



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

MAY 10, 2015
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Gathering

VOLUNTARY

Jupiter Symphony:
First Movement

W. A. Mozart
arr. Merle J. Isaac

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Rogers (8:00/9:30)
Rev. Rodawla (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 149:1-2

One: Praise the Lord!

**All: Sing to the Lord a new song,
sing praise in the assembly of the faithful.**

One: Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

**All: Let all praise God's name with dancing,
making melody with tambourine and lyre.**

* **HYMN 478**

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, you create us in love, nurture us through all of life,
and welcome us into your presence at the end of our time. You are
steadfast and true; we are fickle and wavering in our obedience
and faith. We fail to see one another as brothers and sisters and
to value the uniqueness you give us each one. We hurt rather than
heal and inflict pain where we should offer aid. Align our interests
with yours. Give us eyes to see all as you see us, and hearts ready
to serve.**

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**

**Praise God for the grace and favor
Shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!**

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rudi Ansbacher (8:00)
Nick Metheney (9:30)
Georgia Goodman (11:00)

FIRST READING Acts 10:44-48

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *Cantate Domino*

Giuseppe O. Pitoni

Cantate Domino canticum novum, *Sing to the Lord a new song,*
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum. *his praises to the assembly of the people.*
Laetetur Israel in eo, qui fecit eum: *Let Israel be glad in its Maker;*
et filiae Sion exultant in rege suo. *let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.*

Paraphrase of Psalm 149:1-2

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward. Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)

SECOND READING John 15:8-17

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

SERMON

The Gospel According to Meris

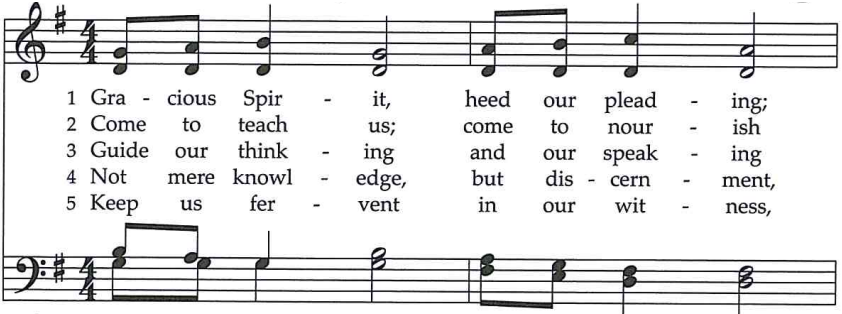
Rev. Conrad (8:00)
Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

🌿 Responding 🌿

* HYMN

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

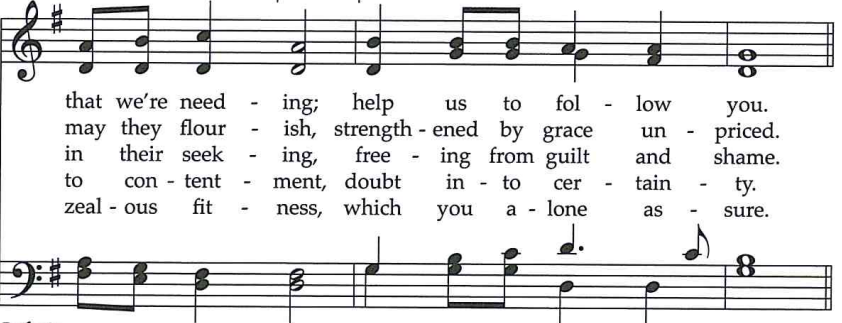
NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA



1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing;
 2 Come to teach us; come to nour - ish
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing
 4 Not mere knowl - edge, but dis - cern - ment,
 5 Keep us fer - vent in our wit - ness,



fash - ion us all a - new. It's your lead - ing
 those who be - lieve in Christ. Bless the faith - ful;
 done in your ho - ly name. Mo - ti - vate all
 nor root - less lib - er - ty; turn dis - qui - et
 un - swayed by earth's al - lure. Ev - er grant us



that we're need - ing; help us to fol - low you.
 may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.
 to con - tent - ment, doubt in - to cer - tain - ty.
 zeal - ous fit - ness, which you a - lone as - sure.

Refrain



Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 Njo - o, njo - o, nj - oo, Ro - ho mwe - ma.

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WELCOME

Rev. Conrad (9:30)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments* Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth [whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.] John 14:15-17

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

See Communion Card

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:30)

In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may be taken after the service.

Sacha and Jane Montas present their children, Marguerite Martineau Montas, born April 7, 2009, and Jean Pierre Martineau Montas, born August 29, 2014 for baptism.

*** Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water and Baptism

Hymn 498 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*
Please sing Stanzas 1 and 2.

KINGDOM

 **Sending** 

*** HYMN 495** *We Know That Christ Is Raised*

ENGELBERG

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing Alleluia! Amen!**

*** VOLUNTARY** *March of Homage*

Edvard Grieg
arr. Merle J. Isaac

*** 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 Diane Knibbs and Michele Derr.

Church Office volunteers are Pat and Bill Fuerstenau. **Greeters** are Sara Vander Voort and Dan and Jane Hayes at 9:30 a.m.; and Lorna and Jerry Prescott and Catherine Kendall 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 Nancy Fox and Tom Brandt 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. “‘Help’ is a prayer that is always answered.” – Anne Lamott

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Marty Reineman at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Wilson, Karla Bellfi, Marolin Bellefleur, Dean Gilchrist, and Omer Bellfi at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Beth Meda, Peggy Hodgson, Joe Cox, Karen Cox, and Cindy Andress at 11:00 a.m.

Musicians providing music leadership for worship at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. include Chancel Choir and the orchestra, Gerry Leckrone, conductor.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Mignonette Cheng by Richard, Renee, Alicia, and their families; and by Maya Savarino in loving memory of her mother Ludmila (Lucy) Lusic, and Camilla Savarino.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. There are no Sunday evening services during the summer. The 7:07 p.m. service will resume in September. **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 Barb Carlisle, Judy Landau, and Claire Holdgate. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. During Coffee Hour we will wish Godspeed to Resident Minister Lindsay Conrad who has accepted a call to serve the First Presbyterian Church of Burlington, North Carolina as an associate pastor. Join us for cake and punch in celebration of Lindsay and in gratitude for her ministry with us.

The Spring Photo Show opens today in the Social Hall and runs through May 31. Meet the exhibitors this Sunday during Coffee Hour. The event is sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee and features the work of church members and associates. If you are interested in participating in future shows contact Marion Powers (761-9859, or mmpowrs@umich.edu).

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 9:35 –10:30 a.m. Sixth and seventh graders are in Room 104, eighth graders and high schoolers meet in the Youth Room on the 100 level. Next Sunday is the last Munch & Mingle and Youth Sunday School until the fall.

Youth groups do not meet this evening. The final **Keystones** event of the year is next Sunday, May 17, at 5:30–7:30 p.m. at Cottage Inn Pizza. There is no cost for this event. **Mids** have finished their year and will return in the fall. We thank Cassie Webster, Dagmar Schoettle, Catie Holmes, and Drew Burton for their leadership in Mids this year.

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.

“40 Chances: Finding Hope in a Hungry World” meets at 9:30 a.m. in Monteith Hall. Fight hunger! Root out poverty! Join the First Couples group to explore, study, and discuss *40 Chances: Finding Hope in a Hungry World* by Howard Buffet.

“The Stories of Creation” meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall. The stories of creation from various ancient sources is the focus of a series offered by Wally Schmeichel’s in the “Exploring the Faith” class.

Conversation concerning same-sex marriage continues today in the Lewis Room at 11:00 a.m. for a discussion of this issue using *The Bible’s Yes to Same-Sex Marriage*, a book by Presbyterian evangelical theologian Mark Achtemeier.

The Russia Mission Team luncheon is at 12:15 p.m., in the Social Hall. Lunch will be followed by a presentation by Rev. Donald Marsden, Associate Director of the Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship, who will speak on the global mission of the PC(USA). The cost for the luncheon is \$7, or \$20 for families. In addition, a free-will offering will be received for work of the Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get your green thumb on: New Interfaith Garden at First Pres. We are partnering with the HaYerulim, an environmental student group at Hillel, to create a community garden near the playground on the Hill Street property. Join us Sunday, May 17, at 2:00 p.m., at the playground, to plant the garden. Bring garden gloves and tools, if possible. All ages are welcome to come and help with the planting. For more information or to sign up, contact Paul Smith at psmith6641@aol.com.

The Great Tomato Give-Away is back! The Presbytery of Detroit is providing tomato plants to congregation members to take home, plant, lovingly tend and then share their harvest in late summer with those in need. Our fifth graders will facilitate this project by putting planting instructions on the tomato pots for the congregation and handing out plants to church members next Sunday. In September all of us will bring our bounty to church for donation to Food Gatherers. Look for the fifth graders on Sunday, May 17, between the worship services.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, May 15, at 5:30 p.m., at Panda House, 229 North Maple Road. All are welcome!

Sign up for the All Church Picnic on June 7, following the 9:30 a.m. service. Enjoy Satchel's BBQ, Chief Officers' Blues Band, inflatables, and games for kids of all ages. Cost is \$7 per person if you pay ahead of time or \$8 per person if you pay at the event. Children under five are free. There is no family maximum for this event. Make your reservation for the church picnic by calling the Church Office, or on the church website. There is no 11:00 a.m. service on June 7.

Play Ball! It's Time for Tigers Baseball. Come with us June 14 to root for the Tigers versus the Cleveland Indians at Comerica Park at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome. Tickets are \$32 per person. You can drive yourself, or take our chartered bus for \$13 per person (maximum \$30 per family). The bus departs from First Pres at 11:15 a.m. Sign up by this Wednesday, May 13, by calling the Church Office, or by clicking on the link on the front page of the church website.

Hilltoppers meet this Thursday, May 14, at noon, in the Social Hall. Members and friends of First Pres who are 60 and up are invited to an enlightening lecture by Professor Gary Was, MIT-educated Professor of Nuclear Engineering at UM. Lunch is \$5. Contact the Church Office or Rev. Rogers to register.

The English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry International Picnic is this Thursday, May 14, 5:00–7:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. Come and meet our international learners. Please bring a dish to share. Beverages, plates, and flatware will be provided. Sign up in the Church Office or on our website.

This is our final call for smiling faces for the picture directory. The last photos will be made June 12, 13, and 14. Sign up for an appointment on our website or by calling the Church Office.

If you would like to have your child baptized, please contact the Church Office. Upcoming baptism Sundays are May 31 and July 26.

Ready to join First Pres? Please do! Regular attenders and prospective members, know that we want you to become a part of our church family. The next new member class will be Sunday, May 31, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., in the Curtis Room. Contact the Church Office or email Rev. Rogers to sign up. Lunch is provided and childcare will be provided by reservation. New members will join June 14.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

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

Deborah MacVey, Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries

Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries

Carol Muehlig, Associate Music Director and Organist

Resident Ministers:

Reverend Lindsay Conrad

Reverend Kristin E. Riegel

Reverend Lal Rodawla

Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

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