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ASCENSION SUNDAY

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



🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Charles Callahan

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Monnett (8:00/11:00)
Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30)

FAITH IN ACTION Pentecost Offering Susan Cares (8:00)
Linda Speck (9:30)
Rosemarie Rowney (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Luke 24:44-53 and Acts 1:1-12

Leader: Let us gather as they gathered on the Mount of Olivet.
Let us remember the teachings of the law, psalms, and prophets.

People: Ride on, King Jesus, no one can hinder you!

Leader: Let us gather as they gathered when Jesus rose into heaven.
Let us remember that every sin has been forgiven.

People: Ride on, King Jesus, no one can hinder you!

Leader: Let us gather as they gathered when Jesus rode upon the clouds. Let us remember how he promised that we would be clothed in power.

People: Ride on, King Jesus, no one can hinder you!

Leader: Let us gather as they gathered upon a hill so high.
Let us remember the ascension of our Messiah.

People: Ride on, King Jesus, no one can hinder you!

* HYMN 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all time, of history, of things present and of things to come, we confess that we have abandoned the mission you have given us. You gave us power through your Spirit and an indefinite timeline for your return. We have squandered time and wasted our gifts, separating us from you and one another. Like the disciples, we look to the sky for Jesus, instead of searching for the Christ in the faces of the least of your children. Forgive us, O God. Make us whole again. Reignite a holy passion within us, that we may fulfill your charge to be witnesses of your grace and glory.

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

Jerry Prescott (8:00)
Bill McPherson (9:30)
Ann Ringia (11:00)

FIRST READING

John 17:6-19 (8:00)
Acts 1:1-11 (9:30/11:00)

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* Malcolm Archer

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love.
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

God's kingdom cannot fail; Christ rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Text by Charles Wesley, 1746

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

SECOND READING Luke 24:44-53

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

SERMON

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

Responding

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (9:30/11:00) Ephesians 1:19-22

What is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power? God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things.

* HYMN 144

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

HYFRYDOL

WELCOME

Rev. Riegel (9:30)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Paul Manz

* 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 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 150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Praise, yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"**

* POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in C Major

David N. Johnson

* 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 Dave Willmer and Gale Redding.

Church Office volunteers are Ruth Weber and George Hendrickson. **Greeters** are Jennifer Hoy and Becky Lohr at 9:30 a.m.; and Marge Higley and Cyndy and Jeff Colton 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 Paul Kirton and Michele Derr at 9:30; and Jane Kinzinger and Dianne Santinga at 11:00. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "Prayer requires more of the heart than the tongue." – Adam Clarke

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.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of C. Robert Ferris by his family.

The rosebud honors the birth of Alice Sargent Vercler, born April 30, daughter of Christian Vercler and Kate Kraft.

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.

Today's prelude is a partita, or set of variations, using the tune *DIADEMATA*, which we use for the text *Crown Him with Many Crowns*. This partita uses some of the vast resources of our pipe organ with a variety of colors and dynamics. Two of the movements use the antiphonal organ, the pipes that are located in the balcony. The antiphonal organ was renovated in 2013.

Following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services you are invited to come to the chancel to see our three-manual (three keyboards) instrument.

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 Marcia Van Tuyl, Marge Higley, and Betty Anderson. 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. Classes run year round.

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. This is the last Munch & Mingle and Youth Sunday School until the fall. Children's Sunday School continues through the summer for children through grade five.

The final **Keystones** event of the year is today, 5:30–7:30 p.m., at Cottage Inn Pizza. There is no cost for this event.

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 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 Philippines Mission Team meets, 12:15–1:45 p.m., in the Lewis Room, to discuss current mission projects and plan for upcoming trips to the Philippines. All are welcome!

The Great Tomato Giveaway begins today. The Detroit Presbytery is providing tomato plants to members of congregations in our presbytery to take home, plant, lovingly tend, and then share from the harvest in late summer with those in need. Our fifth graders are helping our church facilitate this project by handing out the tomato plants today. Look for the fifth graders today in the Social Hall between services.

The Rehoboth Interfaith Garden will be planted today at 2:00 p.m., in partnership with the HaYerulim, an environmental student group at Hillel. All ages are welcome to join us on the Hill Street property to plant the garden. Bring garden gloves and tools, if possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Haiti Medical Mission Trip is May 22-29. Six First Pres missionaries – Julie Shea, CRNA; Crystal Barrow, MD; Lisa Sprague, MD; Jodi Lambert, CNP; Paul Shea, MPH; and Mark Lindley, MD, will travel to Léogâne, Haiti. The team will spend a week at the invitation of Dean Alcindor at the FSIL Haiti Nursing School where they will perform health assessments and updates for the student body, teach physical assessment skills, assist in community health outreach programs, and build on the relationships forged in prior trips with the Hôpital Sainte Croix. Members of First Pres, along with other

advocates for global health care, were instrumental in the launch of the Faculté des Sciences Infirmières de l'Université Episcopale d'Haïti in Léogâne (FSIL School of Nursing) ten years ago.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, May 22, at 5:30 p.m., at Classic Cup Café, 4389 Jackson 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.

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.

The Spring Photo Show continues today in the Social Hall and runs through May 31. This event, sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee, features the work of church members and friends. If you are interested in participating in future shows, contact Marion Powers (761-9859 or mmpowers@umich.edu). All levels of experience are welcome.

The Veterans group of First Pres will host Memorial Day Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 24, with a commemorative Veteran slide presentation, and, in the Memorial Garden, a brief ceremony at 12:15 P. M. Names of those interred in the garden will be read with note of those who were Veterans. All are invited to attend.

Are you are interested in playing bridge? First Pres hosts a bridge group that meets every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. The group plays at an intermediate level. Contact Don Deatruck at ddeatruck@live.com for more information.

The Mission Committee invites you to a special evening with Michael and Rachel Ludwig on Monday, June 1. The Ludwigs are PC(USA) mission co-workers in Niger, Africa, sponsored in part by First Pres. Please join us for a 6:00 p.m. potluck dinner in the Social Hall. The main dish will be provided. Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. After dinner, stay for a 7:00 p.m. presentation by the Ludwigs about their work and experiences serving our brothers and sisters in Christ in Africa.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

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

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