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The Judas Tree, *Cercis siliquastrum*

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 12, 2024 // 10am

CENTERING WORDS:

Therefore, just as your heavenly Father is complete in showing love to everyone,
so also you must be complete. Matthew 5:48

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

GREETING

One: The Lord be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CHORAL INTROIT

Come Let Us Gather Now to Sing

Donald Moore

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Cassie Kregger

One: Let us sing...

All: **Praise be to God!**

One: Who dared to take on human flesh and dwell among us.

All: **Praise be to God!**

One: Who did not turn back in the face of evil and death.

All: **Praise be to God!**

One: Who continues to dance through our lives even now.

All: **Let all that have breath sing praise to God.**

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #435 *There's A Wideness*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: You call us to proclaim a gospel we find difficult to practice, God.
You extend forgiveness to all people.

All: We place ourselves in judgement over others.

One: You extend mercy to all people.

All: We hold on to resentment as if it will save us.

One: You offer us the truth that brings freedom.

All: We listen to half-truths about ourselves, others and even, You.

Have mercy on us God.

Have mercy on us and restore us to wholeness. 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

Sing Alleluia

ANTHEM

River in Judea

John Leavitt

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

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

All: thanks be to God.

SERMON

In Memoriam

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

***HYMN #692** *Spirit, Open My Heart*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

LIFE AT FIRST

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

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Elaine Bisel

Audrey Bloemendaal

Cathy & Rob Colten

Donna Engels

Marcia Huizenga

Shirley & Lee Jansen

Melissa & Bob McAfee

Patti & Fred McConkey

Carolyn (Cary) Russell

Lee Strebel

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you. If you have a prayer request that you would like shared in worship, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering.

OFFERTORY

Improvisation Modale

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*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: Faithful God, we thank you for every gift. We delight in returning a portion of what we have been given back to Christ's church. Your generous love and care for all creation knows no bounds.

Like Christ who offered himself, let these offerings symbolize the fulfillment of your love by bringing a healing balm of hope, peace, and justice to everyone, everywhere. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

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.**

***HYMN #543** *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be With You Til We Meet Again

Traditional

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Cassie Kregger,
Chuck Norris, Beth Magennis, Darren Parker, FPC Choir

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 spread extra thin this season and needs our help caring for the kids at ACTS. You can help by shopping and donating supplies to save Jaime time in shopping.

Here is the list: 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!

Habitat Work Day // Our next workday is next Tuesday, **May 14**. Shifts are morning (8-noon) afternoon (1-4) and all day. Please email Bill Haines, wehaines@icloud.com, if you would like to work a shift. For future planning, we are also scheduled for Thursday May 30, (all day) and Saturday June 22, (afternoon only). No need to respond to these dates yet.

Escape Ministries // On **May 16th** from 6-8pm ESCAPE will be celebrating 3 young heroes at our 4th Annual **"The Hero in Me"** Event. We're so excited to bring many in the community together with these special young people to celebrate their stories of transformation (as imperfect a process as that is for all of us) and overcoming great challenges in their young lives. We would love for you to encourage anyone in your congregation to come celebrate the fruit of the work we (ESCAPE and your church) have been blessed to partner together in, as God accomplishes his mighty plan of redemption. Thank you! Kevin Denten, Executive Director, Escape Ministries.

What: The Hero In Me event celebrating the courage and perseverance of ESCAPE's most heroic youth.

Where: Maranatha Church 918 Central Ave, Holland, MI 49423

When: 6-8pm

Who: Anyone is invited! (RSVP to 616-396-4481 so we can anticipate numbers)

How: The event and scholarship funds for the 3 finalists are all made possible through donations from individuals, businesses and churches. -Thank you!

Why: To acknowledge and celebrate young people overcoming challenges to live into the life God has for them

Grief Support // Wednesday, **May 15th** at 2:00 in the Superior Room. *All are welcome.* We gather to care for one another as we navigate the rough waters of grief's journey.

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Pentecost Offering // On **May 19th**, we will receive one of the special offerings of our denomination, the **Pentecost Offering**. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also addresses the needs of at-risk children within our communities. More information is available in the pew racks. You may give through the church or online at pcusa.org

CROP Walk May 19 // Recent CROP Hunger walks were impacted negatively by the COVID pandemic - we really need your participation and donations. Here's how you can help.

- Collect non-perishable food for the Postal food drive on May 18
- *Join other First Presbyterians in a picnic at Centennial Park beginning about 12:15*
 - * bring your own food or get some light refreshments from one of the hunger agencies at the event.
 - * there will be opportunities to find out about the work agencies do and ways that you can get involved
 - * there will be simple activities for kids & family participation
 - * strollers, dogs, balloons, signs are welcome.

Contact Tim Staal with questions. To join our team of walkers head on over to this website: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/hollandmi>

Reminder // The church office will be closed **Monday, May 27** in observance of Memorial Day. Normal hours resume Tuesday, May 28.

Camp & Paddle Weekend // Get ready for the 2024 Camp and Paddle weekend! We're excited for a new location and new memories to be made this summer. Save the date to join us **July 12-14** at Mystery Creek Campground, 9570 Wisner Ave, Newaygo, MI 49337. You are welcome to bring your own kayak, canoe or flotation device(s) or rent from the campground! We have reserved space for 8 trailers, unlimited tents, and 1 rustic cabin. Price: \$40/night for trailers / \$40/night for rustic cabin / \$20/night for tents. ****Sign-ups coming soon****

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef for the voice part and a grand staff (treble and bass clef) for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score consists of eight systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
 Refrain F B^b F B^b C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
 Dm F/C B^b C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
 F B^b Gm7 F B^b F

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart. *Fine*

(D) (G) (D) (G)
 F B^b F B^b

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's

2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my

3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
 C7 Dm F/C B^b C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and

goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and

sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
 Dm Gm7 F B^b2 B^b

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der. *to Refrain*

deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.

Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

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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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