

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JUNE 27, 2021



*Woman Who Touched the Cloak of Jesus*  
James Tissot



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**Making God's Love Visible**

Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the

gos - pel spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ

ris - en from the dead! 1 Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -  
2 Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to

pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;  
danc - ing; sing now the mys - tery, hope of our glo - ry;

sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the  
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of

stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in  
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor

wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!  
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

# GATHERING

Please join in reading and singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

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

## Call to worship:

The worship of God is the central purpose of the church. The primary focus of worship is not to inspire or motivate us (although we may be inspired and motivated) but to love God for God's sake. The call to worship, then, grabs our attention and beckons us to focus on God. It reminds us why God is praiseworthy and deserving of our worship.

Christian worship is more than a passive response to God's revelation. It is in itself — proclamation. Worship both announces the good news of God's love for all the world and invites all people to share God's saving embrace. This active response would not be possible without the presence of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who endows the community of faith and individual Christians with the gifts that are necessary for God's service.

## WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

**FAITH IN ACTION** Pastor Nominating Committee Update

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** *Benedictus* Alec Rowley

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones,  
and give thanks to God's holy name!

**All: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

One: Let us extol the Lord who has drawn us up from the Pit.

**All: We cried out for help; the Lord has restored us to life.**

One: God has turned our mourning into dancing and clothed us with joy.

**All: We will not be silent. Let us give thanks to the Lord forever and ever!**

\* **HYMN 242** *Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded*

IN DIR IST FREUDE

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name...

## SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the Alleluia response, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*This is Hymn 587, Alleluia! (CELTIC ALLELUIA).*

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## In the Prayer for

**Illumination** we ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand the scripture reading. "Illumination" is the act of shining light on something. We pray God will give us new understandings of the reading, or shine the light for us to see and understand what we hear.

**It is important to remember that baptism is not so much something we do, but rather something that God does.** In Baptism God claims us and names us as one of God's own children. Baptism is both God's gift and our acceptance of the gift of God's saving grace. We baptize in response to the God who first loved us, and we remember that we did not choose God, but God chose us.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 5:21-43

The grass withers, the flower fades;

**the word of the Lord endures forever.**

**SERMON**

*What Can Faith Do For You?*

# RESPONDING AND SEALING

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may be taken after the service.*

Cassandra and Kevin Wieczerza present their son, Lucas Asher Wieczerza, born December 6, 2020, for baptism.

\* **Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Thanksgiving over the Water and Baptism**

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory *I Quietly Turned to You, from Celebrate Life* Buryl Red  
 Heidi Hess-Willis, soloist

There was nowhere else to turn, and nowhere else to go;  
 My body knew all the pain a body can know,  
 When I quietly turned to you, Help of the helpless, I turned to you.  
 When no one else would help, and no one else could hear  
 My cries full of anguish, my cries full of fear,  
 Then I quietly turned to you, hope of the hopeless, I turned to you.  
 I saw you standing there, I saw the beauty from you beaming,  
 I saw the peace, the joy, the perfect love that could be.  
 I saw you standing there, I thought that I was surely dreaming;  
 For suddenly warmth and love and joy were shining through me,  
 As you quietly turned to me, friend of the friendless, you turned to me.  
 Now I know such perfect peace, I feel such sweet release,  
 Your love let me live again, your love set me free,  
 Help of the helpless, friend of the friendless,  
 I quietly turned to you, and you turned to me, and you turned to me.

\* 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.**

**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.



# SENDING


\* HYMN 321

*The Church's One Foundation*



AURELIA





1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.  
2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,  
4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,




She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.  
her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,  
she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:  
and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.  
One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,  
O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.  
And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song,  
and the great church vic-to-rious shall be the church at rest.  
like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.



## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Tuba Tune*

C. S. Lang



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

### Please sign our virtual Friendship Pad.

If you are worshiping 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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# 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 – Mark Mares; Faith in Action – Jennifer Edwards; Liturgists – Melissa Anne Rogers and Jay Sanderford; Scripture Reader – Scott Ellsworth; Children's Message – Beca Torres-Davenport; Preacher – Andrew Frazier; Soloist – Heidi Hess-Willis; Guest Organist – Gale Kramer; Video Production – Bill Hall; Sound Production – Rol Kibler; Ushers – Marolin Bellefleur, Jim Cameron, and Joe Schmidt

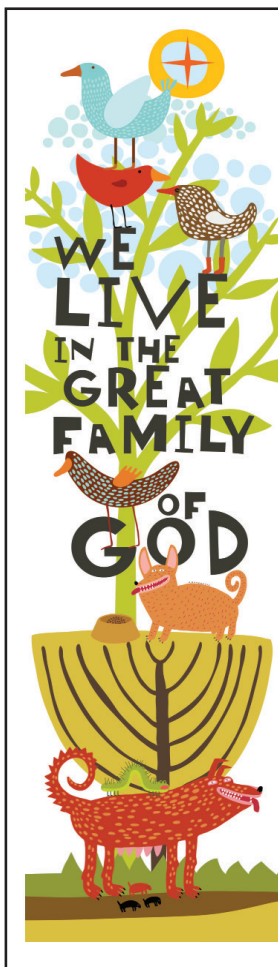
**Chancel flowers** are given in honor of Marilyn Meeker and her longstanding contributions to FPC by Brad Taylor.

**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:** When has your faith inspired you to change (a habit, your mind, etc.)?

**"Tell Me More,"** a monthly opportunity for our guests and visitors to learn more as we answer your questions about First Pres, is offered today. Rev. Rogers leads this brief time of conversation where you can ask anything. Find out about our church, our programs, our vision, our time of transition, our theology, history, and more on the fourth Sunday of each month at noon! Join us today at noon via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188882448>).

# 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

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 July 29 and August 26, you are invited to the home of Kurt and Kathy Hillig (7654 W Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor) to walk the labyrinth they have made on their property. Come anytime between 6:00 – 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 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](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org). The guided meditation (put together by Rev. Mares) can be found at <https://www.faithbeats.com/>



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In celebration of Pride Month, you are invited to join our resident minister Rev. Andrew Frazier for an open forum via Zoom on Wednesday, June 30, at 6:00 p.m.** This will be a time for you to come and ask all the questions you've always wanted to know about the LGBTQIA+ community and to discuss the issues that affect our queer siblings in a safe and nonjudgmental space. Whether you're queer, a straight ally, or a person seeking to learn more, you are welcome in this space. Please feel free to submit any questions you may have or topics you'd like to discuss to Rev. Frazier ahead of time by emailing him at [afrazier@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:afrazier@firstpresbyterian.org). This forum will also be held the following afternoon, July 1, as part of the new Mature Ministries series, "How the World Has Changed," held at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**We're happy to announce that Resident Minister Andrew Frazier has been hired as a Recruitment Associate by Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas.** His last Sunday with us will be Sunday, July 4. Coffee Hour that day will be a celebration of Andrew's ministry here at First Pres. Join us to thank him for his faithful contributions to First Pres. Contributions toward a special gift for Andrew may be sent to the attention of Finance Manager Anna Miller or may be dropped off at the church Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**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.

**Mature Ministries Trips are Back!** See the Mature Ministries Page of the Website for trips beginning in August 2021. More information is there about the fun events we have planned, and approximate costs. A sign-up form to reserve your space on these trips (with the exception of the 11/4 Immersive Van Gogh trip, which is currently full) will go live on the webpage on July 1 at 10:00 a.m. There is no registration before that time so that all have equal opportunity. For more information, contact Rev. Rogers or Brad Taylor.

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:campus@first-presbyterian.org)) to grab a cup of coffee or for more information. He would love to meet you, virtually or otherwise!

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

**Support First Pres Youth by helping out with Art Fair Parking, the biggest youth fundraiser of the year!** Money raised will be used for future mission and formation opportunities for our youth, with a small portion of the proceeds going to another local organization doing work in our community. Youth participants will decide who the recipient will be. The dates for volunteering run from the afternoon of Thursday, July 15 through the afternoon of Saturday, July 17. Contact Rev. Mark Mares, Minister of Youth & Families ([mmares@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mmares@firstpresbyterian.org)) for more information and to volunteer.

**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. Mature Singles will hold their annual July 4th picnic at Lillie Park South at 1:00 p.m.

**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=BvIBmiPjoux>).

**Enjoy our latest Virtual Art Exhibit, *Black Is Blessed*, by Laura James.** Enter the exhibit at [www.laurajamesart.weebly.com](http://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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 interested in knowing more, contact us at [DIAA-radicalhospitality@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto: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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