

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
May 5, 2024
6th Sunday of Easter

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to worship

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

Gathering

Prelude Air Gerre Hancock

Greeting and Welcome

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

Minute for Mission

Bdecan Team

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

(8:30 a.m.) *Dee Tiedeman*

(11:00 a.m.) *Mary Huie*

*Let us worship a God of surprises! Too often we are told
that winning is everything.*

**Here in this place, we glimpse God's reality that we must lose
in order to gain.**

*Too often, we believe that freedom means autonomy,
that we are in charge of our own lives.*

Here we learn again that true freedom comes from God.

**We are free when we follow Christ and
obey God's commandments.**

*Too often, we are told that we are what we have,
that wealth reigns and power rules.*

**Here we remind one another of God's good news: "The stone
that was rejected has become the chief cornerstone."**

*Let us worship a God of surprises! Let us prepare our hearts to hear
God's startling good news once again.*

◆ **Hymn 401**

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

Call to Reconciliation

*We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment:
that we love one another as he loved us. Let us confess how we have
fallen short of that love.*

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

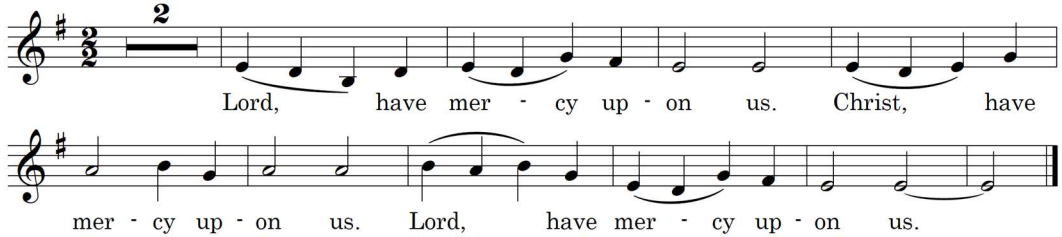
Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (Pres. Hymnal 1990 #565)

David N. Johnson



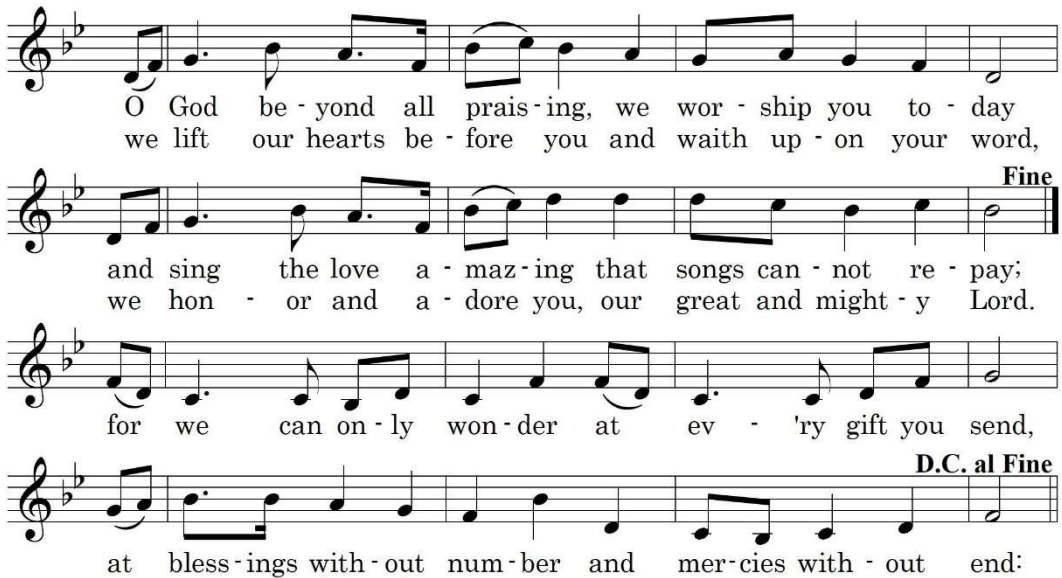
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Words of Life

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends. If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us? My friends, hear the good news: 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 - maz - 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

(8:30 ONLY)

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.

(11:00 ONLY)

O God, You Are My God (Step by Step)

David Strassner

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

Cherub Choir

Reading from the Gospels

John 15:9-17

Reading from the Epistles

1st John 5:1-6

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

◆ Acclamation of Praise

CELTIC ALLELUIA

(8:30 ONLY)

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

Anthem

Ascension Alleluia

Michael Sitton

(11:00 ONLY)

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.

I will not leave you as orphans, alleluia, I will come to you, alleluia.

Text: Romans 6:9, John 14:18

Calvin and Chancel Choirs

Message

To Conquer the World

Rev. T.J. Parlette

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 300**

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

from *A Brief Statement of Faith, Part 3*

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 the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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.**

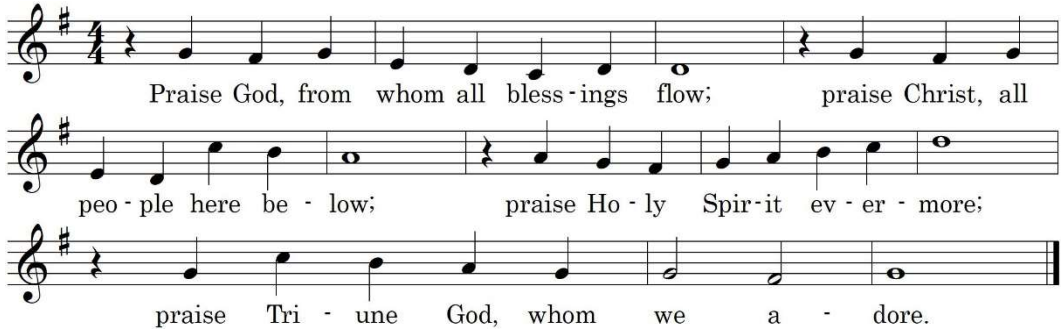
Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Meditation on "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

UNION SEMINARY, arr. Gerre Hancock

◆ **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**

Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends and to know your will in the world. Therefore, we pray in Jesus' name that these tithes and offerings will spread your love near and far. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lee J. Afdahl

Minister *People* *Minister*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.

People *Minister 3*

We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus (GTG 572)

SANCTUS (Pavlechko)

... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation (GTG 573)

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Pavlechko)

... We proclaim together the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Wine

Please come forward to be served using the center aisle. If you wish to be served in the pew, a server will be in the side aisle to assist you.

Music at Communion

Hymn Prelude on "They'll Know We Are Christians" Philip Gehring

Prayer after Communion

Sending

◆ **Hymn 529** Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether UNION SEMINARY

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude I. Intrada, from *Suite for Organ* Joel Martinson

The flowers are given Laury Radey Schalaus
in loving memory of her parents, Kendrick & MaryBelle Radey.

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

Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...
Week of May 5, 2024

FPC This Week

- † **Sunday, May 5, 2024**
Worship & Communion—8:30 & 11am
Message: *To Conquer the World*
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:40am
Kerygma Class—South Fireside Room
Worship livestreamed—11am
Holocaust Remembrance Day—1pm
- † **Monday, May 6, 2024**
FPC@Community Food Response—1pm
- † **Tuesday, May 7, 2024**
Board of Deacons meeting—7pm
- † **Wednesday, May 8, 2024**
Prayer Shawl Group—1pm
FPC @ Friendship Place—4pm & 7pm
Calvin Choir—4:45pm
Wednesday Dinner—5:30pm
Menu: *Chicken Strips*
Adult Bible Study—6:30pm
Topic: *Joseph & family* (Genesis 49 & 50)
- † **Thursday, May 9, 2024**
Jubilate Deo—6pm
Chancel Choir—7pm
- † **Friday, May 10, 2024**
Sitter Service—5:30-9pm
Remember to sign up before May 7.
- † **Sunday, May 12, 2024**
Worship—8:30 & 11am
Message: *Power From On High*
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:40am
Kerygma Class—South Fireside Room
Volunteerism / Friendship Place—
Sheldon Jackson Lounge
Session Meeting with the Confirmands—10am
Worship livestreamed—11am
A Festival of Music—4pm

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

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

Today at 1:00pm.

The day is observed as Israel's day of commemoration. Following a light lunch, a group plans to walk over together or you can meet them at the synagogue.

A Festival of Music Presents:

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

Sunday, May 12 at 4pm

A Festival of Music is wrapping up the season with the second annual showcase, featuring:

- Resounding Voices Chorus**,
under the direction of Suzanne Johnson;
- Zumbrosia Woodwind Quintet**; and
- Ronald Beitel**, hornist with **Sarah Stender**, pianist.

◀ We hope you will join us!

THANK YOU

on behalf of the Festival of Music

*Although the stellar results of John's and the choirs' preparations were evident to all at the recent **Festival of Music** hymn festival, kudos especially go to **Sarah Stender**, who planned and provided the extensive menu, and **Janine Yanisch** for getting the food arranged and up to the serving tables!*

Marilyn Theismann

Offering a Warm and Hearty Welcome to these new members!



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More information available in the weekly *Good News* email and on the "Marking Our Journey Together" bulletin board.

Church



Family

Celebrating this week . . .

Anniversaries . . .

- ♥ Myron & Sue Rostad
- ♥ James & Debra Hefte

Birthdays . . .

- ◇ Scott Pauley; Don Wiegert; Karen Bock; Ellen Harkey; James Seward; Laurie Kellagher; Laura Smith; Peter Carryer; Quinn Lazer; and Connie Smyrk.

Do you have a graduate?

If someone in your household is graduating, please contact Cindy in the church office. We will be recognizing and honoring our graduates on Sunday, May 26, and would like to include yours!

The NEXT LUNCH BUNCH



The next **Lunch Bunch Gathering** Will be on Sunday, May 26, at **Charlie's Eatery & Pub**

beginning at 11:30pm for a casual time of fellowship with one another. Please sign up in the atrium to help Dee plan. We hope you will join us!

PENTECOST OFFERING

April 1—May 19, 2024



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SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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Registration Form Available Online:
tinyurl.com/fpcMADform

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JULY 8-12, 2024

9:00AM-NOON | FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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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