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MARCH 22, 2015
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Gathering

VOLUNTARY

Amazing Grace trad., arr. Douglas Wagner
Aria Cynthia Dobrinski

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Monnett (8:00)
Rev. Conrad (9:30)
Rev. Riegel (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION

Nominating Committee

Helena Prince

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Here is the servant of God,

All: a light to all the nations.

One: Come and see the Messiah, the Lord.

All: Here is the Lamb of God,

One: who takes away the sin of the world.

* HYMN 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust.

Before You, Jesus Christ, we admit how and where we have underestimated our influence, letting our words or silences hurt, abusing trust, betraying confidences.

Sung: **Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

This response is Hymn 572.

Before You, Jesus Christ, we admit how and where we have made a show of our faith, attracting more attention to us, and less to you.

Sung: **Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Before You, Jesus Christ, we admit how and where we have been impatient, not trusting you to come to our aid.

Sung: **Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Lord Jesus Christ, if we have looked or longed for an easier gospel, a lighter cross, a less demanding savior, then turn our eyes, avert our longing, and give us a vision of your compassionate mercy.

Adapted from Stages on the Way: Resources for Lent, Holy Week and Easter (Wild Goose Worship Group, Iona)

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.**

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dale Briggs (8:00)
Sheryl Powell (9:30)
Ginny Rezmierski (11:00)

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Timothy 4:7-8

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00)

Wondrous Love

arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, O my soul
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
Who is the great "I am,"
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
I'll sing and joyful be,
And thro' eternity I'll sing on.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 40:1-11

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

SERMON

An Open Ear

Rev. Sanderford

Responding

* HYMN 370

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

WOODWORTH

WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

Rev. Rodawla (11:00)

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

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS (9:30)

New members joining the church today are: Brian Baumhover, Jill Baumhover, Mary Evans, Alice Holderby, Laurel Kauffman, Ralph Kauffman, Jane Montas, Sacha Montas, Ellen Pogue-Greiner, Carolyn Swenson, Josh Swenson, Anne Upton, and Herb Upton. Being received from the last new member class are Carol Carter, Bob Gardstrom, Ruth Gardstrom, Betsy Hammond, and John Hammond.

Reception of New Members

Hymn of Welcome (9:30) *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

I Waited for the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

from Hymn of Praise

I waited for the Lord. He inclined His ear to me, and heard my lament.

O blessed are they who trust in the Lord.

* 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)

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 394**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

* **VOLUNTARY**

Prelude in E minor

J. S. Bach

* 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**. Hearing-assistance devices and 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 Mark Lindley and Linda Upton. **Church Office volunteers** are Martha Petroski and Jane Bartman. **Greeters** are Catherine Kendall and Ginny Horan at 9:30 a.m., and Marti Wendler at 11:00 a.m.

The **prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Prayer team members are Lucie Audette and Missy Smith-Potter at 9:30, and Ralph Winter at 11:00. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "Sometimes the answer to our prayers is to become the answer to someone else's prayers." – Robert Brault

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Dale Leslie at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Len Rezmierski, Olivier Jolliet, Nicole Jolliet, Angela Yang, Carol Smith, Dean Gilchrist, Dick Cooke, Jinx Cooke, and Kate Silbert at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Linda Lampman, Cyndy Colton, Jim Douglass, and Cindy Andress at 11:00 a.m.

Musicians providing music leadership for today's worship include Jan Riccinto, piano and organ, at 8:00 a.m.; and Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir; Chancel Choir; Matt Abernathy, guest director for Chancel Choir; Lorna Young Hildebrandt, soprano; Leslie Smith, soprano; and Carrie Banfield-Taplin, horn, at 9:30/11:00 a.m.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for our loyal weekday Church Office volunteers Marolin Bellefleur, Georgia Goodman, Carole Hendrickson, Sarah Mohrlock, and Judy Stuart.

The red rosebud honors the birth of Wyatt Byers Ginsberg, son of David and Megan Granito Ginsberg. Grandparents are Kim Byers-Granito and Harry Granito. Wyatt was born February 11, 2015.

The pink rosebud honors the birth of Claire Kristine McInchak, daughter of Joe and Kellie McInchak. Claire was born March 14, 2015.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 a.m. and 7:07 p.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio Worship service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM's website, www.waamannarbor.com.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Enjoy a cup of Fair Trade coffee and a cookie. Cookie bakers are Cindy Crawford, Dawn Pankopf, and Jenny Nale. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. Coffee Hour today is sponsored by Ed and Virginia Koster who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 13. They are providing cake for our church family. Please join us in this opportunity to share in their joy!

Fair Trade Coffee order forms are now available in the Welcome Center. To order Fair Trade coffee, complete an order form and drop it off in the Church Office. All orders are filled the next business day and can be picked up in the Church Office. Coffee can also be purchased in the Church Office during the week and during Coffee Hour on the first Sunday of each month.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Sunday School classes are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m., and for crib through young five-year-olds at 11:00 a.m. Worship activity totes and the Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

Munch & Mingle meets in the 100 level hallway for donuts and connection at 9:20 a.m. **Sunday School classes** begin at 9:35 a.m. Sixth and seventh graders are in Room 104 and eighth grade Confirmation meets in the Curtis Room on the 300 level. High School meets in the Youth Room on the 100 level for a look at "The Haves & Have Nots."

Youth Choir will not rehearse today. There is no **Youth Dinner** today. These activities return to our schedule April 12.

Mids, our 6th–8th grade youth group, meets in the Curtis Room, 5:30–6:30 p.m. **Keystones**, our high school youth group, meets in the Youth Room, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room/Library. Come explore Genesis, the first book of the Old Testament. Presented by Rev. Ed Koster.

First Couples meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Lewis Room for spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support for couples and individuals. The current series explores *24 Hours That Changed the World*, a DVD presentation filmed in Israel about the last 24 hours of Jesus' life.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall to explore the topic *Religion and Revolution in Cuba* presented by Silvia Pedraza, UM Professor of Sociology in American Culture.

Common Ground meets in the Lewis Room at 11:00 a.m. to explore "Belhar: A New Confession for Presbyterians." Our PCUSA General Assembly moved to include the Belhar Confession – described as "a cry from the heart" – to our *Book of Confessions*. This three-part class will look at the influence of apartheid and themes of unity, reconciliation and justice. Presenters are Rev. Sanderford and Ned Simpson, an Elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church and a skilled interpreter of Belhar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us this Wednesday evening for the final *Lenten Experience: Ponder the Psalms*. Come for a soup and salad supper (\$6) at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Participate in a small group discussion about the Psalm of the week either before supper (5:15 p.m.) or after supper (6:40).

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, March 27, at 5:30 p.m., at Classic Cup Café. All are welcome!

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday worship is next Sunday, March 29, p.m. at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, at 8:00 a.m. and at 7:07 in Monteith Hall.

Children gather for the Palm Sunday Procession in the Social Hall at 9:20 a.m. for the 9:30 worship service or at 10:50 a.m. for the 11:00 worship service. The children enter the Sanctuary on the opening hymn.

Maundy Thursday worship is April 2, at 10:30 a.m. at Glacier Hills in the Hanson Room and at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, and is the time when the discipline of Lent is concluded with forgiveness. Jesus' love for all people is shown by his service to others, as well as in his gift of himself for our salvation. All are welcome to worship with our older members at Glacier Hills. The evening service is a family-friendly service.

Good Friday worship is April 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

On Good Friday, we emphasize a time of reflection, intercession, and adoration of Christ as the sacrificial lamb. This Tenebrae service, a somber service of shadows conducted in a darkened church, commemorates the suffering and death of Christ.

Easter Sunday worship is April 5 with five worship services.

The days of fasting and reflection in Lent are over. The celebration begins! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed!

Sunrise worship is at 6:45 a.m. on the Circle Terrace, weather permitting, or in Monteith Hall. This is a 30-minute service led by our resident ministers.

Traditional worship services are at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Dr. Fair will preach. Musical leadership includes Chancel Choir, brass quintet, organ, and timpani. The services will end with the congregation singing Handel's *Hallelujah* chorus.

A new offering this year is for those for whom a less-crowded worship experience is preferred. **A worship service at 10:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall** will be led by Rev. Roederer. This service will include a sermon and music led by a soloist.

Please note that there is not a 7:07 worship service on Easter.

Please make considerate parking choices to leave open as many spaces near the church as possible for people with mobility issues. Handicapped spaces will be designated in the parking lot on the Hillegonds Chapel side of the church. Parking is permitted on Washtenaw and Hill Streets on Sunday mornings and free parking is available in the nearby parking structure at 650 S. Forest Avenue.

Bring fresh flowers to add to our Flowering Crosses located outside the Sanctuary on the front steps and in the Monteith Hall vestibule. Store-bought flowers are welcome!

Easter lilies will grace the Nave on Easter Sunday. Sign up in the Church Office or on our website by Monday, March 30, at 5:00 p.m., to donate a lily in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost is \$17. After Easter worship, our deacons will deliver the lilies to members and friends of our congregation who are ill, grieving, or shut in.

Easter morning fellowship is 7:15–8:00 a.m. in the Narthex with hot cross buns and Fair Trade coffee, and 9:30–10:00 a.m. outside Monteith Hall with Easter refreshments and Fair Trade coffee.

Easter Sunday is Family Worship Day. Childcare, for crib through young five-year-olds, is available for the 9:30, 10:00, and 11:00 a.m. services, and for the 8:00 a.m. service by reservation.

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Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

Reverend Dr. James Monnett, Director of Youth Ministry

Reverend Renée Roederer, Director of Campus Ministry

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Reverend Lal Rodawla

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