

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to worship

* * * *As a courtesy to others, please silence cell phones.* * * *

Gathering

Prelude Prelude on "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
HOUSTON, arr. John Behnke
Jubilate Deo Ringers

Greeting and Welcome

Please sign the *Opportunity for Friendship* register and pass it to the person next to you.

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

(8:30 a.m.) *Carol Evans*
(11:00 a.m.) *Lee Afdahl*

In the wilderness, water brings life.

Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

In the bread and wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

Come, let us praise the vine that gives all goodness and worship the Lord.

◆ **Hymn 250** In the Bulb There Is a Flower PROMISE

Call to Reconciliation

*Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and one another
our failure to love our neighbor.*

Unison Prayer of Confession

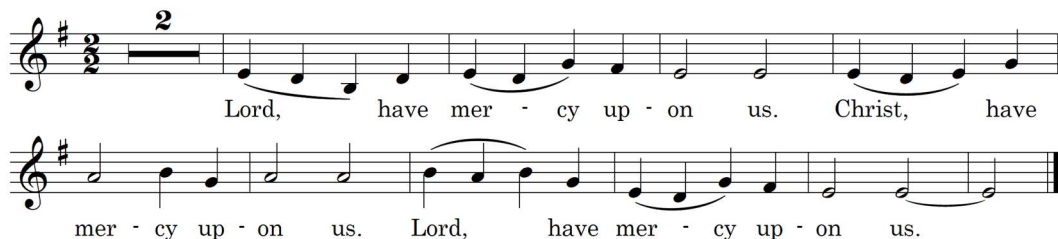
**God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of
the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We
have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off
from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your
love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in
whose name we pray. Amen.**

◆ Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (Pres. Hymnal 1990 #565)

David Johnson



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Words of Life

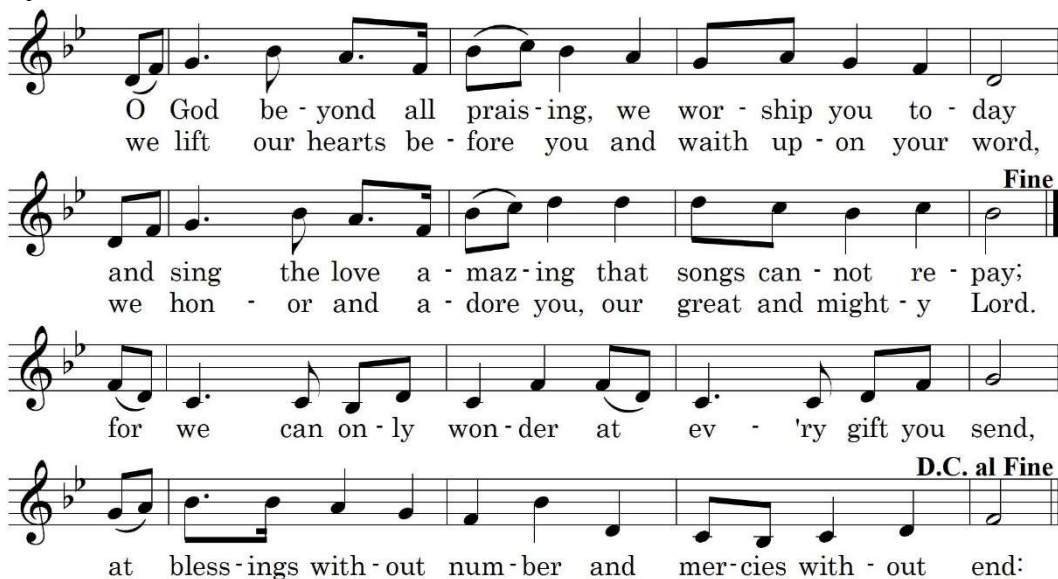
My sisters and brothers, you have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In baptism, God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine.

Believe the promise given to us all:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

◆ Hymn of Praise

THAXTED



O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
we lift our hearts be - fore you and waith up - on your word,
and sing the love a - amaz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:

Time for Young Worshipers

◆ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

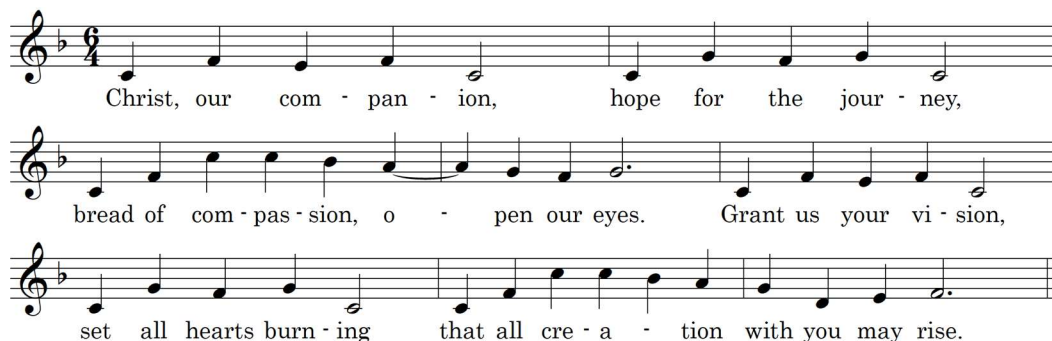
And also with you.

Let us share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another!

The Word

Prayer for Illumination (GTG 252)

RAABE



Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion,
set all hearts burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Reading from the Gospels

John 15:1-8

Reading from the Epistles

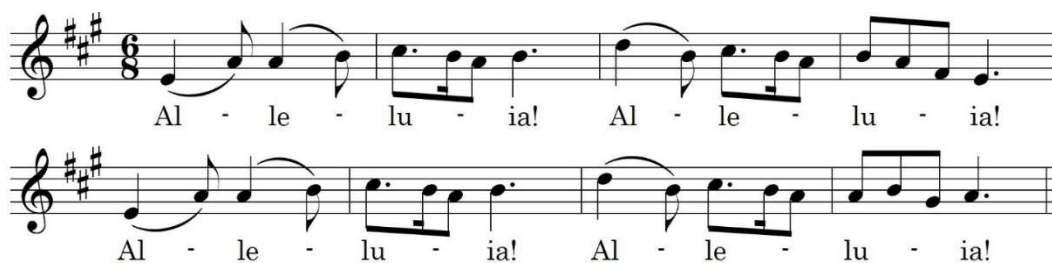
1st John 4:7-21

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Acclamation of Praise (8:30 a.m.) (GTG587)

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Life Tree

O WALY WALY, arr. David Cherwien

O blessed spring, where Word and sign embrace us into Christ the Vine,
here Christ enjoins each one to be a branch of this life-giving Tree.

Through summer heat of youthful years, uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
sustained by Christ's infusing rain, the boughs will shout for joy again.

When autumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their heavy harvest hold,
then through us, warm the Christ will move with gifts
of beauty, wisdom, love.

As winter comes, as winter must, we breathe our last, return to dust;
still held in Christ, our souls take wing and trust the promise of the spring.

Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, be praise for this blest mystery:
that Word and water thus revive and join us to your Tree of Life. Amen.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, based upon John 15:5

Chancel Choir

Message

No Matter Which Way the Wind Blows

Rev. T.J. Parlette

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith, Part II

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People

God, who makes us one . . .

Hear our Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (*using 'debts' and 'debtors'*)

Invitation to the Offering

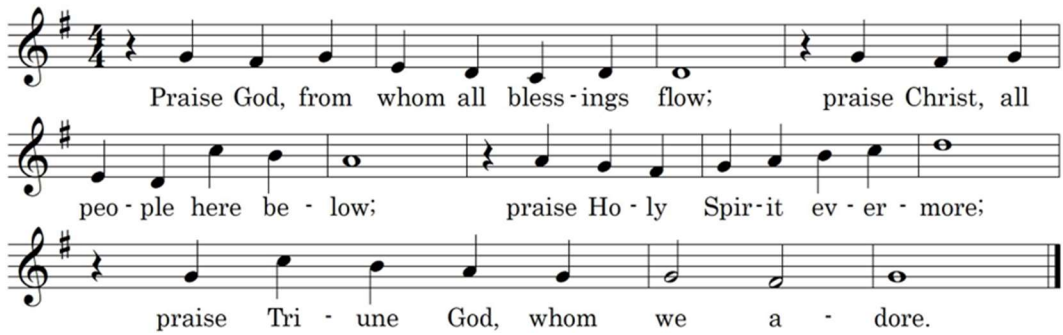
Offertory

Hymn Prelude on HYFRYDOL

Mark Sedio

◆ **Offertory Response** (GTG 608)

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Through our offerings, O God, give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering to the world; in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 233**

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude

Paeon

Michael McCabe

The flowers are given by Larry Harrsion and Kay Tate
for the Glory of God in memory of loved ones.

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Please see the *Stained Glass Window* for a full list of church activities.

FORUM@FIRST_PREVENTING GUN VIOLENCE

April 30, 2024

7:00 p.m.

FPC Sanctuary

Join us to hear a great panel of local representatives.

1. Maggie Emery representing *PROTECT MINNESOTA*, a non-profit organization out of the Twin Cities that serves the entire state in efforts to prevent gun violence;
2. Sheriff Kevin E. Torgerson representing the Olmsted County Sheriff's department. Sheriff Torgerson will address what has been and is happening at the local level;
3. Support staff representing the Rochester Public Schools. Staff will address what the schools are doing:
 - to prevent gun violence;
 - what they do when they learn of potential violence;
 - how they handle and prevent suicides by guns;
 - and other topics of interest.

After the panel discussion, there will be time for a Q & A session.

Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...
Week of April 28, 2024

FPC This Week

- † **Sunday, April 28, 2024**
Worship—8:30 & 11am
Message: *No Matter Which Way the Wind Blows . . .*
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am
Kerygma Class—South Fireside Room
Craft Fair – Atrium
Ellis Bloomfield & Mary Huie are selling their crafts in the Atrium TODAY!
Worship livestreamed—11am
- † **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**
Forum@First—7pm
- † **Wednesday, May 1, 2024**
FPC @ Friendship Place—4pm & 7pm
Calvin Choir—4:45pm
Wednesday Dinner—5:30pm
Menu: *Sloppy Joes*
Adult Bible Study—6:30pm
Topic: *Joseph & family* (Genesis 44 & 45)
- † **Thursday, May 2, 2024**
Jubilate Deo—6pm
Chancel Choir—7pm
- † **Saturday, May 2, 2024**
Pauli Krieger Memorial Service—1pm
- † **Sunday, May 5, 2024**
Worship & Communion—8:30 & 11am
Message: *To Conquer the World*
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am
Kerygma Class—South Fireside Room
Worship livestreamed—11am
Holocaust Remembrance Day—1pm

First Players

Meet the Instrument Night!
Thursday, May 2nd, 5:30 - 7:00 PM (Open house format)

A fantastic, fun, and free opportunity for third graders and older to hear, learn about, AND try playing band instruments!

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MADcamp
music • arts • drama

Registration Form Available Online:
tinyurl.com/fpcMADform

“HAPPY, FREE, ART TRANSFORMS ME”

JULY 8-12, 2024

9:00AM-NOON | FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Social Hall

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With Deepest Sympathy
 The memorial service for
M. Pauline Krieger
 will be on Saturday, May 4,
 at 1:00 p.m.

Celebrating this week . . .

Anniversaries . . .

♥ James & Susan Li

Birthdays . . .

◆ Alan Holloway; Jane Kulas; Simon Carter;
 Kevin Fogarty; Heather Harrar; B.J. Jones;
 Janet Rich; Tyrah Rostad; Katie Keller;
 Gregg Erickson; Neil McKay; &
 Scott Pauley.

Lunch Bunch TODAY



Gathering at
The Workshop
 beginning at 12:30pm for
 a casual time of fellowship
 with one another. We
 hope you will join them.

PENTECOST OFFERING

April 1—May 19, 2024



PENTECOST

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Join the people of B'nai Israel Synagogue for their service
 in observance of Yom HaShoah on

Sunday, May 5 at 1:00pm.

The day is observed as Israel's day of commemoration for
 the approximately six million Jews and five million
 others who perished as a result of the actions carried out
 by Nazi Germany and its accessories, and for the Jewish
 resistance in that period. A light lunch will be provided at
 FPC after the 11am service and a group plans to walk over
 to the synagogue on Second Street together.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Senior Pastor
 John E. Stender, Director of Music and Organist
 Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music Emeritus
 Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager
 Emmanuel Bogani, Custodian
 Paul Herr, Security

Cindy Kunzman, Office Manager
 Sarah A. Stender, Assistant Director of Music
 Janine M. Yanisch, First Players Bands
 Juliet Parlette, Communications Associate
 Than Boutelle, Custodian/Sunday Host
 Beth Herr, Sunday Host

Sunday worship in-person at 8:30am; and in-person and livestreamed on YouTube at 11am;
 Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9am – 4pm

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 inclusive community celebrating God with:
 †Energy †Intelligence †Imagination †Love*

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