

first presbyterian church



We are worshipping, serving, and living
with a fresh vision of God's vibrant energy
and grace for all.

May 2, 2021

Order of Worship
5th Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"When the eunuch's story of shame is refracted through the story of the cross and resurrection of Jesus, it becomes a narrative of redemption, restoration, and hope."

~ Tom Long

PRELUDE

As the Deer

Martin J. Nystrom

CALL TO WORSHIP

Be Still and Know

Be still and know that God is here;

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LIFE AT FIRST

Graduates

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Light is a gift from God—a gift to be shared.

Jesus is this gift, the light of the world shining in our midst.

This light illumines our work and worship as we serve God together.

Come, let us worship the God of love and light.

Amen.

HYMN

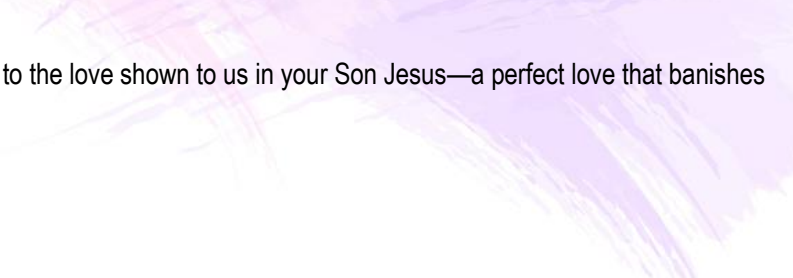
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Morning Has Broken

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

From: 1 John 4:7-21

Holy God, We confess that we have damaged our relationship with you. We live without love to others and have forgotten how to love you. Call us back to yourself, so that we may live in Christ and learn again how to love. We commit our hearts



and souls to the love shown to us in your Son Jesus—a perfect love that banishes fear.

Silence

When we live in God and God lives in us, there is no fear of judgment or death. First we were loved, now we love. We cannot hate our brothers and sisters; loving God includes loving people. In God's love we are born anew to a wholesome and right relationship.

Amen.

HYMN

#19

God of Great and God of Small

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE

I John 4:7-21; Acts 8:26-40

SERMON

All Are Welcome

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

CLOSING HYMN

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Amazing Grace

BENEDICTION

SONG OF SENDING

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Let Us Build a House



CELEBRATING OUR 2021 GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL

Jack Burkholder is graduating from West Ottawa High School. Jack has been involved in Men's Volleyball, and Cultural Technological Environmental Exchange and is a member of West Ottawa's Chamber Orchestra. Outside of school, Jack has been involved in dance and theatre at Avalon School of the Arts and is an accomplished tap dancer. Jack traveled to Europe in the summer of 2019 with the Blue Lake International Orchestra, touring and performing in France and Germany. He will be attending Michigan Technological University this fall, with an interest in studying Physics and Astronomy.

Eli Edwards-Parker will be graduating from Black River. He has been involved in jazz band at Black River and the FPC youth group. He plans to attend Hope College and major in math (and something else).

Kyle Magennis will be graduating from West Ottawa. He's been a leader in Scout Troop #147 and is working on his Eagle project at the Outdoor Discovery Center. Kyle is a member of the Competitive Varsity Dance Team and has been involved in Avalon School of the Arts as a tap and musical theater student. He plans to attend Michigan Technological University with a major in mechanical engineering. Kyle is a National Merit finalist.

Leah Perkins will be graduating from Grand Haven High School. Leah participated in playing volleyball for the school and for travel volleyball clubs. She enjoyed art classes making jewelry and ceramics and is a member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, she has been working part-time as a hostess at Fuel Restaurant in Spring Lake. Leah plans to take a gap year to figure out potential career paths and visit various college campuses to attend Fall of 2022.

COLLEGE

Abby Wallar is graduating from Hope College this spring with a B.A. in Art and minors in Art History and Engineering. She will be attending Penn State in the fall working towards her Masters of Architecture.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Member Class // The New Member group meets again on **Monday, May 3**, at **2p** in the M&M Cafe. If you missed the first meeting, you are welcome to attend next Monday. Please let Rev. Linda Male know with a phone call (616-392-9022, X104) or email (pastor@fpcholland.org). Masks and distancing are being observed.

Congregational Meeting // Session is calling for a congregational meeting on **May 16 at 11a**. The purpose of the meeting is to elect 1 elder, 1 deacon, and congregational nominating committee members.

The meeting will be held directly following outdoor worship. If you can not attend in person, you will be able to join the meeting via ZOOM. A link will be sent prior to the meeting. Please note the date on your calendars.

Child and Youth Safety Protection Training // FPC will offer 2 online Child and Youth Safety Protection sessions to train adults who might work with children in our church over the next year. Training will take place via Zoom on **Wednesday, May 19** from **6:30-7:30p** and **Sunday, May 23** from **1:30-2:30p**. All those who work with children and youth in the nursery, Worship Center, youth group, and as mentors are required to participate in one of these trainings and to complete a background check (forms will be available prior to the training sessions). We are excited to welcome Amy Dalman from Children's Advocacy Center as our guest for these online sessions. Watch your email for an opportunity to sign up.

Young Families Event // Young Families will gather on **Sunday, May 16** at Lakeview Park (608 Bay Avenue, Holland, MI 49423) after the Sunday morning outdoor service. Bring your own picnic (there is plenty of space to spread out) and plan to wear masks while playing on the playground. *See you there!*

Hymn Project // For our summer series in 2021 we'll be contemplating the favorite hymns of the congregation. We'll sing them, look at the lyrics, examine the scriptural basis, and celebrate the rich history of these hymns! If you would like to contribute the name of your favorite hymn and tell us why it's your favorite, Watch your email for a sign-up form in the Wednesday eWeekly. *Thanks for contributing!*

Morning Has Broken

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1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

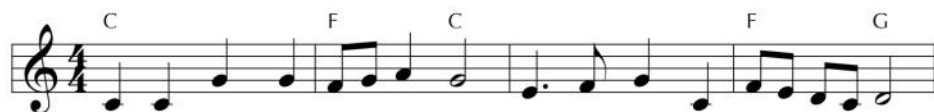


spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

God of Great and God of Small 19



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
 God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Let Us Build a House

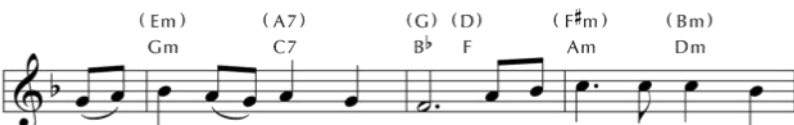
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.