



*Worshipping, serving, and living with a fresh vision of
God's vibrant energy and grace for all.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 14, 2024 // 10am

CENTERING WORDS: The mystery: the Paschal Mystery, the mystery of life, and our personal and collective participation in those mysteries, “hinges” on the flesh. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick, attend to the stranger, reveal the structures that mask injustice and challenge the institutions that perpetuate suffering. That, I'm sure, is the point.

~ Suzanne Guthrie, Edge of the Enclosure

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING SONG #243 *Be Not Afraid* (sung 2x)

Bruce Rosensteel, cantor

LIFE AT FIRST

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

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE

Ave Maria

arr. Len Rhodes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bonnie Cowie

One: When fear and doubts stroll through our doors:

All: God stands beside us, whispering of peace.

One: When we toss and turn late at night:

All: God sits by our beds, singing lullabies of love.

One: When we stumble, struggling to hold on to faith,

All: God takes our hand, and walks with us on the paths of wholeness.

One: Let us worship our ever-faithful God!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #246 *Christ is Alive*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Paul Van Kempen

One: God of empty tombs:

Peter speaks with power and clarity of his faith, while we remain silent.
The psalmist speaks of trusting in you, while our doubts overwhelm us.
Jesus is ready to come and grace us with peace,
but our fears keep our hearts shuttered and locked.

All: God of full hearts: your love can change us from scared people to children of grace. You can weed doubts from our hearts and plant seeds of joy in their place. You can silence the panic of our souls with the peace Jesus offers to each of us. Transform us into Easter people, through the power of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: What marvelous love, what shocking grace,
what abundant mercy God offers - to us!

We really are God's people - that is exactly who we are!

**All: We are God's children –
those whose lives have been transformed
by the One who loves us and forgives us.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Sing Alleluia

ANTHEM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 John 3: 1 – 7

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

All: thanks be to God.

Luke 24: 36b-48

One: Holy wisdom, holy Word,

All: **thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

*HYMN #257 *The Risen Christ*

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."

All: **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

All: **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: **Christ among us, just as we begin to feel confident in our despair or sure of our disbelief, you surprise us again. Your presence appears and points us to possibilities for new life where we least expect it. In awe, we bring our gifts and pray we will be faithful in welcoming your miracles among us. Amen.**

*HYMN #547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tree of Life

arr. Paula Matthews

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Bonnie Cowie,
Chuck Norris, Beth Magennis, FPC Choir, Rose Gifford, Bruce Rosensteel,
Andrew Plaisier, Nicholas Norris

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ceremonial Kick-Off for Zadran Family // If you are reading this, it's because you represent a group or church that has been involved in supporting Muhammad Zadran and his family in their home ownership journey. Thank you for that!

We are planning a ceremonial kick off for the Zadran home and their neighbor's home as they are the last 2 to frame for phase 1 of our Vista Green neighborhood. The framing will begin any day!

The kick-off celebration is scheduled for next **Tuesday, April 16**, at 5pm. It will be held at their home sites at Vista Green (285 W. 36th Street, Holland MI 49423)

Consider this your official invitation to come and support the Zadran family and their neighbor, the Delgado family. We'd love to see you there! No need to RSVP.

Celebrating our Seniors // It is almost graduation season! If you have a student graduating this year (High School or College) please let us know. We will be planning a Grad Sunday and would like to have as many students available as possible! Email paul@fpcholland.org

College Student Care Packages // Let's show FPC's college students we love them! Bring snacks, coffee gift cards, post-its, highlighters, or other study treats small enough to fit in a manilla envelope and mail to FPC's college students to let them know we are thinking of them, and stop by to sign cards or write notes of encouragement on Sunday, 4/21. We hope to send out packages to 12-15 students. If you have a college student in your family who would like a care package, email their current address to deacons@fpcholland.org by April 21.

ACTS needs our help! // ACTS is one of our long-standing outreach partners. Each year they help plan and lead our Peace Camp program—we couldn't do it without them! Because of family health concerns, Jaime is pulled extra thin this season and needs our help caring for the kids at ACTS. There are 2 ways to help.

- 1) Donate supplies to help save Jaime shopping time. (See list below and drop off at church)
- 2) Provide a main dish for supper for 8-10 middle and high school kids on April 15, April 29, May 13, or May 20. Sign up to provide a meal on the table near the outreach desk.

Donations for Acts: Individually wrapped snacks, small bottles of juice drinks, dish soap, hand soap (gel pumps preferred), easy dinner preparation meal packages (i.e. macaroni and cheese, spaghetti with spaghetti sauce, pancake mix, soup and crackers etc.) Thank you for Supporting the work of ACTS!

Good Samaritan 'Welcome Home' Basket Drive // We will continue to collect items for the Good Samaritan welcome baskets for the month of April. There are lists of what is needed at the outreach desk. Thank you to all that have already brought in items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity // Our next Habitat Workday is on **Thursday, April 18**. Shifts include am (8am to noon), pm (1 to 4pm) or all day. We will not know the specific work until the week of our workday. If you would like to join the crew, please contact Bill Haines, wehaines@icloud.com, so you can be added to the Habitat email list and indicate what shift or shifts you intend to work.

A Message from Escape Ministries // We are in need of some specific and urgent support with volunteers to ride in our vans for the many routes we run each week, picking kids up and dropping them off from our various programs. It is a blessing to have a fleet of vans, and also a challenge to ensure we have two adults on each route each and every day. We have had a few volunteers need to step away for a time because of job changes and medical recovery.

If you or someone in your congregation might be interested in serving in this way, there would be a short volunteer orientation and we always ensure there is a staff member in the van at all times. We just need another set of eyes and it can sometimes be a good time to get to know kids and just show them they are valuable. Here's the slots we need to fill: Monday: 2-3pm // Tuesday: 7:45 - 9am, 2-3pm 5- 5:45pm // Wednesday: 1:45 - 2:15pm // Friday: 2-3pm. If another time works better than these listed, I'm sure we could accommodate. If you have anyone interested, they can just give us a call at (616) 396-4481 or email operations@escape-out.org

Ministry of Home Communion // Two by two, elders and deacons take the bread and the cup to those who are unable to be physically present in worship. An extension of the communion table where we are fed by God, this act of worship and service is also an opportunity to show our care and compassion for our community. If you would like to participate in this ministry, contact pastor Cathy at cathy@fpcholland.org.

Peace Camp // As you are planning your summer, make sure to save the week for Peace Camp at First Presbyterian Church! Peace Camp will be held August 5-9 from 9-11:45am each day. We welcome campers who are entering Kindergarten through entering 6th grade. Students entering 7th-12th grades are invited to be teen helpers. As has been the case for the past few years, Peace Camp is totally FREE! We are looking forward to another great week where we learn how to live peacefully with others and with our world. Reach out to Pastor Paul with any questions. Ready to sign up? Look in Wednesday's eWeekly email communication for a link to sign up or register on our website home page (www.fpcholland.org)

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Class of 2025: Nancy Staal, Lauren Stouffer, Paul Van Kolken.

Class of 2026: Tom Glover, Terri Schamper.

Class of 2027: Lloyd Helder, Michele Richardson, Leah Wallar.

ELDERS:

Class of 2025: Gail Hering, Beth Magennis, Jon Mc Fadyen, Danielle Peterson, Ben Rund-Scott

Class of 2026: Carleen Bauer, Bill Evenson, Cassie Kregger, Bruce Rosensteel.

Class of 2027: Jen Laux Ludwig, Tom Salley, Dave Zessin

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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Be Not Afraid

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Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a vocal melody with lyrics: "Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!". The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving bass lines.

Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

The second system of music is identical to the first, featuring the same vocal melody and bass accompaniment. It concludes with a double bar line at the end of the piece.

Christ Is Alive!

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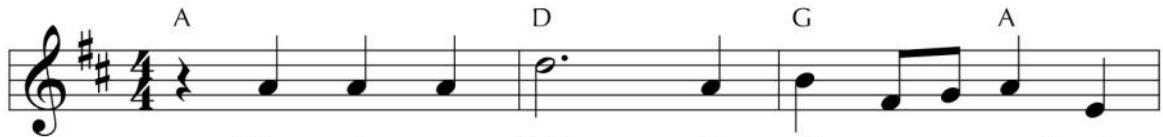
1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

The Risen Christ

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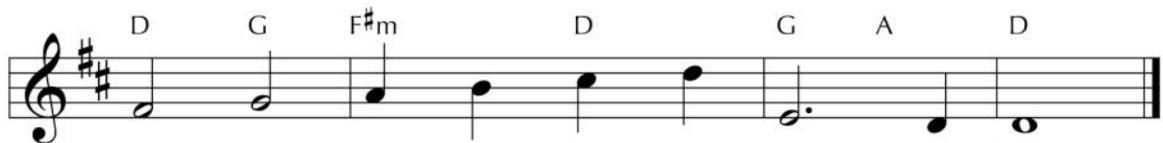
1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and



feet from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y
 side, breathes out his Spir - it on them to a -
 hand the bread for those who fail to un - der -
 stand with the op - pressed in this and ev - ery



street, un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear, and
 bide whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve; new
 stand, re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - gering tears, en -
 land, till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be, re -



speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
 grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
 flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
 stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

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."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."