

first presbyterian church



Good Shepherd Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Good Shepard Sunday
Sunday, April 30, 2023 // 10am

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING SONG

Sing a New Song!

Carlos Yo Juego

LIFE AT FIRST

Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you.

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Andante from Piano Trio in C Minor, H. XV. No. 13

Joseph Hayden

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the darkest valley,

All: at the banquet table;

One: in the hard work of life,

All: at the moments of ease;

One: in our day-to-day reality,

All: at times set aside—

One: like this time, now—

All: for worship, for listening, for paying attention;

One: with every step we take:

**All: goodness and mercy pursue us;
our cup overflows.**

***HYMN** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* (printed in the bulletin)

Lyrics adapted by Ruth Duck
1981, New Century Hymnal

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God, we confess that we often let hopelessness have too much power over our lives.

All: In the face of crisis, our faith has frequently faltered.

In the midst of calamity, our fearlessness has faded.

In the presence of tribulation, our worry has weakened our ability to act justly.

One: Help our unbelief, steadfast God!

Bring us back to you, compassionate Redeemer.

Remind us of the unfailing treasure

that is in your love and care for all of creation—

All: For your grace is sufficient,

from the valley of death to the tables you've prepared for us.

Embolden us, again, and revive our spirits. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

ANTHEM

The 23rd Psalm

Bobby McFerrin

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

God Is Holding Your Life

God is holding your life (x3)

We believe

(x2)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 23, John 10: 1 - 10

One: The Word of God for the people of God;

All: thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

*HYMN #274 *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Some choose to begin this prayer, "Our Creator," "Our Mother," or "Our Parent."

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.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND LIVES

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY #606**

Praise God whose image we all bear;

Praise Christ whose mercy we all share;

Praise Spirit, making justice grow;

One God from whom all blessings flow!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Life-giving God, We dedicate these gifts that have been shared for the fortification of the beloved community. Let these gifts do justice in the world. Let them be a sign of our belief in the God who saves, heals, and sets free. Let these gifts, and the works of our hands and feet, be a blessing to all in need. Amen.

***HYMN #314** *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

He Leadeth Me

arr. William B. Bradbury

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy C. Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Liz Hoffswell, Chuck Norris, Gail Hering, Beth Magennis, Janet Morrow, FPC Choir
Thanks to: Sound and Video Tim Richardson, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers, M&M Café Providers, Abbie Nutter and Nursery Care Providers

Today is Blue Sunday, a day for churches to pray for the victims of child abuse, their rescuers, and caregivers. Let's pray, educate ourselves, and volunteer for the children of our nation until black and blue are just colors in their crayon box.

Blue Sunday Prayer:

Lord, thank you for our children. For them we pray.
Help us teach them of Your kindness, Of Your mercy and Your way.
Help us show them of Your love, Your strength and safety, too.
Help us show them who You are. Help us to treat them like You do. Amen.

For more information or how you can support these efforts, visit: bluesunday.org.
Your pastors and deacons are here for you if you need prayer or support.

Children of all ages are encouraged and welcome to be with us during worship.
If you prefer an alternative:

- Nursery: Newborn - 3 years of age (main level)
- Celebration Time: 4 years of age through 1st grade are invited to attend following Children's Time within the Service; attached to the Nursery.
- Education Time: 11:15am - noon.
- Adult Class - Michigan Room (typically) - main level.
- Youth - Youth Room - lower level.
- Worship Center - PreK - 5th grade - lower level.
- Nursery - Newborn through 3 years - main level.

All children and youth options are supervised with two adults who have been background checked and adhere to the Child & Youth Protection Policy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Education Hour // This Sunday at 11:15, we will take a break from exploring the questions you have been submitting so that we might review and discuss the draft of a letter from Ottawa County Unifying Congregations in response to recent actions by the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners. As a congregation, we have been invited to add our name to this letter, and the Session members would like to have your input.

Sunday School Dropout // FPC member Danielle Peterson published her first book March 28. *Sunday School Dropout* is the story of her faith journey. She will be on hand to sign copies after the service on **April 30** and May 7 in the Narthex. Copies of the book will be available to purchase at church those days also for \$18.

Crop Walk // Participating in the CROP Hunger Walk on **May 21** helps to feed Ukrainian refugees in Moldova and helps fund Community Action House's new food club. The walk also supports food distribution in drought-stricken Kenya and Gateway Mission's meals program for the homeless here in Holland. To find out more and how you can help, stop by the Outreach area after the service or go online to www.hollnadhunger.org.

Summer Camp Scholarships // Thanks to a generous donor from First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven, scholarship money is still available for students in our church (no income restrictions) to go to any Christian summer camp. This is a great way to affordably have your child attend camp. Contact Pastor Paul for a camp application or with any questions. Registration deadline is **May 15**.

It is almost time for Peace Camp! // This year our theme is "Big Beautiful Planet." We'll be exploring how caring for our planet leads to peace in our own lives, in our relationships and for the world! Join us for another great year! Sign up in the office, on our website or watch the eWeekly.

Dates: June 26-30 / Time: 9:00-11:45 each day // Ages: For Kids entering Kindergarten- Entering 6th grade. (Older kids are invited to be youth leaders.)

Thank you! // The Connections Council and all the M&M volunteers are delighted with the growing numbers who enjoy fellowship and refreshments at the Meet and Mingle Cafe each Sunday before and after worship. However, while the fellowship is wonderfully no-cost, our refreshments are not, and the council budget is feeling a bit pinched by rising prices. Please remember to feed our donation jars every once in a while if you're able. Thanks!

Celebration of Life Service for Wiley Wilson will be held on **Saturday, May 6** at 11am at Grace Episcopal Church of Holland (555 Michigan Ave.) Refreshments and visitation will follow the service.
~ Karen Wilson and family.

*thank
you*

The entire Evenson family sends a warm thank you to everyone who attended the Celebration of Life Service for Elaine. Special thanks goes to Chuck Norris for his work in preparing the choir to sing and to all the choir members who participated. Thank you to Associate Pastor Paul for his help in organizing the event and his gift of song. Thanks also to Tim Richardson who ran the sound system. It was great to see all of you.

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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A Mighty Fortress is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

Our present help amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe with craft and power great,

And armed with cruel hate, on earth without an equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,

But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choosing.

You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus sets us free! With mighty power to save,

Victorious o'er the grave, Christ will prevail triumphant.

And thought this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us.

We will not fear for God has willed the truth to triumph through us.

The powers of evil grim, we tremble not for them; their rage we can endure,

For lo, their doom is sure: one little word shall fell them.

That word beyond all earthly powers for ever is abiding.

The Spirit and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us siding.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also: the body they may kill;

God's truth shall triumph still; God's reign endures forever.

Sing a New Song

♩ = 45

Carlos Yo Juego

Descant (second time only)

All:



Sing a new song, Sing to the sky! Let your song be sung from high!

D f# min G D G D E A

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Sing a new song, God__ is nigh! Al__ le lu__ ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

D f# min G D G D e min A D



FPC is a More Light congregation, celebrating the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ individuals in life, ministry and witness of the PC (USA) and in society. You are welcome here, and you are loved. Learn more at MLP.org

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You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd 274

Capo 5: (Am)
Dm

(F) (C) (Em) (Am) (A7)
B^b F Am Dm D7



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

(Dm) (G) (C) (F) (Em) (Dm) (Am)
Gm C F B^b Am Gm Dm



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;

(B^b) (F) (E) (A/C#) (Dm)
E^b B^b A D/F# Gm



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

(Am) (G) (Am) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
Dm C Dm Gm Am Dm



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.

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314


Christ, Be Our Light

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em




1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7




truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am Dsus D



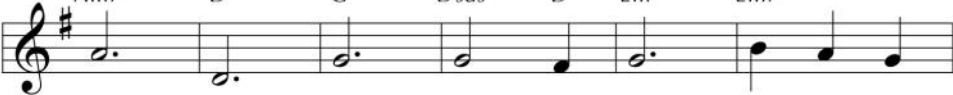
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain G C G Em Bm Em



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

Am7 D G Dsus D Em Em7



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

C Am7 D G Am7 G



church gath - ered to - day.