchase of a blanket in a local shop make a difference in a community? Together the girl and her father ponder what they can do to help.

## Questions for Parents and Kids:

- 1. Have you ever encountered someone asking for money on the street? What did they look like? What did they say to you? How did you respond?
- 2. Consider some of the reasons that people may find themselves in need: a lost job, a dangerous home situation, an unexpected illness or injury, or other changes in life circumstances. How can you be compassionate to the situations that cause people to become homeless or hungry?