



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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JULY 26, 2015

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

9:30 a.m.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Monnett

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 40:29-31

One: God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

**All: Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;**

One: but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

**All: they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run
and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

One: Let us worship God.

* **HYMN**

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.**

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all, you create all living beings in love and desire that we live in harmony with one another. Seldom do we honor all our fellow human beings as your beloved children. We assign more value to some than to others, hold prejudices, and foster stereotypes. We are quick to judge and slow to see ourselves as accountable for feelings of distrust or animosity. We do not deserve the grace you show us. Open our eyes to the ways we oppress others. Turn us to the example of your son, Jesus, the Christ, and to living in ways that model love for all. 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

David Downton

OLD TESTAMENT READING Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18, 33-34

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

ANTHEM

Precious Lord, Take My Hand arr. Thomas Dorsey

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 13:8-10

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Fair

 **Responding** 

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from The Confession of Belhar

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe that the church must stand by people in any form of suffering and need. The church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

In following Christ the church must witness against all who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI

Please be seated and sing the refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

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WELCOME

Rev. Rogers

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *The Gift of Love*

*** 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**

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

CLOSER WALK

**Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee;
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.**

**Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.**

**When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.**

**Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee;
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

... **Lord, make us more . . . until we meet again. . .**

* **POSTLUDE** *Down by the Riverside*

* 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 Collyer Smith and Lynn Milroy. **Church Office volunteers** are Sarah Mohrlock and Martha Petroski. **Greeters** are Sandy Herold and Lorna Prescott.

Outdoor worship set-up is coordinated today by the Deacons.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano in the Sanctuary after the worship service. Prayer team members are Pam Rinker and Diane Knibbs. "Never forget the three resources you have available to you: love, prayer, and forgiveness."- H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Ushers are Bill Austin (head), Karla Olson-Belfi (captain), Omer Belfi, Oliver Jolliet, Nicole Jolliet, and Joe Schmidt.

The chancel flowers are given in honor of Rev. Lal Rodawla and in celebration of his ministry at First Pres. Rev. Rodawla's last Sunday with us will be August 9.

Instrumentalists assisting with worship this morning include: Eric Nyhuis, drums; Brian Brill, piano; and Rob Crozier, bass.

Today's sermon draws upon *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger will inform the sermon next Sunday, August 2.

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. **Radio Worship service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM's website, www.waamannarbor.com.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Childcare is available for preschoolers at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. 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. Cookie bakers are Diane Johnston, Jim Rogers, Karen Wisniewski, and John and Dawn Pankopf. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. We are proud to serve Fair Trade coffee in support of fair wages for coffee farmers. Coffee may be purchased in the Church Office during regular business hours.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion Food Collection is next Sunday. As we come to the Lord's Table to be fed and nurtured in our faith, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Please bring food donations or financial contributions for Detroit Hunger Ministry.

Mature Singles will meet for dinner this Friday, July 31, at 5:30 p.m., at Panda House, 229 North Maple Road. All are welcome.

We are looking for housing from mid-August until early May for our three Peer Ministers who will arrive soon for the new First Pres College program, coordinated by Rev. Dr. Monnett. Please prayerfully consider if you have a spare room to share with one of these young adults. All have their own cars. For more information, contact Katie Parker at (734) 218-0033.

First Pres name tags may be ordered online or by contacting the Church Office. The cost is \$8.00 for either a magnetic or clip style.

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

This Thursday, July 30, is the last evening worship service of the summer. This service, in Monteith Hall at 7:00 p.m., will be recorded for the Sunday morning radio broadcast on WAAM (1600 AM). All are welcome to worship.

Summer Worship Schedule

Today – August 2

8:00 & 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall
9:30 a.m. outside in front of the Sanctuary

June 25 – July 30

Thursday Evenings
7:00 p.m. in Monteith Hall

August 9 – September 6

8:00 & 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall
9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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