

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MT. PLEASANT, MI**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
April 18, 2021  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
10:30 AM Worship Service**

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**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD**

**PRELUDE**

“Arietta”  
Mary Jo Cox, organ

Samuel Wesley

**WORDS OF GREETING** (*Psalm 118:24*)

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

David Stevens

One: When the disciples were certain that Jesus was dead,

**All: he stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”**

One: Let us watch for the risen Christ this day,

**All: bursting in with new life and new hope.**

One: Easter people, Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION WITH MUSIC**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*(Silent Confession)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**What love you have given us, O God, that we should be called your children. What love you have given us, O Christ, that we should share a table with you. Forgive us when we act as if we were your only children: when we do not recognize your image in the faces**

**of strangers, enemies, or friends; when we do not share our own tables, forgetting that we need each other. Forgive us O Christ, maker of peace, and teach us to follow your way. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

*(Pass the peace if able by posting a comment on the church's Facebook Page. If you are joining us for in-person worship, please remain seated and share signs of God's peace with those around you with prayer hands or a simple nod of the head.)*

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 24:36b-48

36 Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 37 They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. 38 He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate in their presence. 44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTION

“The Day of Resurrection Continues”

Andrew Miller

Question of the day: When and where have you witnessed the invisible presence of Christ?

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into**

**heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“More Love to Thee”

Molly Ijames

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Clarice Miller (mother of Andrew Miller), Paul Burton (father of Sabrina Burton), Demas family, Verna Russell, Dottie Theunissen, Rick Rodriquez (friend of Tim Fitzgerald), Joe Cavazos (Andrew Miller’s brothers father-in-law), Mike Mitchell & JT Schmitt (Barb Lindley’s son-in-laws), Linnet Stevens, Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Peter Russell, David Neyer, Lois Kerr, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Colleen Long, Lavona Osborne, Richard Shugert. Mission Co-Workers Michael and Rachel Ludwig, Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, First Presbyterian, Lapeer, MI, Mara Evangelical Church, Myanmar and the Christmas Outreach.

#### MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Deo Gratias”

Anthony Giamanco

#### Notes:

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox, David Stevens, and Andrew Miller

The Christian Sympathy of the church is extended to the family of Lloyd Rehkropf who passed away on April 10, 2021.

The Christian Sympathy of the church is extended to the family of Helen Louise Hamel who passed away on April 15, 2021.

If you join us for in-person worship, please wear a mask, social distance, and use the hand sanitizing stations.

## Offering

If you are joining us for worship in-person and would like to give an offering, please place your offering in a offering plate. You can also give your pledge, per capita payment, or offering by mailing it to the church office: First Presbyterian Church, 1250 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, 48858. You can also give an offering by going to the church's website, [www@fpcmp.org](http://www@fpcmp.org) and hit the "Give Now" button or use the QR Code,



In-person worship has resumed for those who feel comfortable attending. We ask that you wear a mask, social distant, and sit in family units.

Phone calls to the church office are being transferred to Andrew Miller's cellphone.

Ways to stay connected: phone calls, Facebook, Facetime, Skype, Zoom, send a card or note, pray with and for one another, join an Outreach Cluster.

At this time, the church will not be collecting plastic grocery bags or plastic containers. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## Coupons

If you do not use the coupons from your Sunday newspaper, please bring them to the church office and we will share them with Community Compassion Network.