

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 13, 2021



Samuel Anoints David
Erich Brauer

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care
toil be used, no gift of yours a - busied,
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**. All are invited to sing with masks on at this time.

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Kevin McChesney
Sanctus Ringers

- * **CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 20)
- One: The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!
All: The name of the God of Jacob protect you!
One: May God send you help from the sanctuary,
All: and give you support from Zion.
One: May the Lord grant your heart's desire
All: and fulfill all your plans.
One: May we shout for joy over God's victory,
All: May God answer us when we call.

- * **HYMN 714** *God of the Fertile Fields* ITALIAN HYMN
This hymn is found on the preceding page of this bulletin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
We are too quick to divide rather than to connect with one another.
We unmask the lies only to mask the truth.
We only trust with our eyes and not with our hearts.
We focus on what is left undone rather than what has been done.
Help us to stay connected
To you
To ourselves
To each other.
With courage and curiosity
during this hopeful yet uncertain time.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

This is Hymn 551, Lord, Have Mercy (LAND OF REST).

At First Pres, we strive to use inclusive language for God.
The use of only masculine nouns and pronouns for God and of masculine generic terms for humankind has hidden the rich feminine imagery for God and God's people in scripture. The rediscovery of the complementarity of female and male metaphors in the Bible and the literature of the early church forbids Christians to settle for literary poverty in the midst of literary riches.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -

lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah! _____

This is the Refrain of Hymn 591, Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (HALLE, HALLE).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 16:1–7, 11–12
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 5:6–9
The grass withers, the flower fades;
the word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON *Home or Away*

RESPONDING

* HYMN 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

The Kingdom

André Thomas

(Refrain)

Righteousness, peace, joy in the Holy Ghost, that's the kingdom of God.
Don't you want to be a part of the kingdom?
Come on everybody! Oh, yes, there's joy in the kingdom!

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.
We are part of the earth, and it is part of us.
The perfumed flowers are our sisters,
The deer, the horse, the great eagle.
These are our brothers. All things are connected.
Rivers our brothers, earth our mother,
The earth is the Lord's. *(Refrain)*

* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Use these offertory moments to savor your gratitude for the abundance of God's love — and to consider your own response in loving service. As you consider making your offering, remember that the church's regular expenses continue in these difficult times. And the community around us needs your financial support: your faithful giving is like the breath of life to mission programs we love, neighbors in need, members who are hurting. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

Ways to give: online on the First Pres homepage ... via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523) ... use our Give+ app ... put a check in the mail ... or scan the QR code below.



Please sign our virtual Friendship Pad.

If you are worshipping with us via YouTube, Facebook, or radio, either click below to let us know that you joined us for worship today or sign the pad on our website at <https://bit.ly/2Rliq2l>

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Please remain seated until the conclusion of the Closing Voluntary.
The ushers will dismiss the congregation from the back of the Sanctuary forward.

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 684** *Faith Begins by Letting Go* LUX PRIMA



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ory's
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -



had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,
roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;
larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,



though the way feels less se - cure: pil - grim - age both
prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it
bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the



right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Choralvorspiel "Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren"
Johann Gottfried Walther

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

STAYING CONNECTED, our theme for this summer, invites us all to be linked together in a broad community of people, joined by the energy of a holy curiosity and an indefatigable courage. As the coronavirus lessens its grip, and we emerge into a new hybrid existence, it is vital that we re-connect, stay connected, or connect afresh. It takes curiosity and courage to remain connected to each other. Curiosity to see how we can creatively connect to one another, and courage to do it safely amidst a changing viral situation. This summer, we will explore ways we stay connected to the things that matter most. For some, it will be getting out for some fresh air and a brisk walk. For many, it will mean staying in touch virtually via livestream, Zoom, or even phone conversations. For others, it will mean traveling and reconnecting with family and friends whom we haven't seen in the flesh in a long time. All the while, First Pres will be an active community, vibrant and alive, connecting all to the power and grace of the God of all creation.



Leaders of Worship: Welcome – Andrew Frazier; Liturgists – Melissa Anne Rogers and Mark Mares ; Scripture Reader – Evan Richert; Children's Message – Beca Torres-Davenport; Preacher – Evans McGowan; Vocalists – Lorna Hildebrandt, Imani Mchunu, Heidi Hess-Willis, Nick Music, David Magumba, Benton DeGroot, Elijah Emmons, and Brent Ivey; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Video Production – Bill Hall; Sound Production – Rol Kibler; Ushers – Marolin Bellefleur, Carol Carter, and Joe Schmidt

Chancel flowers are given in appreciation of Joyce Hellenga Himebaugh, by her husband, Daniel; and in loving memory of Maxine and Lewis Profit on their wedding date in 1948 by their son Kirk.

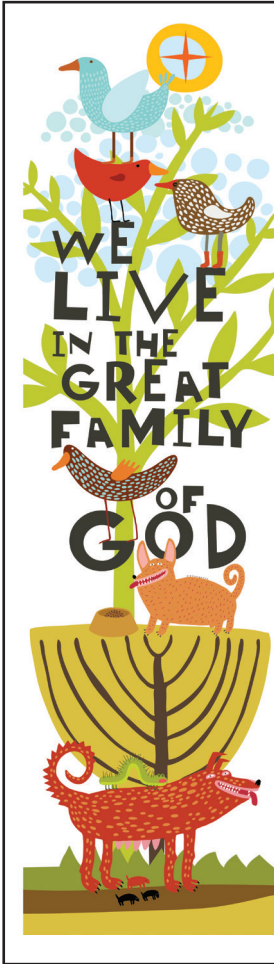
Join Rev. Rogers for a virtual Coffee Hour Sunday immediately following the Closing Voluntary. Enter Coffee Hour by clicking <https://firstpresbyterian.org/event/virtual-coffee-hour>. **Today's conversation prompt:** How does it feel to be at home (the good and the bad)? How does it feel to be away from home (the good and the bad)?

Fast Track to Membership. You already belong, of course — for all are welcome at First Pres, and **TODAY** membership is not required to participate in our ministries. However, by becoming a member formally, you have a voice and vote in congregational meetings, and express to us your commitment to First Pres to be an active part. Your joining allows us to support you more fully and help you stay engaged and grow in faith. The first step toward membership is to attend today's Fast Track meeting where you will get to know a few of our elders and staff. May the Spirit move you there! Join us today at 11:00 a.m. (note change from usual time) via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84143125355>), or in person in the Lewis Room — if you are attending worship with us today.

The Pentecost Offering 2021 will be received through today, June 13. We join with others across our Presbyterian Church to focus our support on young people, young adults, and at-risk children in support of the Pentecost Offering of our Presbyterian Church U.S.A. We see how the Pentecost story inspires all people into a lifetime of faith and service. 60% of your Pentecost gift goes to exciting national Presbyterian ministries helping children, youth ministries and young adults develop their faith. Montreat Youth Conferences, Youth Triennium and even the Confirmation materials used here at First Pres benefit from your gifts. The balance of the Pentecost Offering will support the Student Advocacy Center of Michigan, a local Washtenaw County program that nurtures, educates and guides young people through life's challenges in our communities. Please give to the Pentecost Special Offering by clicking on the [Donate to First Presbyterian Link](#) on our website, or send a donation to the church office noting Pentecost Offering in the memo line. The Pentecost Offering makes a difference for the life of the whole church and for congregations like ours.

Summer Festival of Worship

Stay Connected!



Life is busy in the Great Family of God!

We know that most members of our First Pres family have lots of obligations in the summer. Perhaps you have little time to think about your faith, and how it can grow. We hope you can find an hour or so weekly to join us for an alternative worship offering. Come, strengthen your faith in the company of old friends – and friends you've yet to meet!

Tuesdays @ First Pres

June 1, July 6, and August 3 @ 7:00 p.m.

Taizé worship is livestreamed from the Sanctuary on YouTube and Facebook.

Wednesdays @ First Pres **THIS WEEK**

June 16, July 21, and August 18 @ 6:00 p.m.

Worship around the fire on the First Pres lawn

Thursdays @ First Pres

June 24, July 29, and August 26 @ 6:00 p.m.

Guided outdoor meditation at the Hilligs' labyrinth

Saturdays @ First Pres

June 12, July 17, and August 14 @ 5:00 p.m.

Jazz vespers service on the First Pres lawn

Sunday Morning Worship

The 9:30 a.m. service will be livestreamed on YouTube and FaceBook.

Radio broadcast will be on WAAM at 11:00 a.m.

In-Person Indoor Worship

Check our website (www.firstpresbyterian.org) or contact the church office (734-662-4466) for information about limited seating, in-person Taizé and Sunday indoor worship services, and for Covid-related schedule updates.

Meditation and Labyrinth Walking. As a part of our Summer Festival of Worship, on Thursday evenings June 24, July 29, and August 26, you are invited to the home of Kurt and Kathy Hillig (7654 W Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor, 48103) to walk the labyrinth they have made on their property. Come anytime between 6–8:00 p.m. It takes about 20–30 minutes to go from your car to the labyrinth and back. Signs will guide you from the parking area to the labyrinth. There is a guided meditation podcast available to use while walking, or consider using that another time for a meditative moment. Being outside at the Hilligs' in silence in nature is very meditative. Note that tick season is in full gear so please wear closed-toe shoes and long pants. Questions? Contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org. The guided meditation (put together by Revs. Mares and Johnson) can be found at <https://www.faithbeats.com/>.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Please contact Beca Torres-Davenport (btorresdavenport@firstpresbyterian.org), Coordinator of Children's & Family Ministry, for information about opportunities to connect and resources for children and families.

Vacation Bible School 2021

Marketplace 49 AD – Travels with Paul
June 21–23

VBS will look a little different this year due to Covid protocols, but we will be together outside! For three days we'll experience what life was like after Jesus, listening to Paul's stories, reliving biblical events, and experiencing being part of a Bible-time family. Participants will visit the arts and crafts shops of the Marketplace, travel to the Story Teller's tent, witness events in Jesus' life re-enacted by our street players, and play games at Jerusalem playground. Volunteers are needed for preparations the week before and the week of VBS. If you have questions, please contact Beca Torres-Davenport (btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org).

Registration is available for morning (10:00 a.m. to noon) or afternoon (1:00 – 3:00 p.m.) sessions.
Children: (<https://bit.ly/21VBS-Camper>)
Volunteers: (<https://bit.ly/21VBS-Volunteer>)

Safety protocols include small, socially distanced groups, daily temperature checks, masks required, sanitizing stations, and pre-packaged crafts. All activities are outdoors.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Please contact Rev. Mark Mares (mmares@firstpresbyterian.org), Minister of Youth & Families, for information about the numerous ways youth are connecting at this time.

Compassion Camp 2021 – *Changing the World with Lovingkindness*

Sundays: June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25, and August 8



As we look around the world, what becomes clearer each day is our deep need for compassion – now more than ever. Children 4 years old through Middle School are invited to join Rev. Mark Mares and Beca Torres-Davenport to examine different places in our lives where we can learn about and cultivate compassion. Each session has age-appropriate offerings for each age group. The practice of lovingkindness serves as the backbone for this year's theme. Lovingkindness is the utmost form of selfless love toward ourselves and others. The practice begins with focusing on self-compassion because once we have compassion for ourselves, we can have compassion for others.

Immersed into this year's Compassion Camp will be a **Crossover Connection** to create a space for 5th graders to get acquainted with the Youth Program. There will be 3 "neighborhood" events on Wednesdays, June 16, July 14, and July 28.

Please register for both Compassion Camp and Crossover Connection on the First Pres website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Financial contributions and food donations throughout the month of June will be overseen by Presbyterian Women and will be directed to the Hunger Ministries Program of the Presbytery of Detroit.

Donate Chancel flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. There are available dates in upcoming weeks. Cost is \$75. Contact the Church Office (662-4466) for more information.

T2A2 Small Group meets off-site at 7:00 p.m. Whether you are a believer or a seeker, a working professional or a grad student, we invite everyone in their twenties and thirties to come and build community with us as we share meaningful conversations and reflect on the Word together. For more information, please email t2a2@firstpresbyterian.org.

Greetings, College Students! We hope you will find a home away from home here at First Pres. We will gather virtually and in person at various points over the summer. Contact Rev. McGowan (campus@first-presbyterian.org) to grab a cup of coffee or for more information. He would love to meet you, virtually or otherwise!

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! You may now watch the All-Church Variety Show by going to the First Presbyterian Church YouTube page (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BvIBmiPjouk>).

Women: Stay Connected! PW Moderator Ginny Bell sends out timely information in email blasts. Contact Ginny (virginiabell2013@gmail.com) to be added to the email list.

The prayer team meets Monday mornings via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86466149357>) from 9:00–9:30 a.m. with Rev. Rogers. Join us to offer prayer for others or bring the needs of you and your loved ones for prayer. Questions? Contact Rev. Rogers.

Enjoy our latest Virtual Art Exhibit, *Black Is Blessed*, by Laura James. Enter the exhibit at www.laurajamesart.weebly.com. Laura James, a self-taught painter living and working in New York City, is a visual storyteller who explores biblical subjects, cultural issues, and secular themes through her unique contemporary use of the traditional art of Ethiopian iconography. Her goal is to have her art in churches and public places where black people can actively see themselves included within the stories of the Bible.

Mature Singles are enjoying dinners in restaurants on Friday evenings. Please call Marcy (995-2519) for more information.

A Social Justice Action Group is forming at First Pres. What actions can we as Christians take to address injustice in a consequential way? Local Mission and Adult Ministry work groups are now collaborating to respond to that very question. A Social Justice Action Group is being formed to support advocacy efforts, participate in community events, and take further action in response to specific social justice issues supported by the congregation. Initially, the group will focus on three key issues the congregation has supported, which include racial injustice, gun violence prevention, and climate change. If you want to do something about any (or all!) of these critical issues, our new Social Justice Action Group wants to hear from you! Contact us at SJAG@firstpresbyterian.org or check out the church website for more information (<https://www.firstpresbyterian.org/connect/adult-ministry/social-justice-workgroup>).

Your Pastor Nominating Committee is committed to being open and transparent in our search for a Lead Pastor. We meet weekly and can be reached at pnc2021@firstpresbyterian.org. Information about our search is available at: <https://www.firstpresbyterian.org/about/staff-leadership/pastoral-transition-first-presbyterian>

A Diversity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Accountability (DIAA) Task Force is forming! As a part of the new Strategic Plan, a DIAA (also called “Radical Hospitality”) task force is coming together. This will be a group that works with all our Session committees and staff to develop principles and values, to promote conversations, and to evaluate our ministries and programs concerning our need for growth in these areas. Folks with a passion, and with experience, are needed to serve. If you are interesting in knowing more, contact us at DIAA-radicalhospitality@firstpresbyterian.org.

First Pres strives to be as diverse as God’s kingdom, and as wide and hospitable as the Spirit’s embrace. Here, we don’t all look, act, or pray alike. God knows we do not all think alike. We Presbyterians do not read the Bible the same way. Our questions are different, our burdens are diverse, and our aspirations are distinct. But every Sunday, we worship as one, unified by the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. We worship a living God who calls us to love and support one another. Together we can do marvelous things – and grow closer to God and one another along the way. Come visit us – everyone is welcome! If you are new to us, we invite you to visit and explore our many programs and service opportunities.

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