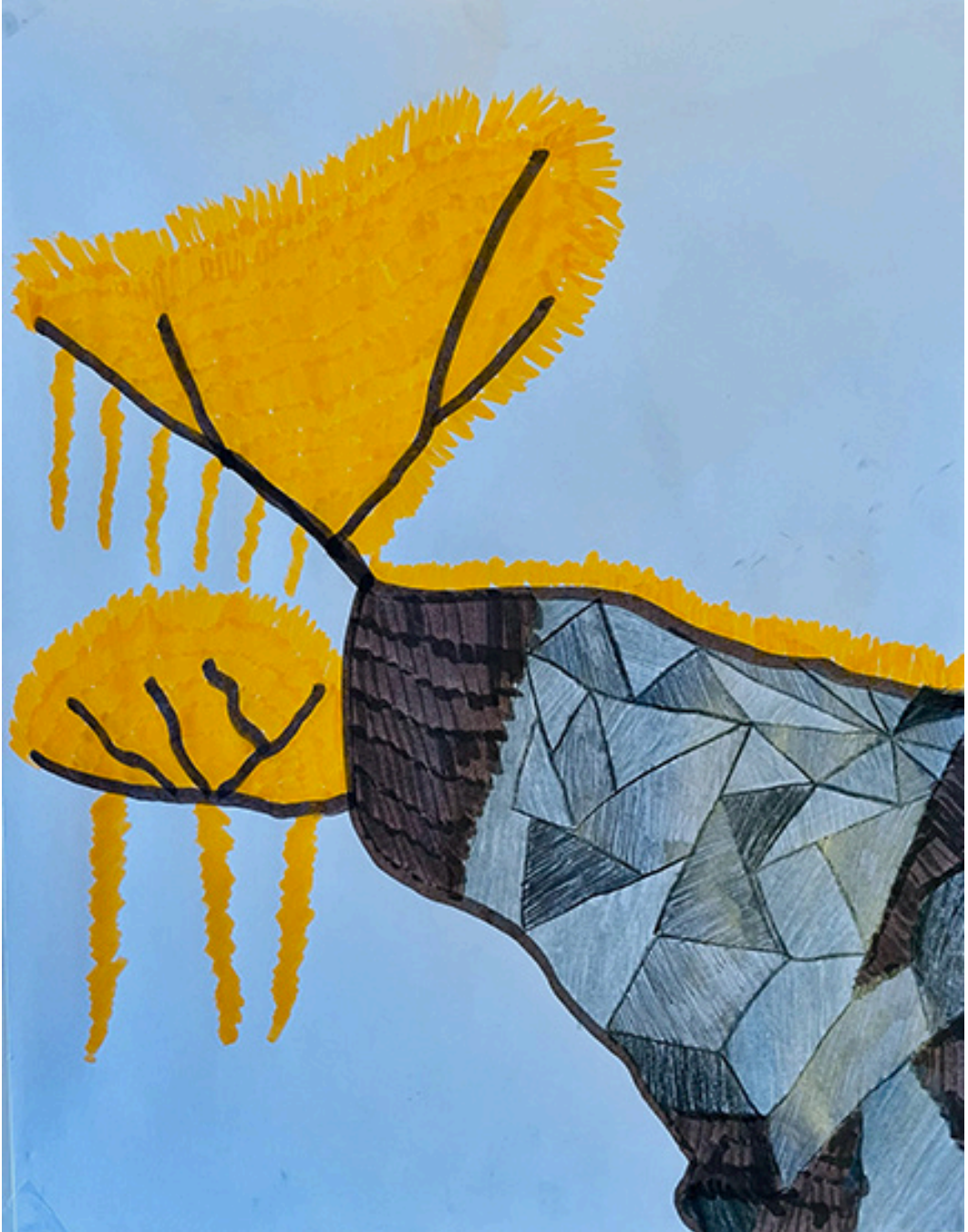


TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
YOUTH SUNDAY
February 14, 2021



Falling Peach by Maverick Musser



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Making God's Love Visible

1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -

James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"
 cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,

light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,

for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
 ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
 ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son."
 tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
 James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

Please know that, in recording all the parts of this liturgy — spoken, sung and played — we have carefully observed responsible norms of social distancing.

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

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.

Cover art is by Confirmation class member Maverick Musser who wrote "I think that 'Falling Peach' perfectly reflects the capability and wonders of God, and that God can make the best occur out of any situation. Like making a beautiful peach tree grow on a dry and empty cliff." 'Falling Peach' was created using brush markers and colored pencil.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Concerto in E Major: Allegro

Johann Sebastian Bach

Hana Kaehr, violin

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 50:1-6)

One: God speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

All: The perfection of God shines down upon us!

One: Our God comes and does not keep silence.

All: The Lord calls to the heavens above and to the earth:

One: "Gather to me all my faithful ones!"

All: Let us proclaim the righteousness of the Lord!

HYMN 193

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

UNSER HERRSCHER

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

HYMN 406

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

HOLY GROUND

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground,
and I know that there are an - gels all a -
round; let us praise Je - sus
now; we are stand - ing in his
pres - ence on ho - ly ground.

This is Hymn 406, We Are Standing on Holy Ground (HOLY GROUND).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

OPEN THE EYES

The Prayer for Illumination is sung by Lana Smith.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 4:3–6

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The first Scripture reading is read by Madeline Montgomery.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:2–9

The grass withers, the flower fades;

the word of the Lord endures forever.

A Conversation with Young Disciples is led by Aidan Majorprice and Heath Monsma.

SERMON

The second Scripture reading, a dramatic reading, is read by Andrew Frazier, Anna Gehrke, Claire Gehrke, Aidan Majorprice, Ethan Phillips, Liam Phillips, and Lana Smith.

RESPONDING

HYMN 190

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

GENEVA



1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, heav - en's voice, the
2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, they shall gain and
3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per - cep - tion with the pur - est



daz - zling light; Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish;
keep its truth, not by build - ing on the moun - tain
light that shines, and re - cast our life's in - ten - tions



Christ a - lone com - mands the height! Pe - ter, James, and
an - y shrine or sa - cred booth, but by fol - low -
to the shape of your de - signs, till we seek no



John fall si - lent, turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise down - ward
ing the Sav - ior through the val - ley to the cross and by
oth - er glo - ry than what lies past Cal - vary's hill and our



toward the shad - owed val - ley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.
test - ing faith's re - sil - ience through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
liv - ing and our dy - ing and our ris - ing by your will.

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.



OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Moderato
Graham Corey, Horn

James Ployhar

Doxology

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.

OLD HUNDRETH

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 274

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

PICARDY



1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -
3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our



prince and slave. You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;



of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing
have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing



in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.
in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on "Unser Herrscher"

David Cherwien

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/2RIig2l>

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Leaders of Worship: Welcome – Mark Mares; Liturgists – Hadley Feyen, Harper Feyen, Jake Gernant, Ezra Gerety, Madeline Montgomery, Heath Monsma, Aidan Majorprice, Lana Smith, Ethan Phillips, Liam Phillips, Claire Gehrke, Anna Gehrke, Hana Kaehr, Chloe Majorprice, Owen Smith, and Anna Schneider; Preacher – Andrew Frazier; Vocalists – Leslie Smith, Imani Mchunu, Heidi Hess-Willis, Catherine Moore, David Magumba, Tyrese Byrd, Benton DeGroot, and Brent Ivey; Organist – Paul Haebig; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Videographer – Bill Hall; Sound technician – Rol Kibler

Join Rev. Rogers for a virtual Coffee Hour Sunday immediately following the Closing Voluntary. If you have questions or need help, please contact Rev. Rogers. **Today's conversation prompt:** Where have you seen compassion during the pandemic? What spiritual practices can help us deepen our compassion for others? Enter Coffee Hour by clicking <https://firstpresbyterian.org/event/virtual-coffee-hour>.

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Peg Molin by her husband Keith on the 25th anniversary of her passing.

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 17.

We hope you will participate in one or more of these special services:

Imposition of Ashes. Remain in the safety of your car as you stop near the Memorial Garden to receive the Imposition of Ashes from a pastor who will be wearing a mask and gloves per our safety protocol. Masks must be worn by all who are receiving the Imposition of Ashes. You may drive through during these times:

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. • 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. • 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Join us at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85211529512>) **for an interactive Ash Wednesday family service.** We'll come together in fellowship to hear scripture, pray in color, share ashes in the mark of Christ, and discuss what Christ has given to us. An Ash Wednesday Interactive pack (ashes, a spiritual practices journal, and a "Prayer in Color" page) will be available by prior registration for pick up tomorrow and Tuesday, February 15 and 16, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., and 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

A virtual ecumenical Taizé worship service is at 7:30 p.m. Join us via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81423136918?pwd=NmFic1VyZlMvNHU3Y3c2NVFGTk1oZz09>) to worship together during our Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service with our brothers and sisters of other area churches. The service will also be streaming live on our Facebook and YouTube channels.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shrove Tuesday Pandemic Pancake Party is this Tuesday, February 16! In honor of the day, and eager for a day to celebrate, join hosts Peter Bubriski and Rev. Rogers on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86554821798>) for a pancake party, 5:30–6:30 p.m. As we gather together, Rev. Rogers and others will talk about what Shrove Tuesday means and why we eat pancakes on the day, also known as Fat Tuesday (or, in cajun French, ‘Mardi Gras’). Join us from your kitchen with your pancake fixings there while we cook and eat together, share what kind of pancakes we made, and get kids and adults of all ages together for a true time of wonder, delicious dinner, and chaos. While we eat, we hope to have a brief slide show of photos. Snap a picture with your phone of something you take on during Lent as a spiritual practice, or a photo that somehow speaks to you of what the season of Lent means.

“Noon Conversations: What Matters Most” Join in conversation with First Pres member Deborah Campbell this Wednesday, February 17, at noon, via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82408747923>). This month’s focus is on love, a core message of Jesus. We’ll explore the question, “What Does Love Look Like?”

Reopening Update: Reminding you of our new easy-to-view Reopening Grid (see our website)! As the Covid-19 vaccines become more readily available, the RRVG recommends consulting with your healthcare professional about getting vaccinated as soon as possible. Training continues on using our new camera system in the Sanctuary. As we say goodbye to several staff members, others are taking on new roles until new staff can be hired. Stay tuned for further updates here and on our website. Please contact Rev. McGowan if you have any questions.

Volunteers are needed for the Rotating Shelter for the week of February 22–28. First Pres has partnered with Calvary UMC to provide volunteers as they host the Rotating Shelter in their building. The operation has been scaled down to two volunteers present in the evenings (7:00 – 11:55 p.m.) and one overnight volunteer to accompany a paid Shelter staff person (11:55 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.) If you are able to volunteer, please register using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4aa8a62ea3fe3-second>.

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.

Greetings College Students! We hope you will find a home away from home here at First Pres. Each Sunday at 12:15 p.m., via Zoom, there are virtual college lunches. Contact Rev. McGowan (campus@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information. He would love to meet you, virtually or otherwise!

Donate Chancel flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. There are many 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 her (virginiabell2013@gmail.com) to be added to the email list.

Visit our Virtual Art Exhibit “For the Beauty of the Earth” by clicking www.fboe.weebly.com. The photography is by Judy Kisla of Atlanta, Georgia.

Ministry of Music: If you would like to participate in the Chancel Choir’s virtual anthems, contact Dave VanderMeer for more information: dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org. All are welcome to participate!

“Tell Me More” is a monthly opportunity for our guests and visitors to learn more as we “tell you more about First Pres.” The Zoom link is available online or you may indicate on the friendship pad that you’d like to have it sent directly to you. Rev. Rogers leads this brief time of conversation and questions 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!

Journeys Bible Study meets via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/295007173>) on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 11:30 a.m. Contact Rev. Frazier (afrazier@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information.

Financial contributions and food donations throughout the month of February will be overseen by Youth Ministry. Financial donations will be sent to the Washtenaw Community College Student Emergency Fund. Food donations will be taken to Community Action Network (C.A.N.). If you are donating by check, please make it payable to First Presbyterian Church, noting the recipient of your contribution on the memo line. Checks may be dropped off at church Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or mailed to the church to the attention of Finance Manager Anna Miller. Bins for food collection are provided outside the church entrance at the Memorial Garden Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mature Singles are enjoying dinners in restaurants on Friday evenings, but planning only one or two weeks at a time. Please call Marcy (995-2519) if you would like more information.

The next Taizé Prayer Service is on Tuesday, March 2. Join us at 7:00 p.m., via YouTube and Facebook.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

First Friends meets today at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom (<https://emich.zoom.us/j/81429993076>) to discuss the family separation crisis and the U. S. Border Patrol.

Exploring the Faith meets today at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89707880133>). Matthew 25:35-46 calls all of us to actively engage in our community and the world, and to be a relevant presence of Jesus Christ. The PC(USA)'s goal is to help our congregations embrace one of more than three focuses: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. Charon Barconey, Associate Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Detroit, will lead the presentation and discussion.

Bible Study @ 5 meets today via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545144620>) at 5:00 p.m. Rev. Ed Koster facilitates a study of the Gospel of Mark.

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.

The Children's Choir meets virtually on Sundays, 10:30-10:55 a.m. Contact Director Kellie McInchak (kmcinchak@firstpresbyterian.org) or Rev. Mares (mmares@firstpresbyterian.org) for Zoom information. All children ages 5 through sixth grade are encouraged to participate.

All children's faith formation classes meet this Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom. The Story Bible and curriculum materials are available from the church.

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.

All youth faith formation classes meet this Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom. When you log on, please make sure Zoom names are updated to reflect each youth present and what class you will be participating in (Middle/High/Confirmation). **Our Confirmation Class** meets on Zoom the second and third Sunday of each month, and in person for the fourth Sunday.

High School students will meet with Rev. Evans McGowan and other leaders throughout the semester to talk about faith and current events. We're really looking forward to thinking, talking, and imagining how our faith leads us in our everyday lives.

Middle School and High School Youth Group gatherings alternate between in-person (first and third Sundays) and virtual (second and fourth Sundays) of each month. We gather together for games and fellowship as a large group and break out into Middle School/High School groups for conversations. Contact Pastor Mark for more information. All are welcome!

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