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APRIL 19, 2015
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Gathering

VOLUNTARY

Fanfare
Amazing Grace
Procession with Bells

Michael Helman
arr. Douglas Wagner
Modest Moussorgsky

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Conrad (8:00)
Rev. Roederer (9:30)
Rev. Rodawla (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: All week long, we are asked to be many things to many people.

All: But here, now, we are simply your children, O God.

One: All week long, we are pushed and pulled,
torn in many directions.

All: But here, now, we find our center, O Christ.

One: Here, now, ready our hearts for worship, O Holy Spirit,

All: that we may sing to the glory of your name!

* HYMN 142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, in Jesus Christ you call us to follow, to walk in your ways, and to seek your truth. Jesus keeps calling; but we keep turning away, finding excuses, and giving our hearts to other gods. Still Jesus calls to us, in spite of our sin. Help us to hear him. Release us from the entanglements that prevent us from following him. Forgive our sins and draw us ever closer.

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.

 Proclaiming 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cheryl Gulbranson (8:00)
Brady West (9:30)
Greg Pakela (11:00)

FIRST READING Acts 3:12-26

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

ANTHEM

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

John Rutter

Christ the Lord is risen again!
Christ hath broken every chain!
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
Singing evermore on high,
Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb to day!
We too sing for joy and say
Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss
Comfortless upon the cross
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us, and hears our cry.
Alleluia!

Now he bids us tell abroad
How the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiven,
How we too may enter heav'n:
Alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, today thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away,
That we all may sing for ay,
Alleluia!

Words by Michael Weisse (c. 1480-1534)
Translated by Catherine Winkworth

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Rogers (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

SECOND READING Galatians 3:23-29

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

SERMON

Rev. Sanderford (8:00)
Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

Responding

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Declaration of Faith*

We believe the Holy Spirit unifies the Christian church. We know that the Holy Spirit gives us a unity we cannot create or destroy. The Spirit moves among us not to end diversity or compel uniformity, but to overcome divisiveness and bitterness. The Spirit leads us to struggle against the lines of race and class, the ambitions of competing parties, the loyalties to individuals and traditions, that divide us. The Spirit impels us to make the unity of Christians visible to a divided world, and assures us that we shall be one.

* **HYMN 439**

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

CONFIRMATION (9:30)

Rev. Dr. Monnett

Those being confirmed today are Ethan Bilby, Allison Elizabeth Vaughan Dabrowski, Elizabeth Griggs Engel, Nicole Lee France, Leina Ihara Kaehr, Emily Lancaster, Benjamin Meyers, Claudia Jordan Morville, Aedan Mulcrone, Charles McDaniel Rogers, John Gwinn Santinga, and Lydia Schaafsma.

Confirmation mentors are Carol Detmer, Margaret Jahnke, and Drew Burton. The class was led by Diane Hockett and Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett.

Presentation

Diane Hockett

Questions

Minister: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Confirmands: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Minister: Do you trust him?

Confirmands: I do.

Minister: Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his word, and to show his love?

Confirmands: I do.

Minister: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?

Confirmands: I will.

Minister: Do you, members of this congregation, promise to support, nurture, and sustain in the Christian journey these newest members?

Congregation: We will.

Laying On of Hands and Prayer of Blessing

As the confirmands kneel, family members, currently serving elders and deacons, clergy, and mentors are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

Congregational Response

**Lord, when I came into your life
You called me by my name;
Today I come, commit myself,
Responding to Your claim.**

**Within the circle of the faith
As member of Your cast,
I take my place with all the saints
Of future, present, past.**

This response is Hymn 522.

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WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Monnett (9:30)

Rev. Rogers (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Psalm 133

Richard Proulx

Ecce quam bonum et quam jucundum habitare fratres in unum.
Behold, how good and how pleasant it is, when friends live together in unity. Such unity is fragrant as the precious oil poured out upon the head and falling down over the head of Aaron, down to the collar of his robes. Such unity is plentiful as the dew of Mount Hermon, descending upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, and life forevermore.

* 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 Liturgy 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 525

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your people in my heart.

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* VOLUNTARY

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

* 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 Pam Wood and Mary Ann Pierce. **Church Office volunteers** are Ruth Weber and George Hendrickson. **Greeters** are Doug and Carol Gottliebsen at 9:30 a.m., and Rebecca Benedict, Dale and Prue Heikkinen, and John and Dawn Pankopf at 11:00 a.m.

The **prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Prayer team members are Carol Gottliebsen and Dallas Colligan at 9:30, and Catherine Baker at 11:00. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "Grow flowers of gratitude in the soil of prayer." – Terri Guillemets

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle, Len Rezmierski, Kerry Colligan, Merri Lynn Colligan, Jim Cameron, Marty Swindle, Connie Swindle, Carol Carter, Dean Gilchrist, Sheila Bilby, and Keith Bilby 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 (9:30/11:00) include: Sanctus Handbell Ringers and Chancel Choir. *Amazing Grace* is played by the Sanctus Handbell Ringers in loving memory of bell choir member Barbara Black.

The chancel flowers are given by Polly Pan in loving memory of her parents Dr. Oscar and Viola M. Pan.

The red rosebud honors the birth of Andrew Ryan Pinkerton, son of Luke Pinkerton and Barb Figurski, born on April 10.

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 homemade cookie. Cookie bakers are Carol Carter, Angela Yang, and Cindy Crawford. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

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 with Washtenaw Dairy donuts and catching up at 9:20 a.m. **Sunday School classes** meet 9:30 –10:30 a.m. Sixth and seventh graders are in Room 104, and High School meets in the Youth Room on the 100 level.

Youth Choir meets at 4:30 p.m. in the Choir Room followed by **Youth Dinner** in the Founders Room at 5:00 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. **Mids** Youth Group meets in the Curtis Room and **Keystones** meet in the Youth Room.

Adult Education Opportunities:

A baptism class for parents interested in having their child baptized is offered at 9:30 a.m., in the Vance Room.

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 Monteith Hall to watch and discuss *24 Hours That Changed the World*, a look at the last 24 hours of Jesus' life.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall with Dr. John Whittier-Ferguson, UM Professor of English, for a presentation on *Lila* by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Marilynne Robinson.

Parenting with Love and Logic[®] meets in the Lewis Room at 11:00 a.m. for the second of a three-part series. Instructors Holly Majorprice and Mary Magos will lead participants through simple and practical techniques to help parents with kids of all ages: raise responsible kids, have more fun in your role, easily and immediately change your children's behavior, and teach your children to make responsible choices and to understand that there are consequences for their choices. Childcare is available. The cost of the three-week series which includes a workbook is \$20 per family. This series is offered as part of the **Common Ground** adult education class.

Orchestra rehearsal is at 2:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Campus Ministry Opportunities:

All college students are invited to the last Campus Dinner of the semester tonight at 6:00 p.m., in the Vance and Lewis Rooms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tell Me More About This Church! will be held at 12:15 p.m. next Sunday, April 26, in the Founders Room. Visitors and potential new members are invited to join in conversation with Rev. Dr. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff. Lunch and childcare are provided. Contact the Church Office to sign up.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, April 24, at 5:30 p.m., at Outback Steakhouse, 3173 Oak Valley Drive. All are welcome!

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.

We have openings in all voice parts for the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Chancel Choirs. The two choirs rehearse together at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays. One may join the choir for a one- or two- month commitment. If you are interested in joining, please contact Tom Granum.

The Deacons thank all who participated in the American Cross Blood Drive this week. Twenty-two pints of blood were collected which means that up to 65 people who need blood products will be helped. Our next blood drive is Tuesday, July 14.

Mature Ministries invites you to join us for a pops concert at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, May 17, for a 3:00 p.m. show. "Midtown Men" will reunite 4 stars from the original Broadway cast of "Jersey Boys" to harmonize the hits of the 1960s. We will hear favorites from The Beach Boys, The Beatles, The Motown Sound, and more. The cost is \$35.00 per ticket for rear main seats. Sign up by Monday, April 20, by emailing Rev. Rogers or calling the Church Office. We have 15 tickets available and we will carpool to the show.

Do you like Downton Abbey? If so, you'll like this! Mature Ministries invites you to join us May 21 for a tour of the historic Edsel Ford house and gardens followed by lunch on the grounds. Our group will be accompanied by Brad Taylor, Director of the UM Museum Studies Program. The head of the gardens will speak to our group. The cost for the trip and luncheon is \$25. Sign up by May 1 by emailing Rev. Rogers or calling the Church Office.

The Philippines Mission Team's Annual Book, Bake and Reuse Sale is Saturday, May 2, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. Donated items may be dropped off Thursday, April 30, 6:00–9:00 p.m., and Friday, May 1, 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. Desired donations include books, linens, toys, prints, kitchenware, antiques, costume jewelry, sporting goods, tools, garden items, records, and baby clothes. Donations of exercise equipment, adult clothing, computers, or large furniture cannot be accepted.

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