

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 20, 2021



Peace Be Still
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Making God's Love Visible

1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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

Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten, BWV 647

J. S. Bach

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in this place to worship our God:
All: **Calm Presence in our times of confusion,
Comforter in our nights of struggle.**
One: We gather with fellow pilgrims, as we seek to follow Jesus:
All: **Brother to those swamped by fears,
Friend to all overwhelmed by loss.**
One: We are brought together by the Spirit
who lives in the depths of our souls:
All: **The Serenity who travels with us
on this up-and-down journey we call life.
Let us worship the Triune God!**

* HYMN 612

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

This hymn is found on the preceding page of this bulletin.


PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There can be such giants in our lives, God of Grace. Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us, until we come to believe that you do not care for us. There seems to be so much wrong in the world, we are convinced that there is nothing good we can do. The storms of sin and temptation batter at us, and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them.


Forgive us. God of Hope. Remind us that if we but open our hearts, you will heal us. If we but listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy. If we but open our lives to you, we can go forth to serve our fellow kin, even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ...

SILENT PRAYER

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).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.



* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled,
our lives will spread your peace.

This is Stanza 4 of Hymn 444, Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (DETROIT).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Mark 4:35–41
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 17 (selected verses)
The grass withers, the flower fades; **the word of the Lord endures forever.**

SERMON

RESPONDING

* **HYMN 819** *Be Still, My Soul* FINLANDIA
This hymn is found on the following page of this bulletin.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory *The Storm Is Passing Over* arr. Barbara W. Baker
Have courage my soul and let us journey on.
Though the night is dark and I am far from home.
Thanks be to God the morning light appears.
The storm is passing over Hallelu.

* **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.

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.

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

SENDING

* HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

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/2Rlig2l>

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

How Firm a Foundation (Excerpt)

William Bolcom



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

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 – Jay Sanderford; Liturgists – Andrew Frazier and Evans McGowan; Scripture Reader – Shuyu Long ; Children's Message – Mark Mares; Preacher – Mark Mares; Vocalists – Lorna Hildebrandt, Kayla Ferguson, Heidi Hess-Willis, Mandy Matthews, Nick Music, David Magumba, Benton DeGroot, Elijah Emmons, and Alan Williams; Organist – David Hufford; Guest Conductor – Rick Ingram; Video Production – Bill Hall; Sound Production – Rol Kibler; Ushers – Marolin Bellefleur, Nancy Fox, and Joe Schmidt

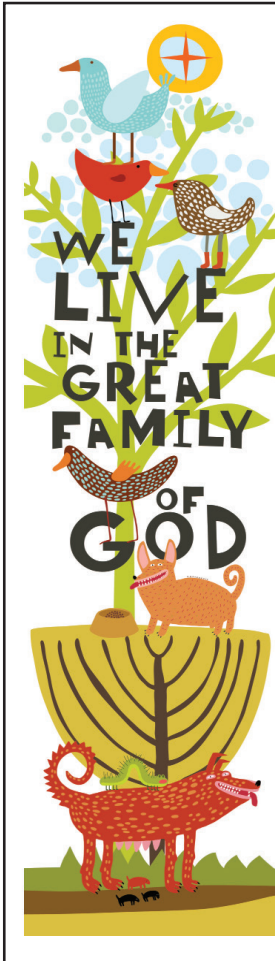
Chancel flowers are given in thanksgiving to God and with gratitude for her dear family by Pat Gilbreath.

Pink rosebuds celebrate the births of Mila Washabaugh and Winifred Elizabeth Washabaugh, granddaughters of Susan and Peter Washabaugh. Mila, born May 14, 2021, is the daughter of Pearce and Masa Washabaugh. Winifred, born June 7, 2021, is the daughter of Alec and Anna Washabaugh.

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:** What giants have you slayed in the past, with God's help? What giants are you facing today? What are the giants you see facing our world?

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

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

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

Wednesdays @ First Pres

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

Worship around the fire on the First Pres lawn

Thursdays @ First Pres **THIS WEEK !**

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

Guided outdoor meditation at the Hilligs’ labyrinth

Saturdays @ First Pres

July 10 and August 14 @ 5:00 p.m.

Jazz Vesper Service on the First Pres lawn

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 Rev. Mares) will be available on June 24 at <https://www.faithbeats.com/>.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Exploring the Faith meets today at 12:15 p.m. via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89707880133>). Join several members of the Strategic Planning Group and the Self-Study Committee for a discussion of the First Pres Strategic Plan.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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

THIS WEEK

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 prepackaged 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.

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.

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@firstpresbyterian.org) to grab a cup of coffee or for more information. He would love to meet you, virtually or otherwise!

Our next monthly Taizé Prayer Service will be live and in-person on Tuesday, July 6, at 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. It will be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook. This is a service of scripture, song, silence, prayer, and candles. All are welcome to attend in person. No sign up is required.

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.

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

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>).

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.

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.

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.

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. Do you have experience with these topics? We will meet monthly and for the foreseeable future. Folks with a passion, and with experience, are most needed. 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.

Did you know? There are two unisex bathrooms available in our building. One is on the second floor, near the kitchenette and one is on the Lower Level, just inside the maintenance wing.

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Robin Agnew, Administrative Assistant

Barbara DeLancey, Parish Nurse

J. P. DiMaggio, Interim Bridge Administrator

Reverend Andrew Frazier, Resident Minister

Pat Gilbreath, Welcome Center Coordinator

Almer Harris, Maintenance Specialist

David Hufford, Organist

Reverend Mark Mares, Minister of Youth & Families

Reverend Evans McGowan, Assistant Pastor of Faith Formation and Campus Ministries

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