



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

AUGUST 2, 2015

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

### LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Sanderford (8:00)

Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is my strength and my might.

**All: God has become my salvation.**

One: I will sing God's praise.

**All: God alone is majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor,  
and generous in giving us wondrous blessings.**

One: Let us worship God.

\* HYMN 837     *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of majesty and truth, God of all things great and small, we gather to worship you, aware of many ways we fall short of your hopes for us. We focus on what we want rather than rejoicing in all that we have. We see differences as divisive rather than as beautiful parts of your plan. We are quick to jump to conclusions and slow to consider the far-reaching ramifications of our actions. Help us acknowledge our deep need of your forgiveness and to accept your grace.**

### 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

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

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## Proclaiming

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Cheryl Gulbranson (8:00)

Mary McKeever (11:00)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 103:1-5, 15-18

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

**A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES** (11:00)

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Romans 14:7-9

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

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Fair

## Responding

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

**In the death of Jesus Christ,**

**God's way in the world seemed finally defeated.**

**But death was no match for God.**

**The resurrection of Jesus was God's victory over death.**

**Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living,**

**that our best efforts and deepest affections go for nothing.**

**We do not yet see the end of death.**

**But Christ has been raised from the dead,**

**transformed and yet the same person.**

**In his resurrection is the promise of our own.**

**We are convinced that the life God wills for each of us**

**is stronger than the death that destroys us.**

**The glory of that life exceeds our imagination**

**but we know that we shall be with Christ.**

**So we treat death as a broken power.**

**Its ultimate defeat is certain.**

**In the face of death we grieve,**

**yet in hope we celebrate life.**

**No life ends so tragically**

**that its meaning and value are destroyed.**

**Nothing, not even death, can separate us**

**from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

\* **HYMN 816** *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

**WELCOME**

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

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# OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

## Offertory

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power— and might,  
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
san - na in the high - est, — ho - san - na in the high-est.

**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.**

### Words of Institution

### Communion of the People

*All communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray.*

### Prayer After Communion



## Sending



\* **HYMN 649** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**When we're been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.**

\* **POSTLUDE**

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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 Carolyn Schultz and Barbara Mueller. **Church Office volunteers** are Sarah Mohrlock and Ruth Weber. **The greeter** is Nancy Heikinen at 11:00 a.m.

**The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano in the Sanctuary after the 9:30 a.m. service. After the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services, a minister or prayer team member is available at the Communion Table for prayer. The prayer team member at 11:00 a.m. is Carol Gottlieb. "For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God."- Saint Teresa of Avila

**Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Marty Reineman at 8:00 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Dale Leslie, and Linda Lampman at 11:00 a.m.

**Musical leadership** is provided by Josiah Panning, Luke Panning, Kyle Rhodes, and an ensemble from Chancel Choir.

**Today's sermon** draws upon *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger.

**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](http://www.waamannarbor.com).

**Join us for Coffee Hour** on the Circle Terrace immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Cookie bakers are Barb Carlisle, Carole Hendrickson, Kathy Wirstrom, and Marge Higley. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

**Children's Ministry Opportunities:**

**Childcare** is available for preschoolers at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Communion Food Offering** is today. 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. Food donations and financial contributions are for Detroit Hunger Ministry.

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**Mature Singles** will meet for dinner this Friday, August 7, at 5:30 p.m., at Olive Garden, 445 E. Eisenhower Pkwy. All are welcome.

**Mature Ministries will travel to the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn** on Thursday, September 24. Lunch at Habib's Cuisine down the street from the museum will follow. We will leave First Pres at 8:45 a.m. and return about 3:00 p.m. The cost for the museum is covered - all you have to do is pay for your own lunch! Carpools will be arranged. Sign up in the Church Office or by emailing Rev. Rogers.

**Chancel Choir invites new singers**, from high-school age through adult, to join. Rehearsals are Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m., and singers choose whether to sing for the 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. services. They are beginning work on Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living*, a new work for choir, soloists and chamber orchestra to be presented on All Saints' Sunday afternoon, November 1, 3:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir, please contact Tom Granum.

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