



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

JULY 12, 2015

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP  
9:30 a.m.

## Gathering

PRELUDE

*Come to the Hills*

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LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Fair

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**All: who made heaven and earth.**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord

and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,  
singing joyful songs of praise.**

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

\* HYMN

*Here in This Place*

GATHER US IN

**Here in this place the new light is streaming;  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a mystery.  
We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;  
give us the courage to enter the song.**

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**Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away;  
here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**How dangerous is the pride in which we attempt to compare our greatness to yours, O God! What lineage, however honorable, can be traced with confidence in your eternity? What national history or personal history deserves to be mentioned in connection with the history of your saving acts? Forgive the haughtiness that accompanies our pride of race, or place, or person. Only by your grace are we received into the heavenly realms, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

#### **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**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Proclaiming

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Anne Colvin

#### **NEW TESTAMENT READING** Ephesians 1:3-14

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

#### **ANTHEM** *We Are Children of Our God*

Michael Jochen

*Please join in singing when indicated:*

**We are children of our God, we are children of our God,  
we are children of our God, blest with joy, to have, to share!**

#### **A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Rev. Rogers

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

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

#### **SERMON**

*What Do You Want, Really?*

Rev. Rodawla

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 Responding 

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**      *Take, O Take Me as I Am*      John L. Bell  
*Please remain seated and sing:*

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

**COMMISSIONING OF IONA MISSIONERS**

**WELCOME**      Rev. Sanderford  
*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.*

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory**      *Don't Let Me Lose My Wonder*  
Keith and Krystin Getty

\* **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**      *Be Thou My Vision*      SLANE

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

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\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**High king of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

\* **POSTLUDE**

*Ar Fol Lol Lol O*

Irish Melody

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\* 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](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org). If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Tom McKarns and Cathy McKenny. **Church Office volunteers** are Bill and Pat Fuerstenau, and Jane Bartman. **Greeters** are Polly Pan at 9:30 a.m.; and Gail Grady and Dale and Prue Heikkinen at 11:00 a.m.

**Outdoor worship set-up** is coordinated today by Immature Ministries and Helping Hands.

**The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the service. Prayer team members are Paul Kirton and Jim Lombard at 9:30. "Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays."— Søren Kierkegaard

**Ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Karla Olson-Belfi (captain), Lee Roberts, Jackson Turner, Marty Reineman, Sheila Bilby, and Keith Bilby.

**The chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Liz Southwick, who died June 3, by her daughters Nancy, Leslie, and Joanne. A memorial service for Liz will be today at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Instrumental leadership** for today's worship is the musical group Nessa: Alex Anest, guitar; Will Osler, drums; Rob Crozier, bass; and Kelly McDermott, flute and vocals. A women's ensemble from the Chancel Choir is providing choral leadership.

The Prayer of Confession is from *Prayers for the Seasons of God's People: Worship Aids for the Revised Common Lectionary, Year B*. The following texts are copied under OneLicense.net A-720542: *Here in This Place (Gather Us In)*, Marty Haugen © 1982 GIA Publications, Inc.; *Take, O Take Me as I Am*, John Bell, ©1995 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.).

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## TODAY'S EVENTS

**Worship** is at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall and at 9:30 a.m. outside in front of the Sanctuary, weather permitting. **Radio Worship service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM's website, [www.waamannarbor.com](http://www.waamannarbor.com).

**We commission Iona Pilgrims** Virginia Bell, Tom Brandt, Dan Mitas, Deanne Woodruff, Silvia Pedraza, Don Redding, Gail Redding, Rev. Jay Sanderford, Beth Sanderford and Gayle Stevens as Iona pilgrims. Our group will be in residence on Iona for a week of worship, reflection, study and exploration. Iona is one of Scotland's historic, holy places, and is often described as one of the world's "thin places," in which the material realm is only thinly separated from the holy. The Iona community, an ecumenical Christian community, is committed to seeking creative ways of living the Gospel in today's world.

### **Children's Ministry Opportunities:**

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

**Join us for Coffee Hour** on the Circle Terrace immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Coffee Hour is sponsored today by the Congregational Life committee to celebrate the retirement of our long-time church archivists Larry and Pearl Summers. Please join us in thanking them for their dedicated service to First Pres. Cookie bakers are Sue Ashford, Kim Gernant, Marcey Terrien, and David and Carol Downton. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**An ice cream social in recognition of the Glacier Hills ministry of Dick and Sue Rigterink and Rev. Lal Rodawla** is tomorrow, Monday, July 13, 1:00–2:30 p.m., in the Hanson Room at Glacier Hills. All are invited.

**The American Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Deacons** is this Tuesday, July 14, 2:00–8:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. Please donate.

**Ann Arbor Art Fair is July 15 – 18. Park here! Volunteer here! Support youth mission work!** Eight people per three-hour shift for the four days of Art Fair are needed to guide cars to their parking spaces on our lots. Sign up on the church website. Rising high schoolers can work without a parent; middle schoolers volunteer with a parent. Proceeds from this event help fund youth mission trips throughout the year. If you have any questions, please call the Church Office.

**Art Fair next year will be a Thursday – Sunday event.** This will have a number of ramifications for churches and Sunday morning worship. In anticipation of the change, on Sunday, July 19 counts will be made of the number of cars that enter the Forest Street Parking Structure in order to attend worship at First Pres. Don't be put off by being questioned – and please park there, if possible. Our using a large number of spaces will help us continue to have access to free parking in the structure in years to come.

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**If you would like to have your child baptized,** contact the Church Office. Baptism Sundays are July 26, August 23, October 11, November 29, and December 27.

**The (S)Upper Room,** First Pres' gourmet dinner group for singles or couples who like to make complex recipes and who can host at least eight people in their home once during the year, is gearing up for the fall. Contact Rev. Rogers to learn more.

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