

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MT. PLEASANT, MI

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
May 2, 2021  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
10:30 AM Worship Service

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PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”  
Mary Jo Cox, organ

Larry Visser

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

Mary Lu Yardley

One: We gather to praise and worship God,

**All: the one who created us for love.**

One: We gather to worship the true vine,

**All: the one in whose love we abide.**

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

**O Christ, you are the true vine, and you have made us your branches. In your grace, we find strength, and in your love, we are set free. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who have been freed, when we act as if the Easter story did not turn the world**

**upside down. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who are your branches, when we forget that we are rooted in you and bound to one another by your spirit. Forgive us, O Christ, our one true vine, and teach us to abide in you. 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: John 15:1-8

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

## REFLECTION

“ Bearing Fruit of the True Vine”

Andrew Miller

Question of the day: What does the imagery of the true vine symbolize for the Christian Community?

## 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

“O kuhler Wald”  
Mark Cox, tuba

Johannes Brahms

## 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. Mission Co-Workers Michael and Rachel Ludwig, Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, First Presbyterian, Marlette, MI, Presbyterian Church of Myanmar and the Therapy Dogs International.

## 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

“With Joyful Hearts”

Faye Lopez

## Notes:

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox, Mark Cox, Mary Lu Yardley, and Andrew Miller

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

The sympathy of the church is extended to the family of Richard Shugert who passed away April 26, 2021.

## Offering

If you are joining us for worship in-person and would like to give an offering, please place your offering in an 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.