

first presbyterian church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 7, 2023 // 10am

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Centering Words:

"All the way to heaven is heaven because he said, 'I am the way.'"

Catherine of Siena, mystic and activist

GATHERING SONG

Come Let Us Gather Now to Sing

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

Meditation on Colossians 3:15

Brenda Portman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Out of a world of cut-throat competition,
of winners-and-losers,
and too many left behind
we come together.

**All: The world's ways are not our ways.
The world's ways are not Christ's ways.**

One: Out of a world of hatred, violence,
individualism, and life-taking power
we gather as Koinonia, as God's people.

**All: God's ways are inclusive, expansive,
and life-giving for all peoples.**

One: Come and worship the One whose love knows no limits!
Swim and splash in the cleansing waters of divine community!
Resurrect your spirits and souls in worship of the One!

All: Praise be to the Everlasting One.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Before God and God's people,
we confess that we have
been reluctant to speak out clearly,
naming the injustice we see and declaring God's vision.
Before God and one another,
we confess our reluctance
to receive our calling as God's people,
made by God and chosen as witnesses
to God's dream of justice and joy.

All: **Remind us, God,
that you have made us for your service
and recharge us with your Word.
Renew us, God.
Grant us courage to live out your Way of peace and grace.
We ask it in Jesus' name; 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

Look to the Day

John Rutter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Acts 7: 55 – 60

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

John 14: 1 – 14

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*HYMN #820 *Nothing Can Trouble* (sung 3x)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

A BLESSING FOR THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Bountiful God,
All that we can offer you stems from your generosity.
May the gifts that we return to you
become a blessing for your whole community,
enriching and empowering us for the work to which you call us.
Amen.

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION NARRATIVE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***HYMN** #515 *I Come With Joy*

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Brad Wallar, Chuck Norris,
Andrew Plaisier, Beth Magennis, FPC Choir, Rose Gifford, Karen Howells,
Bruce Rosensteel

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Education Hour // This week we will be discussing pray (What is prayer? Why do we pray? What difference does it make?) and miracles. (How do we understand them in the Bible, why do we not see them in our world today?) Meet us at 11:15 in the Michigan room.

Deacons need you! // Deacons coordinate teams of members to care for our congregation. Sign up in the narthex (or online in the eWeekly) to participate by visiting, sending cards, making meals, helping with household projects, or providing transportation to appointments when you are available. You will be contacted by the deacon in charge of each care team when needs arise and can participate as your availability allows.

Coming Soon // Be on the lookout for the launch of our new church directory. It will be available as an app for your smartphone or computer. A small number of paper copies will be printed for those who need them. This is a private directory, accessible only to those who are included in it.

Congratulations Graduates! // If you have a student graduating from high school, trade school, college, or beyond, we would love to hear about their accomplishments and future plans! Please send any information you would like shared with the congregation (including a picture of your student) to lauren.stouffer@gmail.com by May 15.

Crop Walk // The Day Center at Evergreen provides meals for elderly clients while Kids Food Basket has provided over a million meals to school children since July. Harvest Stand Ministry in Zeeland oversees 7 mini food pantries and Hand2Hand ministry provides 10,000 students in West Michigan with meals for the weekends. These are just four of the agencies that you can support by participating in the CROP Hunger Walk. Stop by the Outreach kiosk after the service or go online at www.hollandhunger.org for more information about how you can walk or donate. The CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, May 21 between 1:00-3:00 pm at Centennial Park in Holland.

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**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.)



The Hanson family expresses their gratitude for all the ways the community has reached out to them to celebrate the birth of Wesley. They are especially grateful for making big brother William feel special!

Marti Disler wrote to thank you for your care - thoughts, prayers, cards, prayer shawl and kind support she has received following her surgery. She looks forward to returning to church soon!

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.

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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

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
 3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,

is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
 my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
 I will not, I will not desert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength-en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I only de-sign
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,

to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
 up-held by my righteous, om-ni-potent hand.
 and sanc-ti-fy to thee thy deepest distress.
 thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
 I'll nev-er, no, nev-er, no, nev-er for-sake."

Nothing Can Trouble

820

Nada te turbe

1

Noth-ing can trou - ble; noth-ing can fright - en. Those who seek
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios

The first system of music is in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the vocal line with lyrics. The bass clef staff contains the piano accompaniment. A first ending bracket is placed over the final two measures of the system.

2

God shall nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.
tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

The second system of music continues in 4/4 time. It features a repeat sign with a first ending bracket over the final two measures. The lyrics are aligned with the vocal line in the treble clef staff.

I Come with Joy

515

Capo 3: (D) (G) (A) (D) (Bm)
F B \flat C F Dm



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

(Asus) (Am) (G) (F#m) (D)
Csus Cm B \flat Am F



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

(Em) (D/F#) (G) (A) (Am7) (D)
Gm F/A B \flat C Cm7 F



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.