



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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JULY 31, 2016

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
9:30 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Ervin

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 107:1-3

One: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,**

One: from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

* HYMN

God Is So Good

GOD IS SO GOOD

**God is so good; God is so good;
God is so good; God's so good to me.**

God cares for me. . . . God's so good to me.

God loves me so. . . . God's so good to me.

God is so good. . . . God's so good to me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Lord our God, in the name of Christ, cast out our sin
and cleanse our minds of wrongful thoughts.

All: Have mercy upon us and forgive us in our failures.

One: Then, fill our lives with your love.

**All: Help us to be moved by a sense of purpose as we serve to
make the earth a better place in which to live; a world where
we live clothed in compassion, kindness, and patience.**

One: We pray that in this summer season, your Holy Spirit will dwell
in our hearts, filling our lives with love.

**All: Before you, O God, our lives are exposed and all our needs
are known. Be at work in our lives to shape and mold us into
the likeness of Your Son, Jesus Christ.**

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**

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lisa Shultz

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 107:1-3, 10-16

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Colossians 3:12-17

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

SERMON

Clothe Ourselves in Compassion

Rev. Dr. Monnett

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN**

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

CLOSER WALK

Refrain:

**Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee; let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain***

**Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord,
none but thee. *Refrain***

**When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.
*Refrain***

WELCOME

Rev. Ryo

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

* **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**

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**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

* **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 Nancy Pflasterer and Linda Upton. **Church Office volunteers** are Martha Petroski and Elsa Stuber. **Greeters** are Jerry and Lorna Prescott, Val and John Yodhes, Sara Vander Voort, and Marge Higley. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Jim Cameron (captain), Len Rezmierski, and Angela Yang.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano in the Sanctuary, after the worship service. Prayer team members are Judy Slade, Anne Kloack, and Jim Lombard. “Here is my prayer for the day: May I live this day with thanksgiving in my soul, compassion in my heart, creativity in my mind, kindness in my words, and diligence in my work.” – Paul Wong

The chancel flowers are given by Triangle Cooperative Nursery School in thanksgiving for a successful school year.

The red rosebud celebrates the birth of Roger McCall Taggart, born July 26, 2016, to Jessie and Tim Taggart. Grandparents are Jeff Taggart and Kathy Wirstrom.

We thank the Rob Crozier Quintet: Rob Crozier, bass; Keaton Royer, keyboard; Sam Genson, drums; Rodney Rich, guitar; and Pete Kahn, reeds.

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).

Join us for Coffee Hour outside (weather permitting) on the Circle Terrace immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Kim Gernant, Linda Lampman, and Marge Higley.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Childcare is available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. **A combined Sunday School class** is offered for children, grades K-5, at 9:30 a.m.

ConnectEd Conversations are at 10:45 a.m. in the French Room/Library. This is a time of sharing, learning, and conversation together in community around God's Word.

T2A2 meets for lunch at 12:15 p.m. If you're in your 20s or 30s, meet Rev. Ryo in the Welcome Center right after the 11:00 a.m. service to walk to lunch. Please join us.



Question of the week: Mindfulness helps us know ourselves, and action helps us make the world better in service to others. What “little, nameless, unremembered thing” (K. Armstrong, p. 112) can we do to make tangible the positive expression of the Golden Rule: “Treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Choir begins its new year with rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. this Thursday, August 4, in Monteith Hall. If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir, contact Tom Granum. During August the Chancel Choir will sing for the 9:30 service. Beginning September 11, singers choose between the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. In addition to Sunday-morning repertoire, the Chancel Choir and instrumentalists will present the Mozart *Requiem*, selections from Part I of *Messiah*, and the Rutter *Gloria* this fall/Christmas.

A big thank you to the entire congregation, especially 11:00 a.m. worshippers, for parking in the Forest Street Garage and helping the youth raise \$8,045.63 for Youth Mission during Art Fair. Thank you to all the youth, parents, and parishioners who helped during the 42 hours we sold parking.

The Cass Coordinating Team meets in the French Room/Library at noon next Sunday, August 7 to discuss upcoming events. Volunteers are needed for the Cass Work Day Saturday, October 22, and for the Detroit Dinner Day Sunday, November 13. Contact Rev. Sanderford or Sue Jeffers (sjeffers1@me.com) for more information.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, August 5, 5:30 p.m., at Olive Garden, 445 East Eisenhower Parkway. All are welcome.

Did you know we have a prayer chain? If you are a praying person, are willing to pray for special requests, or are considering ways to have a more compassionate faith, you can receive prayer requests by email. Contact Rev. Rogers to participate. Prayer requests come from church members and friends about once a week and those on the prayer chain commit to holding these needs in the light of God's grace in their personal prayers.

Struggling with mental illness in your family? First Pres staff and members facilitate a support group called Restore Hope for family members who have loved ones coping with mental illness. The group meets twice per month. We have parents, siblings, children, and extended family members of those with mental illness attending for mutual support, encouragement, and a safe place to talk. For more information, contact Rev. Rogers.

Are you in your 40s or 50s? Join the Immature Ministries group on Thursday, August 11, for "Thirsty Thursdays." We will carpool to the Sandhill Crane Vineyard near Jackson, arriving around 6:00 p.m. for wine-tasting, food, live music, and conversation. Sandhill's entrance fee is \$5. Sign up with Rev. Rogers, Sandy Talbott, or in the Church Office.

Summer Building Hours: May 23 – September 5

- Mondays – Thursdays 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Fridays and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Sundays 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. Everyone is asked to use the side entrance doors to the building during the weekday.

First Pres Kids Read!

Wangari's Trees of Peace
by Jeannette Winter



Summary:

As a young girl growing up in Kenya, Wangari was surrounded by trees. But years later when she returns home, she is shocked to see whole forests being cut down, and she knows that soon all the trees will be destroyed. So Wangari decides to do something – and starts by planting nine seedlings in her own backyard. And as they grow, so do her plans.

Questions for Parents and Kids:

1. Wangari saw a need and worked to create a solution that began small and grew. It took patience, persistence, compassion, and commitment. How can these values serve as an inspiration in our lives?
2. Wangari began her work alone but soon got others involved in solving the problem of deforestation in her village by asking them to join her in planting seedlings. What are the needs in our own community?

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