

first presbyterian church



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 21, 2023 // 10am

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**Centering Words:** Called to be one with Christ, called to be one with each other, called to be one in ministry, we gather in the unity of God's Holy Spirit, who calls us here.

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

### INTROIT

*Rejoice, Our God is King!*

### LIFE AT FIRST

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

### RINGING THE BELL AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

### PRELUDE

*Allegro Moderato from Trio No. 1, Op. 159*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have come to worship God, the living God,

**All: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.**

One: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

**All: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.**

One: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

**All: Who chooses even you and me,  
to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.  
All glory to God!**

\*HYMN #268 *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Rouse us with your grace and mercy, God.  
Scatter the fears within our hearts.**

Drive away our doubt and our sin.  
Melt our insecurities and anxieties.  
Banish our divisions and disagreements,  
that we may be one with you through the grace of Christ Jesus, and one with  
each other through the power of your Holy Spirit, in whose name we pray.  
Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

*God Is Holding Your Life*

**God is holding your life** (x3)

**We believe**

(x2)

### ANTHEM

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

John Rutter

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE(S)

Acts of the Apostles 1: 6 – 14

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

All: **thanks be to God.**

John 17: 1 – 11

One: Holy wisdom. holy word;

All: **thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Eternal Life?

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

\*HYMN #351 *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Some choose to begin this prayer, "Our Creator" or "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

### OFFERTORY

*Andantino from Trio No. 2, Op. 159*

### \*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. Amen.**

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of Life, as we return to you a portion of your gifts, we pray you would receive them as a sign of our gratitude for your unending love, and guide us as we offer our whole selves in your service, seeking your abundant life for all. Amen.**

### \*HYMN #547 *Go My Children With My Blessing*

## CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

### \*BENEDICTION

### CHORAL RESPONSE

*Give Thanks*

Jack Schraeder

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**Worship Leaders:** Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Luke Rund-Scott,  
Chuck Norris, Beth Magennis, FPC Choir, Tim Staal

**Thanks to:** Sound and Video Tim Richardson, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers,  
M&M Café Providers, and Nursery Care Providers

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Today we celebrate the gifts of time and talent of our faithful volunteers at church. If you have participated as a worship center leader, choir member, Meet & Mingle Cafe worker, usher, liturgist, greeter, sound/video operator, nursery volunteer, and/or involved with communion please take a plant home as a thank you. The plants will be set up just outside the sanctuary.



**Potluck and Walk** // Today (May 21) will be the last Education hour before summer break. There will be a potluck after Education hour that leads to the CROP Hunger Walk at 1pm. Feel free to walk with us even if you don't have CROP walk sponsors. Join us for a fun afternoon.

**Crop Walk** // This weekend is Holland Hunger Awareness weekend. You can help by walking or donating to the CROP Hunger Walk taking place today. The walk will be held from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Centennial Park and will include not only the walk but information from the local agencies about how they fight hunger here in the Holland/Zeeland area. Hope to see you there.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> grade. (Older kids are invited to be youth leaders.)

**Dinner for 7** // Happening **June 10th at 6:00pm!** Individuals, couples and families are invited to meet in small groups and enjoy a meal together. The hosts provide the main course of their choice and make plans with their assigned group to bring additional dishes. Hosts will be notified who will be coming to their home and will make plans directly with those individuals. It has been a favorite event in the past and we're excited to resurrect it again. Sign-up in the Narthex by June 3rd.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Presbyterian Women Annual Meeting & Catered Lunch** // Presbyterian Women invite all church women to join us on **June 14** at 12 Noon for a catered box lunch picnic and some fun. RSVP to Janet Magennis, [jmmagennis@yahoo.com](mailto:jmmagennis@yahoo.com) to select your menu item. A brief business meeting will be held to elect a moderator and treasurer.

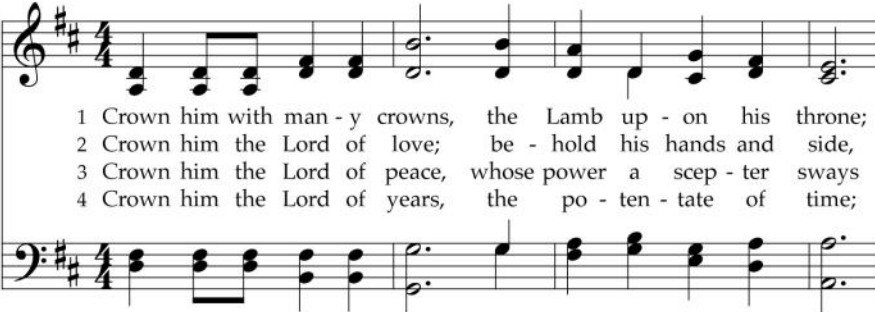
**PRIDE Festival** // Sign up to help with the Holland PRIDE Festival on **June 24** from 12 noon-5p at Centennial Park. FPC will have a booth again this year, and we would love for you to join us in celebrating our LGBTQIA+ siblings. Sign up to host, set-up prior to the event or clean-up after the event is done. Sign-up is in the Narthex.

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

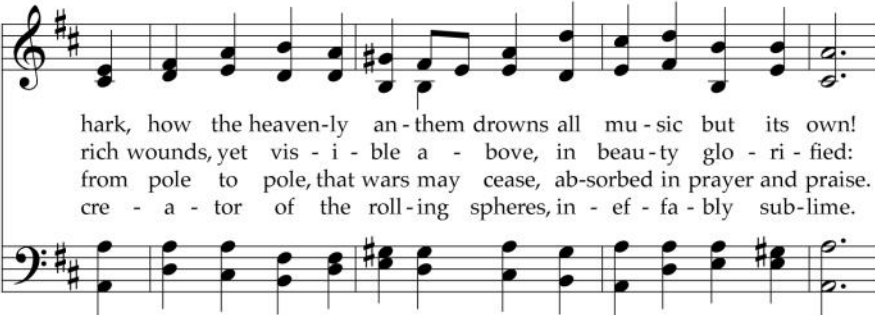
- Nursery: Newborn - 3 years of age (main level)
- Celebration Time: 4 years of age through 1st grade are invited to attend following Children's Time within the Service; attached to the Nursery.
- Education Time: 11:15am - noon.
- Adult Class - Michigan Room (typically) - main level.
- Youth - Youth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

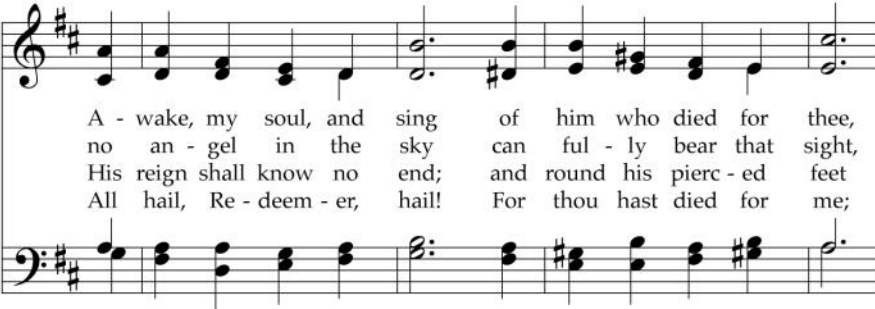
## Crown Him with Many Crowns 268



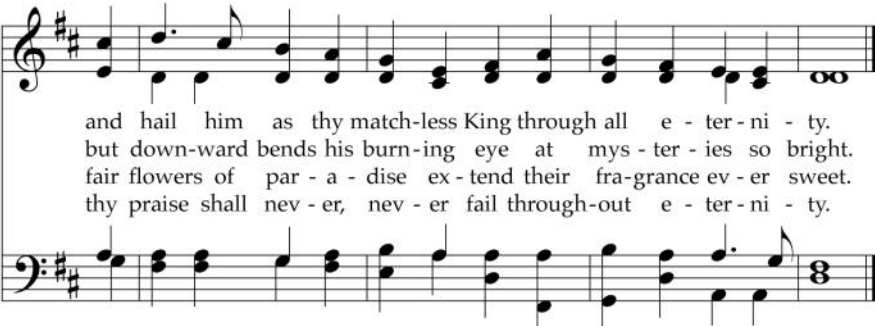
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways  
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;



hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

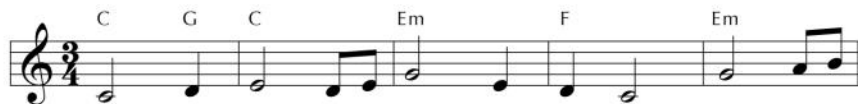


A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ed feet  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

# All Who Love and Serve Your City 351



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who  
2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed  
3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the  
4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for  
work and wast - ed play, call to mind the  
Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a  
cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our



peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:  
word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."  
world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.  
judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"



## Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."  
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